



# TUMAINI MEANS "HOPE" IN SWAHILI

THE **Tumaini** FUND USA

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The average life expectancy of the people of this area is 43 years, HIV carriage is an estimated 28% with approximately 1 in 3 mothers delivering HIV positive babies. Villagers in this region of Africa live in desperate conditions. On average, a subsistence farmer will earn \$110 each year, with which he will have to support 6-8 family members.



Currently, there are an estimated 200,000 orphans in this region in need of the basic necessities such as food, medical care, clothes and education. In the past year, Tumaini Fund USA began serving an additional 5,000 new orphans, increasing the total to 23,000 who are now receiving assistance.

The Tumaini Fund currently employs a staff of 10 social workers and 160 local parish workers to carry out the project. Tumaini Fund USA is dedicated to finding support for all of the estimated 200,000 orphans in need of care.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Campaign Update

Each year, Tumaini Fund USA embarks upon a focused three-month fundraising campaign, from January – March, to raise the capital necessary to continue to provide the much needed food, clothing, medical assistance and education to the orphans and villagers served in Tanzania.

The fourth annual campaign was extremely successful, raising nearly \$90,000 to be put directly into services for the organization. It is only with the immense generosity demonstrated by our donors, volunteers and supporters that we can continue in our mission of seeking to alleviate the terrible suffering of the AIDS widows and orphans in Kagera, the northwest province of Tanzania. Tumaini is the Swahili word for "Hope" and with this hope, we are seeing change!



### The primary funding priorities for 2013 are:

- 1 Keep children alive by installing deep water wells and improving irrigation for more clean water sources and distributing mosquito nets for protection against malaria, the area's #1 cause of death.
- 2 Educate more children by funding new classrooms, extra teachers, tuition, exam fees and learning materials/equipment.

If you have not yet participated in this year's fund campaign, we encourage you to take part in the life-saving programs of Tumaini Fund USA. To make a donation or to give another gift, visit [www.tumainifundusa.org](http://www.tumainifundusa.org) or complete the enclosed gift envelope.

A donation to Tumaini Fund is truly an investment in the future.  
"As I tell my orphan students, I am hopeful that they will one day become the leaders, nurses, teachers and politicians of Tanzania."  
said Dr. Susan Wilson, founder and CEO of Tumaini Fund.

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## From the President's desk:

In 2009, I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Susan Wilson, founder and CEO of Tumaini Fund and began my journey with this worthwhile organization. With the diligence of Jane Lamberson, past board member, we quickly achieved 501(c)(3) status for Tumaini Fund USA. Today, I am pleased to report that in a few weeks we will have sent a total of \$350,000 to Tanzania; wonderful progress in just four years! Though I have enjoyed each exciting moment, I will be stepping down as president of Tumaini Fund USA. I will serve ex-officio for one more year and my counsel and support for this wonderful organization will continue forever.

With great joy, I report that Rick Swope has agreed to lead Tumaini Fund USA as our new president. Rick is no stranger to Tumaini Fund USA. He is the husband of Jane Lamberson and is president of Urish Popeck & Company of Florida, LLC and Global Wealth Consultants, LLC. Both of these companies have proven to be generous supporters of our cause. We are excited about the business expertise and dedication Rick will bring to Tumaini Fund USA. Additionally, after four years of devoted service, Lis Wilson is stepping down from Tumaini Fund USA's Board of Directors. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Lis for her passionate and hard work in changing so many lives. Lis will continue to remain an active volunteer committed to important efforts such as our meaningful "Sewing for Hope" program.

Volunteers interested in working with Tumaini Fund USA should contact **Rick Swope at (239) 262-0170.**



J. Douglas Burke | President  
Tumaini Fund USA



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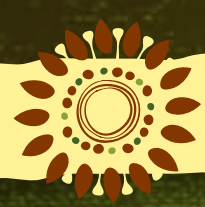
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# BICYCLES GO THE DISTANCE IN KAGERA

## In Tanzania, a gift of a bicycle not only brings joy, it transforms a life.

As one child shared, "I used to arrive to school late and tired because it took me over five hours to walk to school." Another said, "With my bike I can transport and sell clean water to people in my village."

This past Christmas, a family in Naples recently gave \$100 to purchase a bicycle through Tumaini Fund USA's "Donate A Bike" campaign. The new bike, along with a handmade Christmas card from the grandchild, was joyfully received by a boy in Kagera. This generous donation will make a significant improvement in the life of this young villager and his family.

Bicycles are also important for the Tumaini parish workers who visit families regularly and are accessible 24/7 for care and support. In their parishes, the workers often cover two to four villages with great distance in between. Because of the large areas that parish workers must cover and the rough condition of Kagera roads, Tumaini Fund USA aims to raise funds for 100 new bicycles for the workers in the area of Bushubi this year. **As of April 1, we are at 25% of our goal!**

With each new bike, more orphans will be provided the much needed care they require. To sponsor a bicycle or to learn more about the program, visit [www.tumainifundusa.org/donate-a-bicycle](http://www.tumainifundusa.org/donate-a-bicycle).



