



## January 2019 NEWSFLASH – Happy New Year

### November Pub Night Fundraiser a HUGE Success

We are thrilled to announce that we raised \$102,000 this year. On behalf of Rwanda's survivors, thank you so much.

The Pub Night format created a friendly buzz in the room while guests bid on silent auction items, shopped at our popular African Market of Rwanda crafts and munched on delicious pub food.

Heather Knorr and Jae Cowie were very inspiring as they spoke about their experiences as participants on our 2018 Volunteer Trip to Rwanda.

Thanks to all the volunteers who cooked the food, decorated the room, collected the donations and made everyone feel welcome.

Here is a short video produced by Eloise and Alyssa of SAIT's Media and Communications Program.

### Thanks, from a Survivor

Recently we received the following from a recipient of a pig donated by INSPiRE!africa. This shows how meaningful your donations are.

*Rosata Kayitesi says that thanks to God the pig that was given to her produced 8 piglets and she sold them and got 70,000 RWF (\$108.00). She was so thankful for this blessing this year and thanked Solace (our Rwanda partner) for the many things that have been beneficial in her life.*

### INSPIRE!africa Board Update

This year **Alix MacDonald**, our Co-Founder has decided to step down from the Board. Alix has been instrumental in making INSPiRE!africa the success it is today. We will miss her guidance but she has assured us that she will not be far away and will still help our where needed. It is difficult to know how to honour the 12 years that Alix has committed to Rwanda through the INSPiRE!africa Board but we will do our best at an event on February 13. The event will be at a local restaurant (TBD) and is free to attend however everyone is responsible for their own food and drinks. [Please RSVP by February 5 at EventBrite.](#) Thank you Alix!

We are pleased that **Joy Reneker** has agreed to join our Board. We are so lucky that Joy chanced upon us a few years ago and started volunteering right away. Many of you will know her as the organizer of our Silent Auction. She has been to Rwanda twice, once with INSPiRE!africa. Welcome Joy.

### Tax Receipts

**Before the end of February**, you will receive your charitable donation receipt. Look for an email from [cowiejae@gmail.com](mailto:cowiejae@gmail.com). If we don't have your email, we will put it in the mail.

### Donations

Did you know that [INSPIRE!africa accepts donation](#) at any time throughout the year using a variety of options. We can help you set up a monthly donation, you can send a cheque to 102-520 Cedar Cres. SW Calgary, AB. T3C 2Y8, we will accept e-transfers using our email [info@inspireafrica.org](mailto:info@inspireafrica.org) for the transfer recipient or you can [make a donation through Canada Helps](#). Please be aware that Canada Helps does charge an administration fee.

For more information about any of these options please contact us at [info@inspireafrica.org](mailto:info@inspireafrica.org).

### Donations

From all of us at INSPIRE!africa, we wish you a happy and healthy new year and hope your dreams for 2019 come to be. From the INSPIRE!africa Board; Diane, Jae, Joy and Margaret

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