

Empowerment Through Education



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

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CANADIAN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



During Harambee 2017, Canada Program Lead Vardhil Gandhi and Assistant Mariah Blanchard introduced new developments to the PFPF Canadian Student Scholarship Program. Additional details were announced at the People for Progress Foundation's February 22, 2018 Wine and Cheese Reception held for Executive Director Roystone Dennis Mwit Kinyua who was visiting Canada from Kenya.

Students of low-income families are sometimes forced to delay or even abandon pursuing their post-secondary education due to the high costs associated with attending a post-secondary institution full-time.

The Canadian Student Scholarship Program will help students address this financial issue by providing a scholarship for promising high school students planning to attend a post-secondary institution.

PFPF's Canadian Student Scholarship Program is in the process of selecting two promising recipients with financial need to sponsor part of their post-secondary education. PFPF has been working in collaboration with The Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth to identify potential scholarship recipients

Continuing our commitment to and belief of empowering students, families and communities through access to education, PFPF intends to expand this scholarship program to positively impact more students here in Alberta and across Canada



Canada Student Scholarship Program Representatives Vardhil Gandhi and Mariah Blanchard engage attendees in conversation at Harambee 2017

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The PFPF ECD School is an Early Childhood Development School located in Dandora Kenya where at risk students receive education, security, hygiene and nutrition.

PFPF ECD School opened for our eighth year in January 2018.

Our students are enthusiastic about learning, enjoying their time at school and performing well.

In 2018 the Kenyan government has introduced a new education curriculum. Previously early childhood development programs were 3 years beginning at age 3 with the new program being 2 years beginning at age 4 with an expanded subject criteria. PFPF ECD School has responded to these adjustments through expanding our current registration with the Ministry of Social Development to include registration with the Education Ministry and providing government issued student identification numbers for our students while sponsoring professional development opportunities for our staff.

Twenty-one students graduated from PFPF ECD School in 2017 to begin Primary School in 2018 and 4 families moved providing us with the opportunity to intake 25 new students into Pre-primary 1 and 2 classes as of January 2018. We have received an abundance of gratitude from the parents and families of our students as we supported the students for three years and we have provided them with security, nutrition, hygiene and education while watching them develop into healthy, smart and well prepared students.



PFPF ECD School administrator Gladys congratulating a graduating student.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

TANZANIA

Our Tanzanian sponsorship students Shamsi and Priscilla resumed classes in January 2018 following the Christmas holiday break.

Shamsi is performing very well and has graduated to class three at his school Kusiriye-u English medium. He was happy to be back to school and expressed great excitement and profound thanks to PFPF during a trip to town to purchase school supplies. Shamsi is deeply grateful to his sponsor and to PFPF for the wonderful opportunity given him for an education as he pursues his dream of being a pilot.

Priscilla began her second term of the first year of pre-university at Msufini secondary school in early 2018. Her teachers call Priscilla a model student who is striving to continue improving her performance as she looks forward to a future career in teaching.

Priscilla expressed specific gratitude upon receiving school supplies as they empower her to be successful in her studies and she believes she would not be able to continue performing at the level that she is without the support of her sponsor and PFPF contributors.

Together with our international volunteer Marilou Fairhall, PFPF Kenya Director Roystone Dennis Mwit and Tanzania Representative Elineema Uronu had visited Shamsi, Priscilla and their families in October 2017. PFPF continues to deliver food and hygiene care packages to in need families in the community.

“I encourage everyone to visit PFPF ECD School in Kenya and their Tanzania Sponsorship Program with People for Progress Foundation. This is truly a humbling experience.”

Marilou Fairhall—International Volunteer



Shamsi's teacher Beatrice, PFPF Kenya Executive Director Roystone Mwit, sponsorship student Shamsi, International Volunteer Marilou Fairhall and PFPF Representative Elineema Uronu.

Relationship building is a primary principle that People for Progress Foundation practices to ensure the effectiveness and sustainability of our programs.

The bonds we create with incredible and inspiring individuals and groups of individuals give us the strength and courage we need to continue advocating for and supporting our worthwhile programs.

From a home visit to evaluate the welfare of a student in Kenya, to a meeting at a coffee shop providing a progress report to a contributor in Canada, it's all about building, nurturing and maintaining relationships.

