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# Kenya Education Endowment Fund Update-7 November 2018

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In our September AGM Update we featured two GC4C projects at Ibwali Primary School: a protected spring and a new kitchen. The third project at Ibwali funded by GC4C was a water harvesting system. Rain fall is now captured and stored in tanks to be used during dry conditions.



Water harvesting system



New kitchen & store room at Ibwali



November 27, 2018

KEEF is again a partner with <u>CanadaHelps</u> in this global movement. KEEF has begun a campaign on our Facebook page that we hope will attract donors with limited financial resources. We are encouraging 30 people to donate \$20 each by <u>Giving Tuesday - Nov. 27 - enough to jointly send a student to high school for a year in Kenya. Please check out KEEF on Facebook - <u>Kenya Education Endowment Fund</u> and, if you can, share our 30x20=12 campaign with other Facebook viewers.</u>

For more information about Giving Tuesday, please check out the short video at this link:http://givingtuesday.ca

To donate directly to KEEF, click here to go to our web site.

# A polite reminder to our Sponsors

**Secondary Fees are due in early December.** As many of you know, November, December and January are very busy months in Kenya as students finish exams, attend workshops and we interview and select new students for 2019. Our sponsors are essential to the success of KEEF and we extend our sincere thanks. You truly make a difference in the lives of students, their families and their communities.

**For secondary school sponsors**, we need your donations in December to ensure we have funds on hand to wire to Kenya in time for the start of the new school year in January. Our annual sponsorship fee for secondary students remains at \$600.

**For Post Secondary sponsors,** we send out individual financial updates generally three times per year, or at any time if you have inquiries.

Special thanks to sponsors who have already sent funds for 2019



KEEF sold Kenyan crafts at the World Craft Bazaar in Parksville on Nov. 3, 2018, raising over \$600.

#### **Kakamega Update**

Since mid October, KEEF President Alinda Ware has been back in Kakamega. She has been working hard with Sarah Nabongo, our office administrator, organizing the annual "life skills" workshops to be held at the end of November. A dozen or more Kenyan graduates of KEEF will prepare and deliver a wide range of workshops, which students report to be a highlight of their year.

We are pleased to note that **Shandra** and **Chris Bowen** from Kelowna and Susan Edwards from Carleton Place Ontario are going to Kakamega as KEEF Agents. They will take part in the workshops and also the interviewing and selection of new students for 2019.

Interested in volunteering as an agent for KEEF and visiting one of the most beautiful and diverse countries in Africa?

Give us a call for more

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#### After Secondary Graduation – what's next for donors?

Sponsors of secondary students who are able to continue their support have two options when a student graduates from form 4:

- > Sponsor a new Form 1 student for a further 4 years, or
- Assist a high achieving secondary graduate to enter a post secondary program. Contact us for details on projected costs and your options.

### Many options for donating

Our web site has several options for donating, and all donations will be tax receipted. Note that 100% of ALL donations to sponsor students go directly to students in Kenya. Our operational costs - which are low because we are all volunteers - are raised separately through craft sales or other special fund raising events. Also, many donors contribute to our KEEF Operations and Student Support Fund. Some sponsors add a small increment of 5 to 10 per cent to their sponsorships. Your generosity helps us cover essential expenses. [More details are on our web site]

## **Thinking long term?** KEEF has two Endowment Funds:

- The Marie MacKay Endowment Fund, which awards bursaries and scholarships to secondary students.
- The Alinda Ware Post Secondary Bursary Fund, which awards bursaries to post secondary students.

Both funds are managed by the Vancouver Foundation.

Your donations will remain in the funds and earnings will provide scholarships and bursaries. We already sponsor five secondary students from the Marie MacKay Fund, and more students will be added next year and for many years into the future. [More details are on our web site].

#### Brenda's Ride update

Brenda completed her incredible 13,000 km Silk Route cycling journey on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brenda intends to do some speaking engagements over the coming months to raise funds for KEEF. In 2016-17 she met her goal to raise \$20,000 and she plans to reach that goal again! Brenda's cycling trip has been chronicled on her blog at: <a href="https://brendasride2018.wordpress.com/">https://brendasride2018.wordpress.com/</a> Also check this link to a <a href="https://brendasride2018.wordpress.com/">Rossland newspaper article</a>.

#### AGM Update

Our Annual General Meeting on Sept 29 was a great success. We thank Grace Lidede and Kenyan UBC student Philip Karani Karangu for their participation. Grace has worked with KEEF for many years in Kakamega, and this was her first visit to Canada.

**KEEF Board 2018-19 (and Grace)**: L to R: Dick, Janice, Sally, Peg, Tanya (new member), Alinda, Don, Grace, Shelagh. [Full names are on front page.]



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