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THE Tumaini FUND USA

The Tumaini Fund Vision–To develop a sustainable community in the Kagera region in northwest Tanzania

COLORS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

Tumaini Fund USA held its sixth annual fundraising event March 19 at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club, raising \$82,000 to support its mission of alleviating suffering of the tens of thousands of AIDS widows and orphans in Kagera, the northwest province of Tanzania, Africa. Funds raised will be used to continue to provide services to the area, such as offices and vehicles, which Parish workers need to navigate the area's rough terrain,

new classrooms and fresh water wells for villages, as well as bicycles for transportation and renovating houses for families. Additionally, the organization will use funds to supply the more than 25,000 orphans in the area who are supported by Tumaini Fund with basic necessities, such as mosquito nets, education, solar lamps, clothing and much more.

The campaign launch included the organization's signature event *Colors of Hope*, featuring works of art from local and nationally renowned artists, including Paul Arsenault and Gary Akers. There were also many quality silent auction items and the live auction included luxury trip packages to Napa Valley, Cordon Bleu in Ottawa, Canada and Maine. It also included fund-a-need items such as solar lamps, mosquito nets and water wells for the orphans. More than 150 people gathered to hear from Tumaini Fund founder and CEO Dr. Susan Wilson, about her recent trip to Tanzania and the work of the organization. Corporate table sponsors included Jeff Wilson Pools, Gulf Coast International Properties, The Vanderbilt Beach Resort and Brooks Insurance Services and in-kind donations from Driftwood Garden Center, Sunshine Ace Hardware, The Great Frameup and Penny Taylor Photography.



Donald Stitt, Rev. Tad Myer, Rev. Ann Stevenson



Sharon & Lance Julian, Lis Wilson



Colors of Hope silent auction

The event was part of a 10-day fundraising campaign embarked upon by the all-volunteer staff and board of directors of Tumaini Fund USA, to raise much-needed funds for the nonprofit organization. Other fundraising initiatives included speaking engagements around Southwest Florida by Wilson during her visit to the area. The fundraising efforts will continue throughout 2016 in order to reach the goal of \$200,000 to make the necessary impact in the service area of the organization. **Please help!**





Dr. Wilson gives a new Sewing for Hope dress to a happy little girl

TUMAINI FUND USA ESTABLISHES A BEACHHEAD ON HILTON HEAD ISLAND

Doug Burke, founder of Tumaini Fund USA, has announced that Dr. Susan Wilson will be taking a week vacation from her medical clinic and personally funding her trip to visit Hilton Head Island in South Carolina! She will be the keynote speaker for the opening meeting of Episcopal Christian Women (ECW) on Tuesday, October 4. Dr. Wilson will also be offering a presentation to all parishioners, following the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, Oct. 8, at the invitation of All Saints Episcopal Rector, Father Rick Lindsey.

During the service, Father Rick will bless hand-made dresses made by the area's recently established Sewing for Hope program. Jo Anne Rizza, chair of Sewing for Hope HHI, will sponsor high tea to introduce Dr. Wilson to the volunteers.

Additionally, Dr. Wilson will be attending Rotary Clubs, and Doug has arranged for several church couples to host private fundraising Social Hours in their homes, as an opportunity to introduce the Tumaini Fund to their friends and neighbors.

Mike Moore, President of Tumaini Fund, will fly to Charleston to meet Doug and Susan at Water Mission Headquarters to tour the facilities and learn about the latest methods for providing water and sanitation systems in developing countries. They will also be discussing opportunities to partner with WM for future clean water projects in Kagera, Tanzania.

TUMAINI FUND ROTARY WATER PROJECT

Tumaini Fund USA/UK are participating as cooperating organizations with the Naples North Rotary Club and the Rotary Club of Karagwe in Tanzania, for a Rotary International global grant project to install a 3.5-mile water distribution system in the Karagwe, district of the Kagera region of Tanzania. The project will bring clean, treated water to more than 3,500 people in 6 villages, 3 schools and 2 churches!

Work is planned to commence in late fall of 2016 by Water Mission-Tanzania, located in Dar es Salaam, providing that the total required funding is raised and the grant application is approved by Rotary International.

Tumaini staff will monitor the installation of the project by working hand in hand with the Karagwe Rotarians to review the costs during construction and check on the ongoing sustainability once completed.

WATER WELLS

Worldwide, 4,500 children die everyday from dirty drinking water. Of the 900 million people living in Africa, 288 million people lack access to clean drinking water. African children are 240 times more likely to catch diarrhea than kids in developed countries, many of them subsequently dying. 24,000 children under five years of age die in Tanzania each year from diarrhea.

Water wells are life saving for these children! Clean drinking water greatly improves their health and prevents them from having to risk their lives to retrieve dirty water from water holes shared by crocodiles and snakes. A shallow well can provide clean water for an entire village for \$5,000.



