

Progress Report

Summer Newsletter

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Welcome

Thank you for your support in 2012. We accomplished our goals of purchasing a permanent home for Raven Education Centre in Nairobi, Kenya, supporting another student enrollment in post secondary studies, developing strong community relationships and nurturing partnerships with aligned organizations.

These milestones were attained through the hard work, dedication, perseverance and commitment of our contributors, volunteers and project participants. We, the Board of Directors of People for Progress Foundation, would like to take this opportunity to show our appreciation for all of you who make our work in Africa successful.

Our Mission is to empower individuals and communities in need to achieve sustainability through education, leadership and Partnership.

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Local Volunteers in Africa



Ever since I was a little girl, I dreamed of going to Africa - I wanted to see the lions. As I grew older, that dream never changed, but my reason for wanting to go had. I wanted to experience their culture, live a lifestyle that I didn't quite understand, work with children and impact their lives. I only had one problem; I didn't know how I was going to get there. In August of 2011, I started volunteering with People for Progress Foundation and this past May was given the opportunity to make my dreams come true.

After months of hard work and planning and support from my family, friends and church members, my journey to Africa began. While in Kenya and Tanzania I taught at Raven Education Centre, Eating Stones Organization and Montessori School, I handed out soccer jerseys to Vapor Ministry's soccer teams, visited homes, distributed food rations and care packages and mentored scholarship students. You go, so prepared for the tangible things that you will be doing, but no one can ever prepare you for the way it will affect you physically and emotionally.

People ask me every day to tell them about my trip, but to be honest, words and photos will never do it full justice. All I can do is encourage you to somehow, get involved. Whether it's donating a notebook, a shirt, a cheque or your physical presence. I have seen firsthand how much they appreciate everything. Everything from a Happy Meal toy to a new song or a pencil. Always remember that no matter how small it seems to us, it can mean the world to someone else. I want to thank everyone who has contributed to help making People For Progress Foundation what it is today. You are what makes this all possible. Thank you.

Kelsey Beck



I've recently just come back from doing a service trip to Kenya and Tanzania. I taught the kids at the Raven Education Centre. With the help of the teachers, I was able to teach the kids math and spelling. I also helped deliver humanitarian aid and also provided emotional support to single mothers and sick people in Tanzania. The people were friendly and very grateful for what was given. I really enjoyed the trip and it was really an eye opening experience to see how they lived.

Phillip Poon

Future Home of Raven Education Centre



People for Progress Foundation would like to announce with gratitude that Raven Education Centre has a new home. We took possession of the building on August 10, 2012 and plan to relocate the children in September 2012, with full renovations to take place in February 2013.

The new plot is similar in size and located 100 meters from our former location.

The purchase was successfully completed on time and within our budget. Our gratitude goes out to our generous sponsors who played key roles in making this investment in our children's future a reality; Advantage Ford, Ford Canada an anonymous donor and our founding members.

Mary-Ann Stushnoff
President

On behalf of The Board of Directors of
People for Progress Foundation

Kenya 2013

In Feb. 2013, Lutheran Church of Our Saviour will be sending a group of 10 people to Kenya to work along side of the students and staff of Raven Education Center and People for Progress Foundation. For two weeks they will be helping to renovate the newly purchased property that will become a hub of learning and education for the children of Dandora. Partnering with the five university students, we hope to build new friendships, give encouragement, and experience their world while we cook, paint, laugh and sing with them. What an opportunity! What a gift! The people of Lutheran Church of Our Saviour see this adventure as just one aspect of participating in the good work that is being carried out by PFPF. We hope to continue our support in many other ways as well, and we are looking forward to witnessing the ongoing success and indispensable impact that PFPF has on the beautiful people of Kenya.

Kelly Pouteaux
Group Leader
Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

KENYA 2013
FEB 3-16

THE RAVEN EDUCATION CENTRE HAS INVITED US TO HELP THEM RENOVATE THEIR NEW SCHOOL! JOIN US ON A MISSION TRIP TO DANDORA, KENYA WHERE WE'RE BUILDING A SCHOOL, FRIENDSHIPS, FAITH, AND HOPE

INFORMATION MEETING AT OUR SAVIOUR: SEPT. 5 AT 7 PM
APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 7, 2012

YES, YOU!
YOU ARE WELCOME TO APPLY TO BE ON THIS TRIP. CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE IS AN ASSET, BUT THE ABILITY TO LOVE KIDS, SERVE OTHERS, AND LAUGH ARE ESSENTIAL!

