

Spring 2017

Dear Friend

Munzero House has had a busy few months with lots of visitors to Rwanda, some for the first time and some returnees. The Rwandan team are always fantastic hosts, proud to show guests their achievements in our programmes ranging from Disability Awareness to Farm Training. We are also very fortunate to have volunteers Dominique Dorn and Nick Dyde who are working on our Disability and Farming programmes respectively. They will be working alongside the team until the end of 2017.

Education: Lead Teacher Training

In January we welcomed Felix to the Rwanda Aid Education team as the Nyamasheke Teacher Mentor trainer. He is working with Alex and Isaac, with the huge task of scaling-up our teacher training programme so that every Sector in Rusizi and Nyamasheke, 33 in total, will have a Lead Teacher Trainer.



We have demonstrated that the schools with mentors who have received the most Rwanda Aid training and support have seen the greatest improvement in the students' primary school exam performance. However, some big challenges remain as our team strive to make a difference in some of the worst performing Sectors not only in Rusizi and Nyamasheke, but in Rwanda.

Baho Neza Mwana: A Better Life for Children

Rwanda Aid has supported over 230 children since the village opened 5 years ago. We are currently supporting 122 former street children to attend school, as well as residentially accommodating 33 boys.



We are always looking for sponsors for our street children or children with a disability at Ngwino Nawe village. If this is something that you would like to learn more about, Emma, our Child Sponsorship Coordinator, would love to hear from you: EmmaOgilvie@hotmail.com

New Classrooms

Devonshire House School have been incredibly busy fundraising for 2 new classrooms and a Headteacher's office. Construction is on schedule to be completed by the end of May. Thank you to everyone at Devonshire House!



The dormitory at Mwezi Teacher Training College has also been completed. Prior to this, trainee teachers were having to sleep in classrooms but now they have purpose built accommodation. Thank you to Wetherby Prep School for fundraising for this cause.



Rave 4 Rwanda

Meanwhile on March 29th at King's House in Richmond, the whole school from the nursery upwards put on blue, yellow and green t-shirts for a brilliantly choreographed dance to 'Uptown Funk' by Bruno Mars as part of Rave 4 Rwanda day. The day also involved African storytelling, art, drumming, avocado tasting and even lessons in Kinyarwanda!

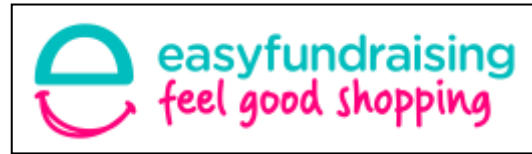


They have now raised an incredible £15,000 this year and we can't thank them enough for their energetic support as always.

Easyfundraising: Earn Rwanda Aid free donations when you shop online

From your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Rwanda Aid. There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation,

including Amazon, John Lewis, Booking.com and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!



1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/rwandaaid/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to Rwanda Aid for no extra cost whatsoever!

Fundraising Champions

We are incredibly grateful for all our supporters who take on challenges to raise money for Rwanda Aid. Their commitment is admirable, and the work we do in Rwanda would not be possible otherwise. David Clark decided to embark on a huge '100 mile challenge' over 1 year, training throughout the winter and running in several events including the Regents Park 10K, the Reading Half Marathon and very recently he ended his



challenge with the Brighton Marathon. David has raised an incredible £3,300; his Justgiving page is still open, so if you are inspired by his story you can sponsor him here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rwanda100>

On behalf of all the Rwanda Aid team, thank you, as always, for your incredible support.

Karen

Karen, David and the Rwanda Aid team