



2013

PARTNERS AND PROJECTS

SURF (Survivors Fund)

Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YETP)

Finding work in Rwanda often means creating your own business. This is especially the case for orphans as they don't have family businesses to move into. INSPIRE!africa donations helped to fund this youth entrepreneurship program which provides university students with training in all aspects of business development. From managing time, money and staff to creating marketing and business plans. These students learn what it takes to develop and run their own businesses. The pilot project for 150 students that started in 2013 was such a success that another 150 students will be accepted into the training starting in April 2014.

Helpline

INSPIRE!africa donations were also used to fund a helpline which offers trauma counseling for university students who are still dealing with the trauma from the horrors they witnessed during the genocide. On the helpline, they could also receive free legal advice on matters such as dealing with land disputes as a result of the killers taking their parents land away.

Widow's Houses

Many widows live in substandard housing and do not have the capacity to do the much-needed renovations themselves. 15 housing renovations were funded and completed in 2013.

Solace Ministries

Livestock for Widows

The majority of the livestock purchased by INSPIRE!africa supporters went to the widow in the Kibuye area. This community had now received support in the past. Four cows, 44 goats and 10 beehives were presented to widows and families.

The widows benefiting from this livestock program now have an income well above the poverty line and can pay for food, education for their young ones, health care, decent clothing, and much more. The livestock program also sustains a micro credit loan component. A small percentage of a widow's

earnings from her livestock is reinvested into a loan program so that cooperatives in her community can be established.

Rwanda Multi Learning Centre (RMLC)

INSPIRE!africa continues to subsidize the salary for the 4 full time teachers at the Learning Centre.

An evaluation was conducted for the RMLC, and results showed that students appreciate and value the friendships and connections they have made at the centre as well as the confidence directly due to the environment which the Learning Centre has provided. Students identified learning English and computer skills as their top two important skills acquired which has helped give them hope for their future through opportunities in continued education, starting their own businesses or finding a good job

Student Sponsorships

- Three of the original 6 students which INSPIRE!africa supports graduated in 2013.
- The other 12 we currently support are doing well in their studies

Fundraising Activities

7th Annual Fundraiser- “Rwanda, the Future is Now”

Our annual fundraiser was held at Webster Galleries. Award winning author Will Ferguson was our speaker. We were entertained with some Rwandan dancers and we raised over \$95,000.

Art Cards

Long-time supporter Lynn Morin and her sister Karen Aasen, gathered a group of local artists and put their creative minds to work. They found inspiration from pictures, stories and books from Rwanda. Ten unique art cards were created. Each individual developed their cards from what they learned about the culture, history and climate of Rwanda and the impact that INSPIRE!africa is making.

Primates a Go Go

Merrill Genereux was a participant in the 2012 volunteer trip to Rwanda, and since then she partnered with Aspire Rwanda (a woman’s organization in Kigali) to produce unique Christmas ornaments created out of the beads. The proceeds of her sales go towards INSPIRE!africa projects.

INSPIRE!africa Administration Activities

This year we welcomed Diane Altwasser as our newest Board member. Diane travelled with us to Rwanda last year and brings to us her invaluable non-profit experience.

Lynn Morin responded to our call for a Donor Recognition Coordinator and for someone to oversee the management of our website. Lynn’s creativity and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated.

Suzie McInnis also travelled with us to Rwanda last year and is now our Student Sponsorship Coordinator. We are so pleased to have Suzie's organization, initiative and passion for this critical role.

Terry Bourgonje, another 2012 trip participant, stepped up to take on the role of Volunteer Coordinator for our fundraiser.

Canadahelps.org- INSPIRE!africa has enrolled in this service so supporters have the choice to donate online. Although convenient, INSPIRE!africa promotes using cash or cheque as Canadahelps does require an administrative fee.

Total Revenues \$117,430

Disbursed: \$108,313.29