



**2018**

## **PARTNERS AND PROJECTS**

### **SURF (Survivors Fund)**

#### **Solar Lights**

- Before we went to Rwanda in May, we asked for donations that we could put to use immediately during our visit. From this ask, we received \$2000 and we were able to provide 50 rural household of mostly elderly survivors with solar powered lights.
- These lights allow survivors to socialize in the evening, rather than going to bed at sunset (around 6pm), charge cellphones, allow children light to do their homework, eliminate the need for costly kerosene or candles and eliminate the risk of fire or hazardous smoke.

#### **Entrepreneur Microfinance Loans**

- For the past few years, INSPIRE!africa has supported the training of youth in entrepreneurship and business skills
- We continued in 2018 and donations went towards a microfinance loan program where graduates from the Youth Entrepreneurship Training Program received a loan so they could implement their business plans
- In the beginning of August 2018, 13 young entrepreneurs received loans which they are required to pay back in installments over 12 months with interest of 10% pa. The loans are broken into two parts based on the nature of the business; some received the full loan amount while others received installments.

#### **Vocational Training Program**

- Children born of rape do not qualify for government funding offered to youth survivors to attend university, even though they are the most vulnerable population. This is because they were born after the genocide ended.
- In 2018 INSPIRE!africa supported 12 youth born of genocide rape with short term vocational training in one of the following: hair dressing, auto mechanics, culinary, sewing and electricity.

#### **Housing**

- With 2018 donations, 5 houses were renovated. The need was particularly light since the annual rains have been particularly long and damaging these past 2 years.

## Helpline

- INSPIRE!africa has been supporting the Helpline since it started in 2013 as a pilot project supported solely by INSPIRE!africa. The target is vulnerable young survivors with legal and mental health challenges
- The helpline provides support primarily to young genocide survivors currently in secondary school or university who have challenges related to legal issues or mental health. This program has been particularly successful in settling claims for family property which was taken after parents were killed during the genocide.

Legal Cases related to land reclamation received in 2018		138 cases have been received this year
Cases successfully resolved		11 cases were resolved successfully
Cases referred to other organizations	Some cases are better served by other providers	96 cases referred to other service providers
Estimated value of property and land returned since the start of the project	Some young survivors reclaimed their land while other received the equivalent land value	Estimation of total value since the commencement of this program is \$1,050, 000 CAD
Counselling cases received		Counselling cases were received
Counselling cases supported		106 beneficiaries were supported with individual counselling
Cases referred to other organizations	Cases were referred to hospitals or other health services	111 cases were referred and successfully received support
Follow up cases	Some beneficiaries require regular follow up support	104 beneficiaries need follow up support

## Student Sponsorships

- INSPIRE!africa continues to support youth who were orphaned from the genocide to attend university.
- So far, 14 of the 18 we have supported since 2008 have graduated. We will continue to support the remaining 4 until their studies are complete.
- INSPIRE!africa is not accepting any new student

## Solace Ministries

### Livestock for Widows

- INSPIRE!africa supports widows with livestock which provides them with a modest income to pay for food, medicine and everyday items. It also provides them with companionship and a purpose. In addition, beneficiaries contribute a percentage of their profits from the livestock to a micro-credit loan program that others in their communities can access.
- In 2018 we donated the following:
  - o 21 piglets

- 4 pigs
- 158 chickens
- 3 cows

## **Days for Girls**

- INSPIRE!africa is acting as a fiscal sponsor in support of the Tujyembere Women's Cooperative which is now a certified Days for Girls enterprise thanks to our volunteer, Eveline Goodall. This Kigali based cooperative sews and sells Days for Girls reusable menstruation kits for women and girls so they no longer have to miss out on work or school during their periods.

## **Fundraising Activities**

### **12th Annual Fundraiser- INSPIRE!africa Pub Night – November 22, 2018**

- This year we raised \$102,000. The new format, a pub night in a community centre, was very successful. We sold crafts from Rwanda at the African Market, held a silent auction, and served pub food with a cash bar. Jae Cowie and Heather Knorr spoke to the guests about their experiences on the 2018 Volunteer Trip to Rwanda.

### **Volunteer Trip**

- 10 volunteers participated in the trip to Rwanda from May 18 to June 2. Several volunteers used Facebook to document their time with stories and photos.
- This was the 6th Volunteer trip to Rwanda.

### **Primates a Go Go**

- This is an online company created and operated by Merrill Genereux, and long-time volunteer and supporter of INSPIRE!africa. Primates a Go-Go provided many of the Rwanda crafts at the African Market. Proceeds from sales at the fundraiser went directly to INSPIRE!africa projects in Rwanda.

### **Board Updates**

- After 12 years with INSPIRE!africa, Alix MacDonald decided to step down from the Board of Directors. We thank her for her considerable contribution as a co-founder, Board Secretary and Rwanda Volunteer Trip leader.
- This year we welcomed Joy Reneker, a long time INSPIRE!africa volunteer, to the Board.