



The Kate Lynch Scholarship Fund



Fergus with sponsored students, February 2015

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Greetings to Family and Friends

Welcome, *karibu*, to our December 2015 Newsletter. Though it has been nine months since Fergus, Patrick and I visited Tanzania, the memory of our stay still sparkles in our minds, "*for her people treat me like family, and teach me the meaning of community*".

In January 2016 the Fund will pay scholarships for our ten sponsored students at a cost of C\$6,441.00. (€4,867.00; £3,484.00). The higher cost this year is as a result of two of our students graduating from St. Louis Primary School and beginning their studies in a Secondary School. Because both girls are orphans, the **Fund** will pay for uniforms, books and other supplies as well as tuition and boarding fees.

When all school fees have been paid out in January 2016, the **KLSF**, in a short six years, will have paid a total of \$26,244.00 in scholarships. We could not have achieved this amazing feat without the generous and loving commitment of family and friends. Thank you. Well done to each and every one of you. *Asante sana.*

Lavinia



Dalai Lama
Nobel Peace Prize 1989

"When educating the minds of our youth, We mustn't forget to educate their hearts"

Student Biography: Neema

I had the great pleasure of spending time with Neema when I was in Tanzania in February. She is 15 years old. Her mother died when she was only 3 years old. She doesn't know her father. After her mother's death she lived with her grandmother. Unfortunately this good lady died in 2012 when Neema was in Grade 4. Neighbours agreed to have Neema live with them.



Neema

Neema will graduate from St. Louis Primary School in December and will begin her Secondary education at Kibosho Girls' School, near Moshi, in January 2016.

The **Kate Lynch Scholarship Fund** has covered Neema's school fees for the past few years and will continue to pay her fees in Secondary School. Tuition, boarding fees, uniforms, books and supplies cost about CND\$1770.00 (€1238.00/ £884.00) per year.

I was very impressed by Neema when I met her. She is serious about her studies; has experienced tragedy in her young life yet her lovely smile can brighten one's days.



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Tanzania

Tanzania is a beautiful country located between the Equator, the Great Rift Valley and the blue Indian Ocean. It is the 13th largest country in Africa. Its coastline on the Indian Ocean is approximately 800 kilometres long. It is home to Africa's highest mountain, Mount Kilimanjaro, and the deepest lake, Lake Tanganyika. It is the only country in the world which has allocated at least 25% of total area to wildlife national parks and game reserves.

The colors and symbols of the flag carry cultural, political, and regional meanings. The green alludes to the natural vegetation and rich agricultural resources of the country, while black represents the Swahili people. The blue represents the Indian Ocean, as well as the nation's numerous lakes and rivers. The thin stripes stand for Tanzania's mineral wealth.



There are 130 ethnic groups included in the 49 million population, none of which represent more than 10% of the population. Each group has its own language but Swahili and English are the official languages.



Malala Yousafzai
Nobel Peace Prize 2014
(at the age of 17)

*"One child, one teacher,
one book and one pen
can change the world"*

It is the Tanzanian people who make the greatest impression. Here, good manners are valued, a handshake is full of affection and laughter is vivacious. Tanzanians are warm, expressive, peaceful and welcoming to the visitor.

Some of Our Wonderful Supporters

First we would like to acknowledge the efforts of our youngest supporters. It is gratifying that all our young friends respond with enthusiasm and take great pride in their fundraising efforts.

This summer Tilly (8) and Tess (6), great-granddaughters of *Kate Lynch*, with their friend Poppy (9) set up a very successful Lemonade Stand near their summer home in Lakefield, Ontario.

Then Phoebe (13), with support from her family and friends held the third annual successful Art Auction. Her brother Morgan, (15) held his annual Hockey Pool.

On October 16th in Kilkenny, Ireland, Laoise (14), another great-granddaughter of *Kate Lynch*, organized her second fundraiser at her school and was brave enough to make a presentation beforehand to all the teachers.

For the past three years Katie (16) has donated some of her best paintings and sketches to Phoebe's Art Auction.

Thanks and High-Fives all around to these wonderful young people!



*Clockwise from top left: Morgan
with his sisters Phoebe and Poppy,
Katie, Laoise, Tess and Tilly*

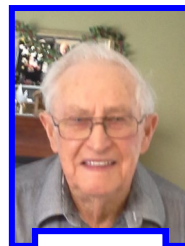


Rita

We thank all of our supporters but in this issue we wish to acknowledge two of our long time friends. Thanks to Rita and the Martin family from Northern Ontario who pay the annual school fees for one student.

Now to George, 93 years old, from Peterborough, Ontario who has been supporting the *KLSF* for several years. He is always interested in our activities and in the stories we bring back after visits to Tanzania.

Thank you all.



George