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## *Kenya Education Endowment Fund Update – November 2016*

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### **Directors for 2016-17**

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### **Tuesday, November 29 is Giving Tuesday**

KEEF is a partner with **CanadaHelps** as part of this global movement. Imagine a day dedicated to giving back... around the world, across Canada and in your own community! **GivingTuesday** is intended as a thoughtful adjunct to an often stressful holiday shopping season.

For more information about Giving Tuesday, follow this link: <http://givingtuesday.ca>

To donate directly to KEEF, click [here](#) to go to our web site.



One of the GC4C projects in partnership with KEEF in 2016:



**Before:** Rough terrain at The Daisy Centre School was very difficult, especially for students in wheelchairs.

**After:** Concrete walkways benefit students and extend equipment.



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### **A polite reminder to our Sponsors**

**Secondary Fees are due at the beginning of December.** December and January are very busy months in Kenya as students finish exams and prepare for the next school year. We need your donations **as soon as possible** to ensure we have funds on hand to wire to Kenya in time for the start of the new school year. As we noted last year, due to inflation in Kenya, our annual sponsorship fee for secondary students is now \$600.

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

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

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



KEEF sells Kenyan crafts at bazaars in Parksville and Courtenay. Nearly \$700 was raised in Parksville on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Monthly donations?

A regular monthly donation is often a convenient way to contribute, either through post-dated cheques, automatic bank transfers or using the Canada Helps or PayPal buttons on the KEEF web site.

### Kakamega Update

Dick Glassford, past president of KEEF, and Alinda Ware, current president (once again) at the Annual General Meeting in September, 2016.



Alinda began her annual six month migration to Kakamega in early October and immediately began coordinating plans for the annual KEEF Workshops from Dec 8 to 10.

Dick and his brother-in-law Andy Gilman will spend two weeks in Kakamega as part of the workshop team. Many KEEF graduates and other local supporters will lead workshops again this year.

Dick and his wife Janice will return for a longer stay in January to interview and select new Form 1 students.

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## 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. Many donors make specific donations 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]*

## KEEF's 2016 Virtual Concert

A major annual fund raising event now underway is our direct appeal to donate to KEEF and to enjoy a "Virtual Concert" – music of your own choosing, at a time that best suits you. Here are some of the links this year.

*[More details are on our web site]:*

[Shosholoza](#) (lyrics translation)

[Soweto Gospel Choir](#) performs at Mandela Day 2009 from Radio City Music Hall

The Kenyan Boy's Choir – [Homeless](#) [Powerless](#) [CBC Music](#) and [Canadian Music Centre](#)

### **A Second KEEF Endowment Fund – the Alinda Ware Post Secondary Bursary Fund**

This fund was established in September as a result of a \$10,000 anonymous donation. As we did for the Marie MacKay Endowment Fund, we have arranged for the fund to be managed by the Vancouver Foundation.

Donations will remain in the funds and earnings will provide scholarships and bursaries. We already sponsor one secondary student 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]*

### **Gift Donations**

Make a donation in someone's name and we will send them a gift card

*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 information.*

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