TUMAINI IRRIGATION PROJECT

Kayleigh is a pediatric nurse at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital in Guernsey, who has taken two trips to visit Tumaini Fund projects in Kagera. She visited the completed irrigation project at Kibehe in January this year and witnessed first-hand the improvements to crops and the encouragement the project is bringing to the community. The Tumaini team was welcomed by the community with tribal dancing, energetic drummers and traditional singing. Kibehe is a solar-powered irrigation project in which the solar panel draws water up from the water table into two large above-ground storage tanks. The storage tanks feed taps that are linked to irrigation pipes laid in the crop fields. When the fields need water, the taps on the

pipes are turned on. This has led to a huge increase in crops produced.

The outcome of the project will bring health and economic benefits to 500 people in Kibehe and surrounding villages, but many more villagers and their families will benefit from the locally-grown crops. The project is so successful that the community would like 3 additional water towers to expand the area under irrigation.

The photos, taken by Kayleigh, show local maize fields now flourishing due to irrigation; a local woman carrying crops; & the large water storage tanks. All the work in the fields to prepare the land, dig and plant crops is done by hand. The irrigation committee is a Tumaini

Water Users Group (WUG), which has a contract with the Tumaini Fund and responsibility for maintaining the irrigation project and resolving problems. WUGs are community based groups of elected local representatives from each village (men and women) who are responsible for the ongoing maintenance and sustainability of the improved water sources. This project was generously funded by Al & Julie Renken of Naples, Florida.



===== TUMAINI FUND USA'S FUNDRAISING =====

The Tumaini Fund USA received 394 donations in 2015, for a total of \$285,500. This level of generosity represented 88% of its ambitious fund-raising target of \$325,000 for the year.

In 2015, donations for \$172,100 were for specific purposes including school supplies (\$102,250), water wells (\$35,000), bicycles (\$11,200), solar lamps (\$10,155), houses (\$7,300) and a motorcycle (\$3,000). Donations for \$113,400 went to the General Support Fund that is primarily used to pay secondary school fees. This will not be the case going forward following the government's recent elimination of secondary school fees. The Fund sent \$253,000 to Tanzania in 2015 and a further \$25,000 in February 2016, mainly funded by donations received towards the end of last year.

The Fund's operating costs of \$15,233 were minimal thanks to the costs of the "Colors of Hope" Fundraiser being covered by the event's sponsors. Costs at 5.33% of donations received are well within the non-profit benchmark of 7%.

So far this year, 264 donations for \$130,000 were received through April 30, 2016, including \$82,000 raised through the "Colors of Hope" Fundraiser. The Fund received a very generous donation of \$30,000 to fund 6 shallow wells and a total of \$7,000 from two donors toward the "Colors of Hope" Fundraiser costs. A further \$100,000 was transferred in March to Tumaini Fund in Tanzania for both specific and general support purposes.

LIGHTS FOR EDUCATION!

Thanks to a very generous grant from the Andrew Family Foundation, we were able to purchase 1,600 solar lamps for the orphans. With an average of 4 children in each household, these lamps have given approximately 6,400 children the chance to do their homework at night and therefore have a better chance of succeeding in school! Education is the key in breaking the cycle of poverty!



SEWING FOR HOPE GROWING FASTER AND STRONGER THAN EVER BEFORE!



To date, over 3,100 hand-made dresses have been received by the orphans in Tanzania, along with sweaters, shirts and shorts that are also handmade by our volunteers!

Sewing for Hope is a growing network of volunteers whose goal is to clothe orphans of the Tumaini Fund. What began with a group of five women at Trinity-by-the Cove Episcopal Church in Naples, now has hundreds of volunteers spread throughout the United States.

Many thanks to all of our Sewing for Hope chapters and welcome to our newest members!

- **Powder Horn Mountain Community** - Deep Gap, N.C.
- **Deauville Condo Group** - Naples, FL
- **Knitting and Sewing Ministry, First Congregational Church** - Shrewsbury, Mass
- **Bermuda Greens Sewing Group** - Naples, FL
- **Braintree Women's Club** - Braintree, Mass
- **All Saints' Episcopal Church** - Hilton Head, S.C.

We are currently seeking help to fund the shipping of dresses to Guernsey where Dr. Wilson places them into a container for shipment to Tanzania, or perhaps a corporation who could offer us a discounted shipping rate. Please let Lis Wilson know if you can help.

For more information on how you might get involved, please contact Lis Wilson at lis@SewingforHope.com or 239-262-8678.

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Mission Statement: The Tumaini Fund USA's mission is to help the estimated 200,000 impoverished AIDS orphans in the Kagera region of Northwest Tanzania to survive and become self-sufficient, by prioritizing education and helping to meet basic needs such as nutritional support, clothing, housing, mosquito nets and access to clean water.