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HELPING END AIDS IN OUR LIFETIME

Kenya Hospital Administrator to Speak Oct. 19

As the quest for ending HIV & AIDS intensifies in the scientific & political community, **Stanley Gitari**



of Maua Methodist Hospital in Kenya will keynote the annual "Gathering to HEAL" (Helping End AIDS in our Lifetime) 9 am breakfast October 19, 2019, at Hope UMC (5101 S. Dayton St.), Greenwood Village, CO. Educated in Oklahoma, Gitari returned to his homeland to help provide desperately needed medical care to the poorest of the poor. **Senator Lucia Guzman** will be honored with the Paul & Paula Murphy Sexuality Award for her leadership. Rev. Guzman served 8 years in the Colorado Senate where she was the first openly lesbian and Latina Minority Leader. **Hope UMC will be recognized** for its the long service to Kenya. **Daryl Walker & Chin Keong Tan** will provide music.



Theresa Marchetta, spokesperson for Denver's Mayor, will be MC. Funds raised support Children of Africa Hope Mission School in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya. **Register at \$15 each via Center website or email globalaids@gmail.com or call 303 877 1955.**

ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT FOR MEN AT RISK OF HIV & AIDS IN INDIA

Trapped by poverty and low-caste status in Chennai, India, some men resort to selling their bodies to survive & assist their families. Often forcibly exploited or tempted to higher income by having unprotected sex, six men requested the Center to help them find alternative jobs. A small pilot program has been initiated by Center donors to start new businesses of their choice. Projects vary from purchasing a milk cow, selling saris, enabling mobile tailoring, & marketing fruits & vegetables.



ARTIST ENGAGES CHILDREN TO PAINT MURAL

Impoverished children living with HIV in the slums of a major city do not have opportunities to discover & develop their artistic talents. An exception happened this July when **Liz Malanaphy**, Hudson, Wisconsin, joined the Center's visiting team to meet the 188 children at the Children of Africa Hope Mission School that the Center supports in Nairobi, Kenya. Liz enabled the kids to paint a safari mural, in exchange for a mural created by Wisconsin youth. Flexible, Liz even let one boy express his talent by inserting a tiger into the mural, though tigers are not found in Africa! Anne Baraza, the school headmaster, noted "African children have talent but lack training."



Working with Denver author, Marjorie Bayes and her two grandsons, Cosmos & Eli Bayes, Liz and the African children also illustrated a new book called "**Superkids in Kenya.**" Thanks to donors, 600 copies of the superhero action thriller were given to Kenyan kids.



SUPERKIDS IN KENYA
Written by Cosmos Bayes, Eli Bayes, and Marjorie Bayes
Illustrated by Liz Malanaphy and Kenyan Kids.

HOW ONE BOY TOUCHED MY HEART: ORPHAN 261

I worry whether my friends will continue to donate every year to support the 260 AIDS orphans in Kenya that depend



BEFORE

on us for life and love. Raising \$52,000 yearly is a challenge, because some people forget; others choose different projects, or because people don't really know how vital their gift is to a child's survival. The waiting list is long, because there are so many children & adolescents in need. Often I feel stingy and hard-hearted because I resist adding additional vulnerable children to our program, lest we fail to support those we already are committed to helping.

This summer I visited the 260 orphans. At a school I met 9 year old Tulling. Dirty, in ragged clothing, no shoestrings or buttons on his shirt, I asked him what he needed. He said three things: "Some food as I haven't eaten today. A bed because I sleep on the floor, because my Grandma also is caring for nine of my cousins. And please a school uniform like the other school kids." My heart was touched; I broke my rules & added orphan child 261. And I resolved to work harder to raise the \$52,000 this year, plus \$200 for Tulling. And maybe more in the future. Will you help me? **Every \$200 helps an orphan!** Thanks!

Donald E. Messer, Executive Director



AFTER



\$30,000 GIFT HONORS ANN FORT

A new donor, impressed by the good being accomplished by the Ann Fort Kenya Fund, recently contributed \$30,000 to the Center. This year the Fund sponsored building houses for families living with HIV, plus a school latrine was built. Ten AIDS primary & secondary orphans were helped, plus post-secondary scholarships were given. **Ann, who celebrates her 95th birthday September 27, led her 19th trip to Kenya this summer.** Make an investment in this legacy of love & life!



MEDICAL CAMPS FOR 2500 PEOPLE

People walked many miles with aching teeth, persistent pain, crippling headaches, & unknown maladies in order to get help at four rural medical camps sponsored by the Center in Kenya. Persons testing for HIV were linked with life-saving medicines & care. Lack of access to medical care means early disability & death. Imagine a toothache & no dentist or needing an Advil & nothing to calm the pain! A camp costs about \$1,300. Why not you or your church consider being a sponsor?

TWO PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS IN KENYA

Two University of Denver master's students in international psychology, Bernadette Barton & Shaina Maginot, interned in Kenya this summer. Previously the Center had students in India. DU's Dr. Judy Fox reports they had an "excellent experience" at an addiction center.



