

Empowerment
Through Education



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

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President's Letter

By Mary-Ann Stushnoff, President

Kenya is a strong, independent country which is currently undergoing much needed social development that is largely supported by foreign aid. Kenya has stood as the political and economic powerhouse of East Africa for decades. As Kenyan citizens continue to adapt to an increasingly democratic form of government policy, the country and its leaders are beginning to expand their influence globally. The unfortunate downside of development is fear based resistance in the form of terrorism.

The increased violence Kenya is experiencing is an anticipated obstacle along the long road to achieving global recognition as

a developed country. Recently, many countries have withdrawn their foreign aid workers from Kenya due to terrorist threats. Withdrawing aid intensifies the fear among Kenyan citizens and prohibits further development. For international volunteers who understandably choose personal safety over international service, your local efforts to support and advocate for Kenya can be just as effective as travelling.

Now, more than ever, it's important for foreign aid workers to continue to stand by Kenya and all international constituents. Together, we can arm all global citizens with education and empower them to fight with words rather than weaponry.



Mary-Ann Stushnoff with children in Dandora, Kenya.



Dennis Mwiti with Sponsored Student Priskila Uronu and Tanzanian Director, Pendo Ulomi

National Security

By: Dennis Mwiti, Regional Director-Kenya

Kenya has suffered a lot with the rampant terrorist attacks that have shaken the country. We are facing challenges as a country due to these terror attacks, we are losing a lot from tourist cancellations due to the travel advisories given by their countries.

We have also had a major exit of tourists and foreigners from the country, this has affected the hotel industry especially at the coast which has led to laying off of some staff and other hotels even shutting down their operations.

I would recommend for mending of international relationships with other countries so that we as Kenya could get help from the countries who have better equipment, better intelligence services and those that have dealt with terrorist groups before.



“Thank you very much for supporting me in my studies and for needs. God bless you in all that you are doing. I am praying to God so that He can show me cooperation to you in studying hard.” Priskila Uronu

“I just want to thank you for the help you have been giving my twins at ppf (People for Progress Foundation) in Kenya and that Trinh and Denzel. May God bless you and add you more.” Pauline Yoga

“I am looking forward to spending some time with the kids at Raven and just to teach them what I know about music, dance and in games as well. I am also looking forward to having some cool moments together with the staff as well as the community around the Raven Education Center.” Robert Ouko

“I’m happy for the food, blanket and medicine. Thank you so much. My child is good and at school now.” Virginia

Hope Springs Eternal.

Spring is a time of hope. A time of seeing past the gray skies of winter. A time of beginnings...again.

Hope is something we should never lose.

For many people hope comes from opportunity. The opportunity for education, for employment, for security in community.

Hope is being able to send your child to school. And maybe to go to school yourself.

Hope is seeing a sustainable enterprise - perhaps an early childhood development school - in your community.

Hope is watching that enterprise grow and interact with the community.

Hope is the business and employment generated as that enterprise establishes its permanence.

Hope is the pride community takes in improving itself because others believe in it.

Hope is the pride community takes in improving itself because it begins to believe in itself.

Hope is seeing the opportunities that are there. And running with them.

Hope is believing a better life is possible.

Hope is empowering.

Hope is something we all can give. And receive.

And hope is something in which we all can share.

By Ron Bennett, Event Committee Member



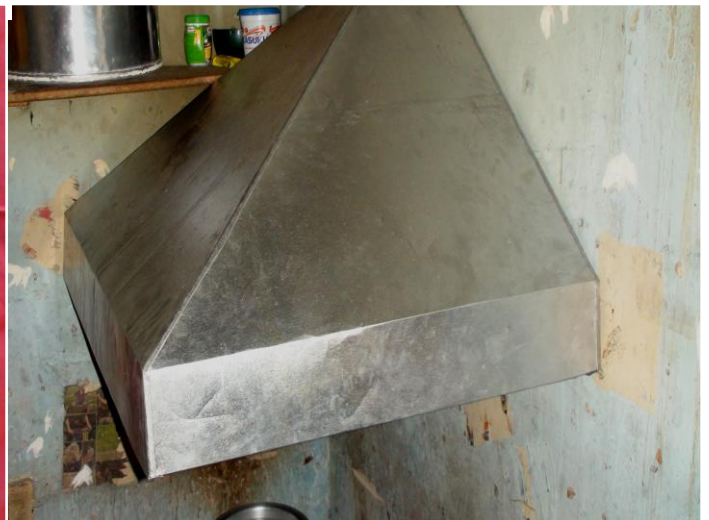
Health and Hygiene

Raven Education Centre was gifted with a new sink located at a child's level for hand washing after the toilet and before and after meals. We also installed a new chimney to improve the working conditions in our small kitchen that uses a coal burning stove.

Thank you to the St. Gabriel's Chestermere Catholic Women's League for sponsoring these projects.



