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Kenya Education Endowment Fund

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Our 2019 construction project with GC4C at Emasera Community School is now complete. We built a new kitchen and water storage facilities.



New Emasera kitchen



New water tap



Jessica Shivutsi and Sarah Nabongo at Emasera water storage tank



GOING TUESDAY

December 3, 2019



Nickson

KEEF will again participate in the annual Giving Tuesday (GT) event organized by Canada Helps. We have two goals for GT 2019:

- **to reach new supporters and donors through social media**, with the help of volunteer Sarah Breakey, and a media release to community papers and broadcasters across B.C. To do this successfully, we ask for your help in two ways. If you see an article locally, or hear a radio announcement, please let KEEF know, so we can thank the agency. If you are on social media, please consider passing on Sarah's weekly Facebook item, leading up to GT 2019, to your social media friends.
- **Our second goal is to raise \$600 by combining small gifts** to fund the second year of high school studies for Nickson – the student whose scholarship we raised through Giving Tuesday last year.

Nickson lives in rural Kenya near Kakamega with his parents who are labourers. He did well in elementary school – being named as Head Boy the final two years. However, there were no funds to continue when he completed elementary school in 2009. He has worked as a casual labourer and herdsman, waiting and hoping for an answer to his dream of high school. Despite being out of school for a decade, Nickson has worked hard. He especially likes Math and achieved a B average in his courses this year, holding 7th place in his class of 44 students.

You can help by bringing Nickson to the attention of those you know who may have \$10 or \$20 to spare toward Nickson's scholarship. (Tax-deductible receipts are available for all donations.) Our website describes the variety of ways people can make a donation. Please ask donors to indicate their gift is for Giving Tuesday.

Thank you for any support you can give to promoting awareness of KEEF's Giving Tuesday 2019 campaign and Nickson's need!

For more, contact Shelagh Armour-Godbolt at shelaghag@shaw.ca or 604-415-9397. Email KEEF at keefcan2010@gmail.com or mail cheques to the address on page 2.

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

To donate directly to KEEF: www.kenyaeducation.org/donate



KEEF again sold Kenyan crafts at the World Craft Bazaars in Parksville and Courtenay, raising over \$600. (2018 photo)

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 KEEF Board members **Dick Glassford** and **Janice Trenholme** along with **Alinda Ware**, all from Vancouver Island, have volunteered as KEEF Agents. They are in Kakamega now and will take part in the workshops and also the interviewing and selection of new students for 2020.

AGM Update

We held our AGM in September and welcomed Susan Edwards as a new board member. Susan volunteered for KEEF in Kakamega last year. We regretfully received Tanya Harmon's resignation from the board due to other commitments.

Directors for 2019-20

Shelagh Armour-Godbolt, Susan Edwards, Sally Gellard, Dick Glassford, Margaret (Peg) Klesner, Susan Peake, Don Reimer, Janice Trenholme, Alinda Ware

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A polite reminder to our Sponsors

Secondary Fees are due in early December. 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. Payments can be made by cheque or online [contact info below].

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

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 2020. 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.

*Special thanks to sponsors who
have already sent funds for 2020*

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** by adding 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 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 Road cycling journey on Oct. 3rd. 2018. For several weeks in the spring and summer of 2019 Brenda cycled around BC doing speaking engagements and slide shows. She again met her goal of raising over \$20,000 for KEEF! Stay tuned, there may be another epic cycling trip in the future. **Brenda, we can't thank you enough for your generosity and commitment!**

Brenda's cycling trip has been chronicled on her blog at:
<https://brendasride2018.wordpress.com/>