



August 2019 NEWSFLASH

SAVE THE DATE for our 2019 Fundraiser!

When: Thursday November 14

Where: Same location as 2018 event Renfrew Community Association ([811 Radford Road NE](#))

Watch for more details as we get closer to the date. We hope to see you there! To see what the fundraiser was like last year, check out this video.

Join our Team – Volunteer Opportunities

The INSPIRE!africa Board of Directors has been busy with strategic planning and building a sustainability plan. Based on feedback from some of our long term volunteers, we know that we need to build our volunteer base. To do that, we are currently looking to fill the following positions;

Fundraising Event Coordinator

We are looking for someone to coordinate all the moving parts that will make our November fundraiser another success. As this is our 13th fundraiser, we have lots of expertise and procedures to rely on so this is not an onerous task. All training and support will be provided.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate planning of the annual fundraiser by setting up and attending planning meetings with the lead volunteers.
- Oversee our team of lead volunteers. These lead volunteers are responsible for;
 - Event decorating and audio/video
 - Advertising and ticket sales
 - Silent auction and other revenue generating activities
 - Food and beverages
 - Volunteer coordination

Time commitment: Up to 10 hours per month from September to end of November



African Market Coordinator

Responsibilities:

- Maintain an inventory of African merchandise (all inventory is in Calgary)
- Select merchandise for the fundraiser Market and identify gaps
- Liaise with Merrill of [Primates a Go Go](#) to purchase additional products from Rwandan suppliers
- Determine pricing for merchandise (Merrill can assist)
- Lead a team of African Market volunteers at the fundraiser. This will involve coordinating the set up and display of merchandise; managing the sales table; and take down of the Market.

Time commitment: Up to 3 - 4 days from August to end of November.

If you or someone you know is interested in either of these positions, or just want to help with the fundraiser, please email Margaret McQuiston at mmcq@telus.net or Diane Altwasser at daltwasser@shaw.ca. We look forward to hearing from you!



Survivors Fund (SURF) Update

Our Rwandan partner SURF has been very busy. Here is an update on some of the projects they have been working on with your support.

25th Anniversary Commemoration Events

In May, commemoration events continued in Rwanda and internationally to mark the 25th anniversary of the genocide. This included the decent burial for victims whose remains have only recently been identified. One such event was held in the Nyamasheke District in the Western Province, where more than 15,000 victims were given a decent burial.

Building on the Success of the Helpline

Even more young survivors will be able to access legal advice through the Helpline, with additional funds provided by INSPIRE!africa and others. Service will be enhanced and at least 2,000 young people will be aware of their legal rights, 300 will have access to legal advice to understand how legal issues that are negatively impacting on their lives can be resolved, and 30 will be represented to pursue their legal cases.

Entrepreneur Refresher Training

SURF conducted refresher training for youth who have received loans for their business through the support of INSPIRE!africa and completed the Youth Entrepreneurship Training Programme. The training focused on bookkeeping, taxes, and how they could more effectively grow their business. SURF expects to provide loans to 30 youth by the end of 2019, again with funds provided by INSPIRE!africa donors.

'25 Years on' Documentary

For more information on the work of SURF, please [watch this video](#). It is a 10 minute version of the documentary 25 Years On, which tells the story of survivors 25 years after the genocide, their challenges, and the work that SURF is doing to help.
SURF Annual Report

Further information on SURF's success is available in their [Annual Report](#). In response to our retweet of the Annual Report, SURF replied;

"And thank you [@INSPIREafrica2](#) and all your supporters for your continuing help to make all that work possible!"

"SURF's vision is for a world where survivors are fully integrated, and their rights and dignity are respected. We are dedicated and committed to providing survivors with the support they need to rebuild their lives, as long as the need remains. We hope that you will join us in that vital mission."

Donations

Did you know that you can make [donations to INSPIRE!africa](#) at any time throughout the year using any of the following options;

- Set up a monthly donation
- Send a cheque to 102-520 Cedar Cres. SW, Calgary AB T3C 2Y8
- Send an e-transfer using our email address info@inspireafrica.org
- Donate through [Canada Helps](#). Please be aware that Canada Helps charges an administration fee.

For more information about any of these options please contact us at info@inspireafrica.org.

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