CONTACT
THE TEAM WILL BE LED BY MARY-ANN STUSHNOFF (PPP PRESIDENT) AND KELLY POUTEAUX (THE TEAM LEADER FROM LCOS).
POUTEAUX@MAIL.COM OR 403-560-1425

COST
\$2500 INCLUDING AIRFARE AND ACCOMMODATIONS WHILE IN KENYA. POSSIBLE EXTENSION TRIP TO TANZANIA.

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Scholarship Student Begins Studying Nursing



From left:

Kevin Ochieng
Maureen Mauka
Duncan Otieno
Robert Ouko
Barrack Olouch

Bachelor of Mass Communications
Diploma in Beauty
Diploma in Business Administration
Bachelor of Nursing
Diploma in Mass Communications

We are pleased to announce that Robert Ouko was accepted into the Bachelor of Nursing Program at Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya.



Robert volunteered for People for Progress Foundation for a year while he was waiting for sponsorship. His primary responsibilities included providing security, interpretation, coaching and mentoring of international volunteers, as well as teaching at Raven Education Centre and sharing in household duties.

Robert began his nursing program in August 2012. Upon completion of his Bachelor program he plans to pursue a degree in medicine. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Robert and wish him all the best as he pursues his dreams.

Special thanks to Duncan Otieno and Kevin Ochieng for their leadership in developing the sponsorship proposal and Dr. Bernadette Curry and the Mordan Family for supporting our scholarship program and ensuring our students' success.

Mary-Ann Stushnoff

President

People for Progress Foundation

Community Development Builds Relationships and Provides Leadership Opportunities for Scholarship Students



In the impoverished community of Machame in Tanzania, our post secondary students from Kenya work as leaders alongside younger secondary school scholarship participants living in Tanzania to encourage primary school children who may not have the opportunity to receive the most basic level of education.

Special thanks to Hidden Valley Elementary and Prairie Waters Elementary Schools, along with several individual contributors, for providing school supplies and gifts.



Upendo, (left) student waiting for sponsorship and Priskila (right) sponsored student.

Productive Partnerships



PPPFK Director Denis Mauka delivering medical supplies to ES Director Dr. Cyprian.

People for Progress Foundation is grateful for our partnership with Eating Stones Organization, which is an orphanage, primary school and medical clinic located in Nairobi, Kenya.

Humanitarian Aid Response Teams of Calgary, AB responded to the new partnership with a donation of medical supplies.

2nd Annual Golf Tournament



PFPF Treasurer Susan Jackson with her team and a Hole in One Prize sponsored by Advantage Ford

Our Second Annual Golf Tournament held on July 10, 2012 was a success because of you!

This generous support has enabled People for Progress Foundation to continue providing children with nourishment, medical attention, security, hygiene and an education program with qualified staff in a very difficult environment in Kenya.

On behalf of the children at Raven Education Centre, our post secondary scholarship and sponsorship students and the orphans at Eating Stones, we would like to thank and commend you for your contributions.

Carmen Riguedell
Volunteer Coordinator



In support of education projects in Africa!

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Harambee

A special evening of **Talented Music & Dance Performances!** **Silent Auction Light Refreshments & Snacks**

Friday, November 2nd, 2012 6:30pm
Cardel Theatre 180 quarry park blvd. SE
Go to www.cardeltheatre.com for more information

For TICKETS and/or Silent Auction Donations Please Contact: Mary-Ann Stushnoff (403) 605-5563

★ Adults (18 & up) \$20
Youth (5 to 17) \$10
Children (under 5) Free



Upcoming Events

Harambee Committee Meetings

Every Second Tuesday Beginning September 4th, 2012 at 6:30 pm

Harambee.

Annual Variety Show and Silent Auction Friday November 2nd 6:30 pm

Kenya 2013 Orientation Meeting

Wednesday September 5, 7:00 pm

Kenya 2013

February 3-16 2013

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