



EffortZ Foundation

Education → A Future for Tanzania's Children



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A Report From Our Founders

One of the biggest rewards of our work is to see the progress made by the children we help. They have all faced multiple barriers to leading healthy, happy lives.

They were born into poverty. They went hungry. Many of them were orphaned or abandoned and had to live on the streets. They had no medical care and most of them had no access to education. Some of them barely escaped becoming child brides.

To see them now, healthy and happy, excited about what they're learning in school and full of hope for the future is the best gift we could ever hope to receive. Their success is a gift we wouldn't be receiving if it wasn't for all of you. Thank you!



Our Educational Missions

Scholarship Students



Photo of Dericky by Bob Decelles

Report Cards, Transfers & New Students!

Justine and Dericky have been admitted to the well-respected Trust St. Patrick's School, where they joined Baraka, Derick John, Hamisi, Rama and Mbwana! Justine was shy of qualifying by 4 points but administrators decided to admit him on the basis of how much progress he'd made at Usa River.

All the boys made us very proud this term, receiving mostly above average grades. And while Justine struggled in math and French his first term, he was above average in his other courses.

At Usa River, the head teacher wrote on Gifty's report card "Gift has worked very hard this term. Keep up with the same spirit." Ombeni, Noah, and William need to work a little harder. Still, *all* of the TACODA boys received A's or B's in English which is one of the most important factors in their future earning abilities!

Report cards aren't yet out for our other students but we have high hopes for Natangawaki, one of our 4 new Maasai students. On her evaluation exams at Emusoi Center she placed at the top of the incoming class of 48 girls!

We've transferred Fredrick out of a public day school to Diluti Secondary School, an English-medium boarding school. We think it will make a big difference in his grades.

And finally, we're happy to announce we've awarded scholarships to four new boys, "footballers" on the TACODA team, who would otherwise have had to drop out of school.

Our Educational Missions

Literacy Programs



Educational Center & Partner Schools

Consistent with local tradition (African time!) the EfforTZ Educational Center's open house started late but finished strong with virtually all the representatives from our partner schools arriving to tour our new facility in the TACODA Children's Home.

It took board members Mary Dupont, Bebe Dudley and Bob Decelles together with volunteers Laura Fraser and Greg Cooke a week of hard work to set up the English language facility and prepare for the Open House but it was worth it.

From the reactions of the teachers we're hopeful it will get substantial use, providing opportunities to the more than 4,000 children in our five partner schools.

One of the highlights of their first week in Tanzania was the day of recognition and celebration they held for our scholarship students. Mary presented each of our scholarship students with letters and photos from their sponsors. The buzz and excitement in the room could not have been higher!

Bebe, Laura and Greg spent three additional weeks working in our partner schools including Mwangaza, one of our new schools. Bebe wrote of their time there, "We taught six classes a day, to classrooms filled with smiling faces. The classroom floors were pitted and often the window panes were broken but the children still seemed to enjoy learning. We know that these children are very poor. Many of their school uniforms are ragged, torn and patched - but not their spirits!" *Photo by volunteer Laura Fraser.*

People & Projects

This spring, co-founder Mary Dupont spent a day with **Bryant University** President Ron Machtley, Prof. Sandra Enos and university students. The result is that next semester Professor Enos will be coordinating with the College of Business faculty members to integrate a number of EfforTZ projects into the sociology and management classes. A homerun for us and a great learning experience for the students!

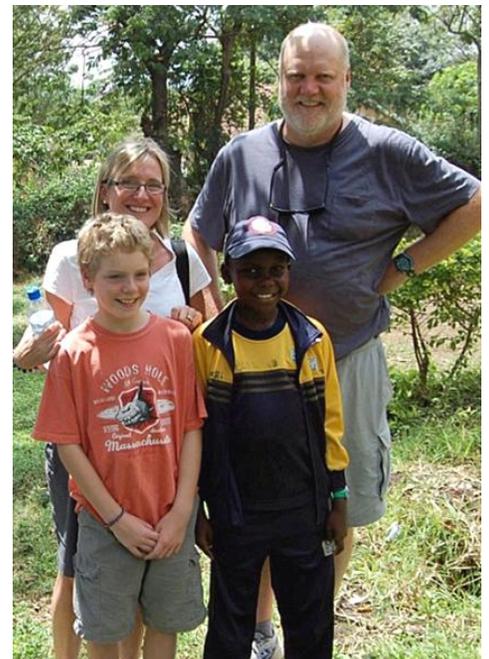
With the encouragement of Reverend Patti Barrett and the Outreach Committee at **St. Barnabas Episcopal Church** on Cape Cod, co-founder Sheryl Seyfert took to the pulpit to raise money for EfforTZ. The result is the commitment by St. Barnabas parishioners to sponsor two of our scholarship students!

Auxiliary board member **Pam Clapp Hinkle** has started a campaign to solicit swim gear (trunks and goggles) for the TACODA boys. She discovered the need while visiting our scholarship students this spring. Everyone had a great time while she was there! *In the photo: Pam, her husband Gregory and son Ian with Baraka, one of scholarship students.*

Check out the About Page on our website for our **2011 Gratitude Report**. Visit our Blog for profiles of our scholarship students and sign up to be notified so you won't miss any!

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