



Solar Lamp Project

THE Tumaini FUND USA

The Tumaini Fund Vision-To develop a healthy, sustainable community in the northwest region of Tanzania

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Hello Friends and Supporters,

In this month of ThanksGIVING, I am pleased to reference two recent media stories (the complete text may be found on our website: www.tumainifundusa.org). The first newspaper article from Guernsey Press, January 2012, titled **WE WON'T REST TILL EVERY CHILD HAS HELP**, covers the challenging and inspiring first decade of Dr. Susan Wilson's accomplishments in the Kagera region of Tanzania, Africa. Now her Guernsey-based Tumaini charity supports 20,000 AIDS orphans. Comments Dr. Wilson, "the need for help is so great, but what we've accomplished there is a miracle. This year we will be sending 8,000 children to secondary school, at an investment of \$800,000, in an area where only 7% have access to it. It is a miracle."

The second article titled **SCHOOL SPIRIT OF PHILANTHROPY** is dated June 8, 2012, from the *Collier Citizen*. We profoundly thank Fund volunteer, Michelle Daenzer, for working with teachers at Pine Ridge Middle School in Naples to educate students on the plight of families in Kagera. Their generous contributions funded 101 solar lamps for Tumaini Fund school children.

During our fundraising trip to Boston, Dr. Wilson announced that many new programs are in place, including an endowment to fund 30 new elementary school teachers per year, through a \$50,000 grant. The Tumaini Fund USA is seeking donors to fund similar endowments to train vital health care workers in Kagera.

Importantly, Dr. Wilson has shared the results of an independent Evaluation of the structure and operating plan of the Tumaini Fund's operations in Kagera. This professional Evaluation was performed by Ms. Val Cameron, a recently identified volunteer with exemplary credentials. Please read the Evaluation article in this newsletter to best understand our accomplishments and areas for improvement.

Please **SAVE THE DATES** for the 4th annual visit of Dr. Susan Wilson to Naples, March 1- 10, 2013. Details will be shared in February.

We ask you to please pray for our continued success in funding this most necessary and special mission.

With Many Thanks,

J. Douglas Burke
President
Tumaini Fund USA



Fund Evaluation



Future Strategy



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New Organization Mission Statement

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



We Invite You to GET INVOLVED NOW

BIKES FOR CHRISTMAS Program

As supporters have done in the past, we ask you to consider providing donations to be sent to our colleagues in Tanzania to purchase bicycles. Your \$100 donation will provide the transportation means for AIDS orphans to attend school and get clean water supplies, as well as assisting women in seeking and keeping employment.

Visit www.tumainifundusa.org to make an online donation today.



Tumaini Fund USA Organizational Update

CEO: Dr. Susan Wilson

President: Doug Burke (Doug@tumainifundusa.org)

Vice President: Lis Wilson (Lis@tumainifundusa.org)

Secretary: Ralph Webster (Rwebster@tumainifundusa.org)

Treasurer: Rick Moore (Rmoore@tumainifundusa.org)

Directors: Barbara Bixby, Grace Gokturk, Peter Ferris

Board of Directors' Meeting Schedule:

All Board meetings will begin 4:00PM at 8955 Fontana Del Sol Way, Naples, FL 34109.

December 6, 2012

January 3, 2013

February 7, 2013

March 1, 2013 – Annual Reunion Meeting with Dr. Susan Wilson

Are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors for Tumaini Fund USA?

We invite candidates to bring fresh ideas and inspiration to help us achieve our mission. Please contact Doug Burke or Lis Wilson via email to express your interest before December 1, 2012.

Southborough Massachusetts visit, September 2012

Dr. Susan Wilson was the honored guest for the weekend of September 8-9 at St. Matthews Catholic Church Parish.



Dr. Susan Wilson with Father Flynn at altar



Tumaini Fund visits St. Matthews Parish

The Tumaini Fund Evaluation

The word Tumaini is the Swahili word for "Hope."



It is our hope that this first external evaluation of The Tumaini Fund will be a beneficial tool to develop future strategy of the organization and be useful in approaching sponsors and donors who support the charity's work. While summarized here, you may request a copy of the complete report by contacting Doug Burke via email.

The Evaluator: Ms. Valerie Cameron (FFPH, FCIEH, Ch.EHO MREHIS, MBA) is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health, Royal College of Physicians (UK), and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (UK).

Evaluation Summary: The Evaluator was commissioned "pro bono" to visit all of the Tumaini Fund projects in Tanzania for review and assessment January-February 2012.

Key issues for evaluation were governance and accountability; action planning and delivering successful outcomes; audit and verification; community development and integration of programs; and sustainability. A summary of the findings is below.

Water Programs – 1 in 5 children under age 5 die of diarrheal disease from contaminated water. Safe water sources may be as far as 10 miles away and water is often carried home daily.

Water Programs Comments: Partnering with existing NGOs to deliver clean water is vital.

The Education Program – One of The Tumaini Fund's first core programs was to provide school fees for children. In 2011, The Tumaini Fund supported 6,257 secondary school students by funding their fees, uniforms and supplies. Happily, 2011/12 saw the first five Tumaini Fund orphans complete University degrees.

The Education Program Comment: Financial support must continue and more assistance is needed.

Solar Lamps - Many houses and schools have no electricity. In order to assist students in completing their homework, the Tumaini Fund provided 150 solar lamps for the sponsored children by the end of 2011.

Solar Lamps Comment: The Tumaini Fund should consider supporting schools to install renewable energy devices.

HIV/AIDS Testing Centers- Up to 1 in 3 adults in the northwest area of Tanzania are affected by HIV/AIDS so the prevention of the infection is vitally important. The Tumaini Fund has collaborated to set up testing centers and once villagers are diagnosed as HIV positive, they may join the free government treatment program.

Additional sections of the Evaluation will be summarized in future newsletters.



Thank You

Jane Lamberson, CPA

Please join us in thanking Jane Lamberson for her four years of dedicated service as a Board Member and Treasurer of our organization. Jane was instrumental in obtaining our 501(c)3 designation. We wish her continued success!

Seeking Pro Bono Grant-writers

Supporters to aid with grant application writing are asked to please contact Grace Gokturk at 501-454-8428 or ggokturk@tumainifundusa.org

2013 Campaign Goal

Our 4th annual Tumaini Fund USA goal is to raise \$220,000 versus \$160,000 raised in 2012.



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Will You Help Expand Our Reach?



The Tumaini Fund Founder, Dr. Susan Wilson, will be available to speak to local groups and organizations during her visit to Naples, March 4-9, 2013. If your group would like to host a meeting, now is the time to act.

Please contact Rick Moore at Rmoore@tumainifundusa.org



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