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AN UPCOMING TUCSON GOLF BENEFIT MARKS CENTER'S 25TH "SWINGING@AIDS" EVENT

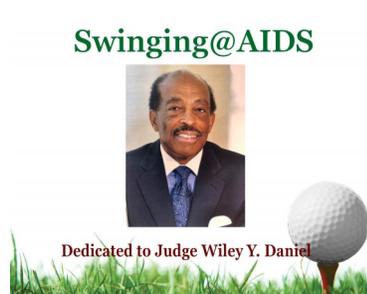
Volunteer Claudia Svarstad's idea in 2006 was to raise **\$5,000** by sponsoring a "Swinging@AIDS" golf benefit. This began a series of golf fund-raisers in Colorado (Denver & Grand Junction) & Arizona (Phoenix & Tucson) that will **number 25** when golfers tee off March 21, 2020, in Tucson. Her idea and marvelous volunteer help means over **\$500,000** has been raised over the past 13 years. The Denver event, headed by Megan Armstrong & Bruce Berger, raised \$41,000 this summer. The Denver event sustains a free clinic in India for women & children run by N. M. Samuel, MD, & assists It Takes a Village in Colorado. Tucson's golf & concert event, led by Jesse Losoyo & Pat Fox, helps support the Children of Africa Hope Mission School in Kenya & the Tucson Interfaith HIV & AIDS Network (TIHAN). Educating 188 children in slums of Nairobi requires yearly funding for two meals a day, teachers' salaries, rent for property, septic tank emptying, etc, at a cost of about \$30,000. **From \$5,000 to \$500,000—what happens when dreams become reality!**



Claudia Svarstad visits Nairobi school children



Noah Gallagher at Swinging@AIDS



Federal Judge Wiley Daniel remembered in Denver



Jess Losoyo, Tucson golf chair, with Scott Blades, TIHAN head

ATTEND INTERFAITH WORLD AIDS DAY

Muslim, Jewish & Christian leaders will speak Dec. 1, at 7 pm, during World AIDS Day ceremonies at Park Hill UMC, 5209 Montview Blvd., Denver. Scheduled are Ms. Imani Latif, Bishop Karen Oliveto, persons living with HIV, & others. Music will be by Harmony, a LGBTQA Chorale. Rev. Dr. Valerie Jackson is chair of the annual event that remembers both those who have died of AIDS & those who are living with HIV. AIDS won't be conquered by faith, but all religions are needed to end HIV.



HARMONY
A COLORADO CHORALE

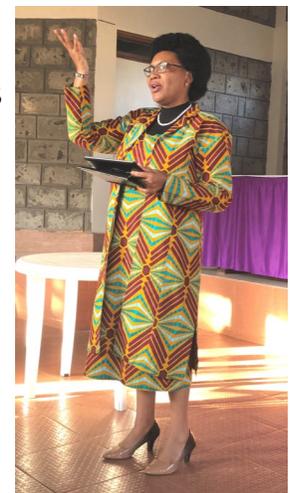


DECEMBER VISIT BY 1ST KENYA WOMAN BISHOP

Rarely in Africa is a woman elected a Bishop. In fact, even more rare is finding a Bishop of any gender anywhere with the spiritual depth, administrative acumen, & dynamic preaching talent that characterizes Bishop Catherine Mutua. She will preach at Park Hill UMC December 8. While in Colorado, she will meet donor partners who support her programs of care for 261 AIDS orphans, support groups for 1,500 people living with HIV, 75 street children, & provide a social worker. What a great way to celebrate Christmas!

VISIT KENYA IN 2020

Join Park Hill's Kenya trip July 20-30. Contact soon globalaids@gmail.com or Nathan Adams nathan@phumc.org





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WAYS TO HELP AROUND THE WORLD

RWANDA



People living with HIV & LGBTQ persons hope to partner with the Center to create a hair salon in Rwanda. It will help overcome stigma & provide income. **Donors have offered a \$2,300 matching challenge!** Would you like to help? Or maybe your church wants a mission project that is inclusive!

INDIA



The Center's free clinic for women & children facing HIV in India needs some extra help. Dr. N. M. Samuel is asking for a gynecology table to do Pap smears, computer, printer, an overhead projector, & four sewing machines so women with HIV can have income generating skills taught. Can you help with any of these?

KENYA

Five youth orphaned by AIDS are in post-secondary or college in Kenya--in medicine, business, theology etc. You could sponsor a student for a year! Cost about \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year! Change lives & help others! Let us know, if you want to provide a scholarship!



These Kenya students receive scholarships from Center donors. Add to their numbers!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



William "Brad" Bradford

Clietta Terry



Elected in 2019 to supervise the work of the Center.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- "A Gathering to HEAL" Breakfast*
October 19, 2019
- World AIDS Day Sunday*
December 1, 2019
- Bishop Catherine Mutua Visits Denver*
December 8, 2019
- Tucson Concert & "Swinging@AIDS"*
March 20 & 21, 2020
- "Spring Is A Time For HOPE" Brunch*
April 25, 2020