



Summer 2015

# THE Tumaini FUND USA

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

## TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH EDUCATION

**B**ecause many families in Kagera are subsistence farmers making an average of \$110 annually, some of the difficulties the Kageran orphans face when getting an education include having to walk up to 5 kilometers to get to school, starting their day hungry and only having one meal a day in the evening with no meal provided at school. They also face the challenge of being unable to afford

the required school uniforms and supplies, such as pencils, notebooks or secondary school fees.

Alex Nyamkara, the Head Coordinator for Tumaini Fund's Tanzania offices, who accompanied Dr. Wilson to Naples in February, started primary school when he was almost 10 years old and completed when he was 18 years old. Because he was not able to afford school fees, he started primary school later than most children. Although Alex was 22 by the time he graduated from secondary school, he would not have been able to complete his education without the support of the Tumaini Fund. His story is typical of many of the Tumaini orphans who continually face many hardships, yet are determined to succeed.

Unfortunately, many orphans are too old to attend Primary School by the time they receive Tumaini

assistance. Without this basic form of education, they will not qualify for any further education that will help them to obtain job-required academic qualifications, forcing them to live in poverty as subsistence farmers. To offer them a better future, Tumaini has set up Vocational Training Schools, which offer training for students in woodworking and tailoring. All primary school uniforms are made at these Vocational Schools and as funds permit, the Tumaini Fund will continue to expand these programs.



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Tumaini Fund USA is currently caring for 25,000 orphans. By providing resources to cover school fees, school uniforms, school supplies and vocational training, the Tumaini Fund is able to help orphans achieve a brighter future.

**\$25**

- Primary education for one year, which includes required school uniforms, school supplies and mosquito net

**\$100**

- Secondary school fees for one year
- OR
- Bicycle for one orphan for secondary school transportation

**\$120**

- One year of vocational training school



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Alex Nyamkara, Dr. Susan Wilson and Paul Arsenault



Live Art by Danielle Branchaud



Guests Enjoying Live Music



Barron Collier High School Choir



Hosts of the Event, Pat and Larry, Bidding on Auction Items

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## colors of hope

### COLORS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

In February of 2015, the Tumaini Fund USA's annual benefit gala was generously hosted by Pat and Larry Minthorn at their lovely home in Naples, Florida. Approximately 165 guests enjoyed entertainment by the Mill City Quartet, of which the Minthorns' daughter is a member, Barron Collier High School Choir and later in the evening D.J. Ceron provided lively dance music. During the event, several upcoming artists produced "live art," which were popular auction items. Other auction/raffle items included art by well-known artists Paul Arsenault and Gary Akers. Sponsors of the event included Data Art, Fidelity Investments, Global Wealth Consultants, LLC, The Turtle Club and the Wells Minthorn Fund.

Dr. Wilson, founder and CEO of the Tumaini Fund, gave an informative presentation about her recent trip to Tanzania. She spoke about the progress, but emphasized that the Tumaini Fund still has many more orphans in dire circumstances who are in need of assistance. She was accompanied by Alex Nyamkara, Head Coordinator for the Tumaini Fund's four offices in Tanzania. Orphaned at the age of three, Alex was forced to abandon his education because of poverty. He was a young man when he learned of the Tumaini Fund and with the fund's support, he was able to complete his education. Alex is now spearheading the Tumaini Fund's provision of educational support to local Kagera orphans.

The "Colors of Hope" Event, in combination with Dr. Wilson and Alex's related activities during their visit, raised a record breaking amount of \$212,000!

### GIVE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE WITH THE TUMAINI FUND

The Tumaini Fund USA helps thousands of families in Tanzania, one of the poorest countries in Africa. We invite you to sponsor a family of 5 for \$500. Your donation will provide the family with one year of shelter, food, clothing and support from the Tumaini Fund. To donate, visit [www.TumainiFundUSA.org](http://www.TumainiFundUSA.org) or see your donation envelope to contribute today.



From the desk of Lis Wilson:

## SEWING FOR HOPE CONTINUES TO FLOURISH

As Sewing for Hope begins its 6<sup>th</sup> year of existence, it is becoming increasingly clear that this project is about more than just providing dresses for the orphan girls of Tumaini Fund!

Mostly through word-of-mouth, news of Sewing for Hope has become an attractive community service teaching tool for several groups of children and young adults.

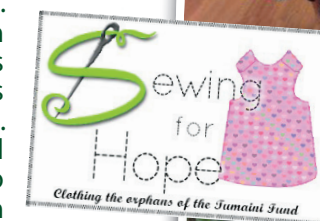
A private school in Ohio was introduced to our organization and chose Sewing for Hope to be the recipient of their annual "Do Small Things with Great Love" Lenten Collection. With their generous donation of over \$1,800 we were able to buy fabric to make many, many dresses for the orphans of Kagera.

The great group of the Lee County 4H Trail Blazers Club invited Sewing for Hope to join them for their "Hope for Africa" National Day of Service event in January 2015. It was a great day of educating the young adults about the difficulties the children of Tanzania face on a daily basis. In addition, the group cut out dress patterns, sewed the dresses and gave Sewing for Hope a nice donation to assist in our expenses of materials and shipping.

Also in February, the Sewing for Hope group at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church held the first intergenerational sewing session with some of Trinity's young ladies and their mothers. These young ladies cheerfully embarked on a project to spread love and hope to those less fortunate as well as to learn more about sewing by making head scarves for the orphan girls.

By the end of our session they completed 20 scarves to accompany the dresses and T-shirts sent to Kagera. This service project will continue this summer to help the young ladies learn more about the wonderful art of sewing and the blessings we can bring to the children in Tanzania through this clothing ministry. Over 2,300 dresses have been made so far!

If your group is interested in learning about more ways to help support our ongoing ministry to clothe the orphans, please let us know! Contact us at [Lis@TumainiFundUSA.org](mailto:Lis@TumainiFundUSA.org) or visit [www.SewingforHope.com](http://www.SewingforHope.com)



## TUMAINI FUND USA'S FUNDRAISING

Last year Tumaini Fund received 365 donations for a total of \$235,500, an amount just shy of the ambitious goal of \$250,000 set for 2014. Of this amount \$220,500 was remitted to Tumaini in Tanzania.

During the first six months of 2015, the Fund received 286 donations totaling \$237,000 and remitted \$226,000 to Tanzania. Donations ranged in size from \$5 to \$100,000 reflecting contributions by individuals, churches, foundations, charitable trusts and corporate entities. Approximately \$212,000 was donated during Dr. Susan Wilson and Alex Nyamkara's visit to Naples in February and Tumaini Fund's signature event "The Colors of Hope." The event benefited from a generous matching donation from the Wells Minthorn

Fund. These donations have helped the Fund make progress towards its goal of raising \$325,000 in 2015; and we still have six months to go! 55 donations totaling \$157,000 were for specific purposes including:

- Mosquito nets
- Solar lamps
- 57 Bicycles
- Digging of 2 shallow water wells
- Renovation of 12 houses
- An irrigation project
- Distributions to the AIDS orphans: two sets of clothes, a school uniform, pens and pencils and a mosquito net

The remaining 231 donations totaling \$80,000 went to the General Support Fund that is primarily used to pay school fees for the orphans.

### Cumulative Fundraising 2009-2015

Since its inception towards the end of 2009, Tumaini Fund USA has raised \$880,000 and remitted \$826,000 to Tanzania. Funds remitted represent 94% of funds raised, indicating the Fund operates with a cost/income ratio around 6%, rather better than the generally accepted not-for-profit benchmark of 7%.