Catholic Women's League Julia McMillan, Lorraine Mertz
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Improved Quality of Education

Raven Education Centre recently welcomed 2 new teachers. Tabitha Awino is teaching baby class and assisting us with school administration. Robert Ouko is teaching art, music and physical education. Since introducing these teachers to our school, we have noticed an improvement in the children's ability to think creatively and work as a team.



Arts Teacher Robert Ouko



Baby Class Teacher/ Administrator Tabitha Awino

One Morning with Our Outreach Team in Action

By Dennis Mwiti, Regional Director- Kenya

On the morning of July 19, 2014 International Volunteer Daniel, Tanzanian Regional Director Pendo, local volunteer Neema and myself Dennis Mwiti, Kenyan Regional Director, set off for home visits. We started at Paulo's house. Paulo is a shut in who was a truck driver until he lost the use of his legs in a motor vehicle accident. He lives in a 6 foot by 4 foot mud hut with his wife. Paulo's son and daughter in law live next to them in an adjacent room the same size. Paulo was happy to see our PFPF team, he welcomed the PFPF team into his home, and he told us he is doing well, eating well and that his main challenge was his legs. We gave rice and a care package to Paulo and his wife then dished out the sweets and colored pencils to the kids.

Next, the PFPF team visited Leila's home and found her at her brother in-law's mud house. Leila is paralyzed from the waist down. Leila's family explained that the reason she was moved was that her husband was a hopeless drunkard and he never took care of her or the kids, he even was abusive to her and so they had to move her and the kids away from him. The PFPF team encouraged Leila and thanked the brother in law together with his wife for taking good care of her and her children. The PFPF team gave rice and a care package to Leila before leaving for the next house.

There were some kids who were starting to follow the PFPF team so we gave them the color pencils and sweets. The next stop was Bibi Sauda's house. Bibi Sauda cares for her 4 grandchildren after the death of both of their parents due to illness. At Bibi Sauda's house she wasn't in, she had left for the hospital so we left the rice and the care package with the grand children and we made sure they put it safely in the kitchen. After Bibi Sauda's house we went back to our host family's house for lunch.

Dennis Mwiti , Daniel Ching and local volunteer Neema distributing care packages to Bibi Sauda's grandchildren.



Paula and his wife Salome. Paulo can't leave his house since he lost the use of his legs in a car accident.



Kenyan Regional Director Dennis Mwiti with Leila and daughter Shamini. Leila is paralyzed from the waist down.



International Volunteer Daniel Ching distributing pencils to children from the Machame Community of Tanzania.



Rewarding Hard Work with Improved Opportunities

By Mary-Ann Stushnoff, President

In November 2013, a People for Progress Foundation team visited sponsored student, Priskila Uronu at her public school in the Machame community of Tanzania. Priskila is a bright and hardworking student and we were pleased to hear that she had passed her National Exam and would be admitted to the next level of classes, however we were concerned to see that her grade level was a D. We decided to visit the head master of her school to seek assistance on helping Priskila to improve. After some discussion and investigation, we realized that D was the average grade and a very high percentage of her class had not passed.

In East Africa, all children must write national exams which compete with all schools across the country. If a child is not able to pass, they cannot continue to the next level of education. The challenge at Priskila's secondary school is that they have no power, no water and no resources in the way of text books or learning tools. This was not a problem that could be solved overnight and we did not want Priskila to get lost in a system that was failing her.

In January 2014 our PFPF team returned along with International Volunteer, Kelsey Beck. After much deliberation our board chose to put Priskila into a private boarding school located in the far side of her village. The school has water, power, a library and a laboratory. We are pleased to say that her first term results have already proven successful. Priskila has already improved her grades to a C average and we expect her to continue improving.

In the future, we would like to assist her previous school in attaining the resources they need and give more young girls a chance at a good quality education. We can do so with your support.



Sponsored Student Priskila Uronu studying at her desk at Msufini Secondary School



Public Secondary School in Machame, Tanzania



Library at Msufini Secondary School in Machame, Tanzania.



Tanzania Regional Director Pendo, President Mary-Ann, International Volunteer Kelsey, Local Volunteer Neema and Sponsored Student Priskila.

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School Supplies	\$ 200	per term	provides for 65 children, includes delivery of donated items.
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September – November
Lead a team of experienced volunteers

Newsletter Editor
Semi-annual
Edit articles and put in a news letter format

Book Keeper
Monthly
Assistant to Treasurer
Bank Reconciliation
Financial Reports

Fund Development Coordinator
Apply for government grants and corporate sponsorship

Event Committee Members
Varying schedule primarily September to November
Attend meetings to organize and facilitate fundraising events

International Volunteers
Travel to Kenya and Tanzania
Assist with Program Development
Must provide personal travel expenses

Board Members
Monthly

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