



January 2024 Newsflash

2023 Fundraising

Thanks to you, we are thrilled to announce that we raised \$51,000 in 2023! On behalf of our Rwandan friends, thank you so much for all your support! To read about our November 18 Coffee House Fundraiser, see the November Newsletter on our [website](#).

A Word from Our Partner: Survivors Fund (SURF)

At the 2023 Coffee House fundraiser we watched a video from SURF, hearing from survivors who have benefitted from programs offered by SURF and supported with INSPIRE!africa funds.

For example, in the video we heard from a woman who, in her words, couldn't sleep, cried sometimes, and was lonely all the time. The counselling she received through the Helpline guided her through her complicated life challenges to the point where she is much happier now.

Another survivor told us that after she received a house from SURF, people from the Congo accused her of taking their land. She contacted the Helpline and with

representation from SURF's attorney, she went to court and won her case. Although the ruling was later challenged, when the case was taken to the High Court, she also won that case.

One youth we heard from had been to university but was unable to find a job. SURF provided her with skills training and an entrepreneurship loan. Thanks to this support, she has now opened her own business. With INSPIRE!africa funding SURF also provides skills training in culinary arts, hairdressing, and many other skills that will provide survivors the opportunity to get jobs.

As you can see, the funding we provide to SURF changes lives. Almost 30 years after the Genocide Against the Tutsi the needs of survivors are still there. On behalf of SURF and their beneficiaries, thank you for your donations!

Please click [here](#) to see the video presentation.





2023 Tax Receipts

Thank you again to all of you who donated to INSPIRE!africa in 2023. Your tax receipts will be sent by email in February and will come from cowiejae@gmail.com. Please be sure to check your junk folder if you don't receive it.

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