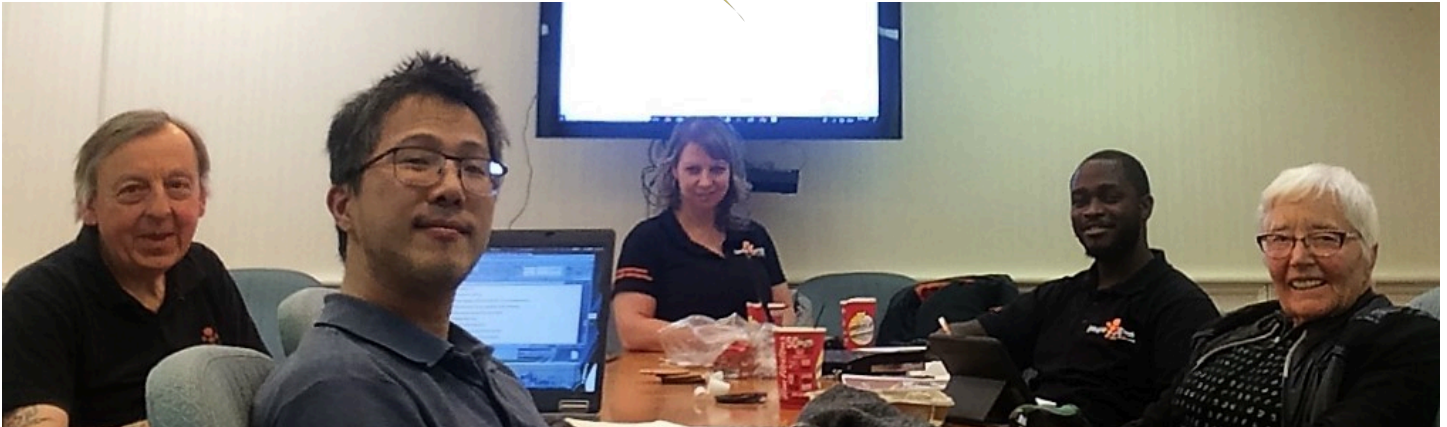
This year People for Progress Foundation representatives attended functions hosted by Calgary Centre for Global Community, Rotary Partners, Project Ploughshares Peace Fair, Calgary Social Capital Society, Fig Tree Foundation, Marda Loop Justice Film Festival, Intercultural Dialogue Institute, Rich Man Poor Man, Soul of the Next Economy and many others. We feel strongly connected to our strategic partners. We celebrated some of them at Harambee, at our wine and cheese and wish to take this opportunity to thank them again.

In Kenya, PFPF Kenya Director Roystone Denis Mwit Kinyua attended the Kenya Institute of Social Work and Community Development where he participated in professional development courses alongside many other community leaders. Roystone recently had the opportunity to visit Canada and to share our program development achievements and success stories. We are very grateful also to the community leaders who provide guidance, advice, skills, labor and practical support including our active and engaged volunteers, program leaders and boards of directors both in Canada and in Kenya.



President Mary-Ann Stushnoff and PFPF Kenya Director Roystone Denis Mwit Kinyua meeting with supporters and advisors Barb and Joe Stolee

PPPF KENYA DIRECTOR
VISIT TO CANADA



Board meeting with Ron Bennett, Phillip Poon, Mary-Ann Stushnoff and Bernadette Curry

During a visit to Canada in February 2018, PPF Kenya Director Roystone Denis Mwitii Kinyua held meetings with sponsors, contributors, donors, board members and volunteers, together with like-minded partnering organizations and friends of PPF to give testimony on the benefit of our programs and share ideas.

Valuable discussions on leadership, fund development, collaboration, and other skills that will enhance our mutual effectiveness took place during these meetings.



Roystone and Mary-Ann Stushnoff receive a computer donation from Jessica Lively at Electronics Recycling Association.



With supporter and contributor Dr. Arthur Clark at Folk Tree Lodge



Mary-Ann Stushnoff and Roystone with Fig Tree representatives Jeff Arsenych, Sara Andersson and Dianne Losing.



Roystone, Board members Phillip Poon and Ron Bennett meeting with Daniel and Caleb Chen a.k.a. the DChords



Making a presentation at Christ Moravian Church



Roystone with former Board member Patrice Ndikumana and family.

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Harambee 2017 was an empowering social evening filled with inspiring presentations, great entertainment and an awesome energetic atmosphere.



Something's Fishy Doon Wilkins

Thank you to everyone who made Harambee 2017 a resounding success. From our wonderful performers Something's Fishy, the DChords and Mike the Knight; our charming MC Clarissa and Heads or Tails sweetheart Christina; the evening's engaging presenters Marilou Fairhall, Vardhil Gandhi, Mariah Blanchard and President Mary-Ann Stushnoff to our great silent auction team and dedicated volunteers everyone went the extra mile. Thank you to our fantastic donors and sponsors for everything they contribute to our programs. We especially want to thank you - our fabulous supporters and guests. Without you the evening would not have been possible.



Heads and Tails



Networking and Silent Auction



PFPF Kenya Director Roystone Denis Mwit Kinyua makes a presentation at the February 22, 2018 Wine and Cheese Social Night

Many supporters, contributors and partners joined People for Progress Foundation on February 22, 2018 for a Wine and Cheese Reception for PFPF Kenya Director Roystone Denis Mwit Kinyua at Sunterra Keynote Market. Canada Student Scholarship Program Leader Vardhil Gandhi and Assistant Mariah Blanchard gave an update on the Canada Scholarship Program. An enjoyable evening of networking was greatly appreciated by all who attended. Thank you to Mercedes-Benz Country Hills, Northwest Acura, Carriage House Inn, Cobbs Bread Crowfoot, Melcor YMCA, Starbucks in Kingsland Plaza, Sheila Leigh and Bernadette Curry for donations for the evening's raffle and special thanks to Nu-Life Carpet Care for their sponsorship of the evening.



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