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KLSF NEWSLETTER

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Education is a human right with immense power to transform. On its foundation rests the cornerstones of freedom, democracy and sustainable human development.

Kofi Annan

Greetings from our Executive

Family and Friends,

Welcome to the first issue of our Newsletter. We plan to issue Newsletters on a regular basis to keep you informed about the current activities of the KLSF and what we hope to achieve in the future.

In January 2012, the Fund will forward \$3,200 to St. Louis School to pay the year's fees for eight students. Our aim is to continue supporting these students at least through primary school and high school.

During 2011, we began the process of establishing the Kate Lynch Scholarship Fund as a registered charity in Canada. It is a daunting and challenging task, but we will continue to work hard towards this goal, hopeful of eventual success.

Accountability and transparency are a priority for us. The following are some of the checks which are already in place:

- the receipts for the fees for each student are sent to us;
- the results of mid-year and end-of-year exams for each student are also sent.

We also strive for a personal relationship with each of our students by sending them notes of encouragement. We have received letters from some of the students and their mothers.

Fundraising Plans for 2012

Fundraising plans for 2012 are beginning to take shape.

Among the activities planned are:

- Michael and Tom Hunt will participate in the London Marathon in April;
- Leah Hunt, Daphne Hunt and Lavinia will take part in the Women's Dublin Mini Marathon in June;
- Veronica Hann hopes to run in a 10km race in the Peterborough area.



Our first three students: Selemani, Irene and Catherine outside St. Louis School

The Kate Lynch Scholarship Fund

A little bit about St. Louis School

At the moment, all of the students supported by the fund attend St. Louis School in the town of Moshi at the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. The school is situated in the Majengo ward, one of the poorer areas of Moshi.

This is the school where Lavinia volunteered on her visit to Africa in 2007.

The school is a multi-cultural, multi-religious resource established by the Catholic Cathedral Parish of Christ the King in Moshi.

The mission statement of the school includes the following two clauses:

- maintaining principles of equal access to education for both girls and boys and all religions represented in the society;
- offering help in the form of scholarships to disadvantaged youth, such as street children, AIDS orphans and those who are disadvantaged in one way or another.

Year	No. of Candidates	% Pass	Standing among 47 schools in Moshi	Standing among 886 schools in the Kilimanjaro Region	Standing among 14,759 schools in Tanzania
2008	37	100%	11th	24th ^h	854th
2009	28	100%	3rd	12th	299th
2010	49	100%	8th	32nd	641st

This table shows the standing of St. Louis School in the Primary 7 National Examinations



Head Teacher, Flaviana Msuyo, with Catherine, one of our students



A classroom at St. Louis School

A Special "THANK YOU" to our generous supporters

Thank you to all our friends and family members for their generous contributions during the year.

Thank you to those who live in **Canada**. In Ontario: Sudbury, Peterborough, Elliot Lake and, Toronto. Hello and thanks to you in **Alberta**: in Red Deer, Calgary and Fort McMurray and to Martha way up there in Yellowknife in the **Northwest Territories**.

In **England**, we say thanks to you in Shrewsbury, London and Sittingbourne.

In **Ireland**, we would like first to recognise and thank Tom Hunt who participated in and completed a Midnight Marathon on June 21st, 160km north of the Arctic Circle in Norway. His Kilkenny sponsors outdid themselves in their generosity. A thank you also to Michael in Dublin and to the Hunts, Lynchs and Gleasons in Tipperary.

Arigatou gozaimasu to Fergus in Osaka, **Japan** and *annyeong haseo* to Patrick in Seoul, **Korea**.

It takes a world village to educate the children. Thank you everyone.