Happy Recipient of Christmas Bike and Card



## WE'RE EXPANDING!

### New Deep Fresh Water Well

More than 1,000 people in the Kabalekela village will soon have clean water thanks to an incredible gift of \$25,000 from Julie and Al Renken. These villagers will no longer have to endure the daily challenge of traveling by foot up to 10 miles to access a clean water source. With safe drinking water, those who suffer from illness will be more likely to recover or maintain their health status. Personal hygiene and safe cooking of food will also greatly improve as water becomes more accessible. Are you or your company interested in sponsoring the construction of a deep water well for the villagers of Tanzania? Contact us today.



### New Office Needed - Kayanga

For Tumaini Fund to adequately serve the more than 1,000 villagers who will benefit from the new classrooms and deep well in Kabalekela, we need more staff on site. Tumaini Fund is seeking \$25,000 in funding to build a new office in the Kayanga region, which will not only aid our staff and volunteers, but also the dedicated parish workers serving the population of the area, such as Bosco Daudi and Reuben Julius (pictured right). To make a corporate or individual contribution to this effort, please contact us via email us at [info@tumainifundusa.org](mailto:info@tumainifundusa.org). Donations are also accepted on our website at [www.TumainiFundUSA.org](http://www.TumainiFundUSA.org)



### More Classrooms, More Opportunities

The Naples Council of World Affairs (NCWA) recently approved Tumaini Fund USA's request of a grant to build two new primary school classrooms in Kabalekela, an impoverished village that is currently located approximately 12-13 miles from any existing school.





## NCWA Grant Makes Local Impact

As an added bonus, the Naples Council of World Affairs grant will also provide Tanzanian education right here in our community. We have collaborated with Dana Gustafson, a second grade school teacher at Parkside Elementary school, to feature guest speakers from Tumaini Fund USA. Dr. Susan Wilson has given a lesson on basic Swahili vocabulary, and Doug Burke visited with students to explain the difference in lifestyles between Africa and the United States. Students were also exposed to Tanzanian animals, foods and a video showing life in Africa and the challenges facing the villagers. The students then created drawings and notes, including both English and Swahili words, to send to their peers in Tanzania. We are grateful to the NCWA for enabling us to establish this meaningful connection between children across the globe.



## THE DIFFERENCE A DRESS CAN MAKE

### Sewing for Hope, by Lis Wilson

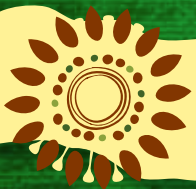
In 2009, a sewing group called "Sewing for Hope" began at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church in Naples, Florida. Since its founding, more than 1,000 new and colorful dresses have been shipped abroad to orphan girls whose lives have been ravaged by the AIDS crisis.

Proudly wearing their new dresses, these girls are now eager and able to attend church and go to the market. Without decent clothing, the children will not venture out in the village to attend church as they feel they are dishonoring God by wearing ragged clothing in church.

"We are told that it is extremely meaningful to these little girls, most of whom have lost both parents to the AIDS crisis, to know that some special person far away cared enough about them to hand sew a dress especially for them," explains Lis Wilson, "Indeed, each dress is sewn with love and prayers for the little girl who is to receive it in Africa."

The "Sewing for Hope" ministry is quickly expanding across the United States. The dressmaking project is thriving in many groups and homes in the Westborough/Boston Massachusetts area, and recent shipments of dresses have been received from Oklahoma, Georgia, Maine and several other individuals and groups in Florida. Also, Tumaini Fund Canada has a very active and productive group in British Columbia.

In addition to making dresses, volunteers are also knitting sweaters for the children as the nights in Tanzania can be quite chilly. And, they haven't forgotten about the boys! "Sewing for Hope" recently began sewing simple, drawstring shorts for the younger boys of Tumaini Fund. "Sewing for Hope" invites more volunteers to join their mission. For those unable to volunteer, donations to purchase fabric and cover shipping are greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Lis Wilson at [lis@TumainiFundUSA.org](mailto:lis@TumainiFundUSA.org) or (239) 262-8678.



## WINDOWS INTO AFRICA Arsenault Gallery Fundraising Event

On March 8, more than 75 supporters and guests of Tumaini Fund USA gathered for "Naples Window into Africa," a private fundraiser at the Arsenault Gallery located in Naples. The event was a huge success raising much needed funds for Tumaini Fund through a drawing for an original oil painting of the lily pond at Naples Zoo by Paul Arsenault. The one-of-a-kind painting, valued at \$4,000, was won by Ellen Harris. The evening also included a live auction featuring a week-long African safari and a waterfront getaway to Kennebunkport, Maine. Donors and guests enjoyed a meet-and-greet with artist Paul Arsenault and heard from Dr. Susan Wilson about her mission trip to Tanzania earlier this year.

We are grateful to the generous companies who underwrote the event: Urish Popeck & Company of Florida, LLC, Global Wealth Consultants, LLC, Global Touch Travel, Toucan's World, Arsenault Gallery and 82ocean.com. Bleu Cellar provided libations. Thank you to all that attended for your support!



Dr. Susan Wilson, Doug Burke and Dwight Nadeau from Toucan's World

