



**It's coming! INSPIRE!africa Day is Thursday, November 18, 2021!**

It's your chance to give like you have before but in a new way - from the comfort of your own home!

### **2020 Donation Update**

Last year at our virtual fundraiser you donated \$68,000! Plus, in the spring of 2020, you responded to our appeal for COVID-19 Relief donations with \$5,000. **So, the total we raised in 2020 was \$73,000.** We were thrilled with this amount, especially since 2020 was a difficult year for so many! We **thank you so much for this support.** Here is a breakdown of how that money made a difference to survivors in Rwanda.

### **Livestock**

- 18 piglets
- 5 big pigs
- 14 goats
- 240 chickens



### **Housing Renovations**

- 2 families had their houses renovated. One of the beneficiaries was Laurence who said; *"I am extremely happy to-day for this house, I had a very old house and it was not like a house, because when it rained we could not stay inside fearing that any time it might fall down and the iron sheets (roof) would blow away. I am very happy that I will no longer have to look for accomodation from my neighbors. I am going to be stable and start thinking to start a small business generating income to help me feed the family as I am the head of household of the three children".*

### Solar Lights

- 6 solar lights were given to 6 families who can now safely carry-on evening activities such as cooking, school work and socializing.

### Entrepreneurship Loans

- 25 youth received business loans in the first half of 2021. More are being supported for the second half of the year. Ange, a youth who received a loan said; *“I am happy today because of my business which is progressing well. I was born out of rape and my mother could not afford to meet all my needs. Survivors Fund helped to pay for the high school and after that life started becoming so hard. I approached Survivors Fund and they helped me (through INSPIRE!africa donations) to start a small business of liquor shop with a loan. I am confident that I will pay them back and get more loans to expand my business. This business is helping me to cover all the expenses at home as my mother has no job, and our only sources of income is through this business.”*



### Helpline

- Hundreds of youth benefited from the mental health counselling support offered through the Helpline. In addition, \$126,000 in land value was recovered thanks to the legal support that youths received to reclaim their family's land which was taken during the genocide. Josephine received legal assistance and the final paperwork is being prepared to transfer the family land to her and her sisters. Josephine said; *“I don't know how I can express my feelings. This process started many years back, and sometimes we got traumatized due to this process, and most of the time we wanted to give up but other people kept encouraging us to continue. We believe that once we get back this land our life will change for the better. We will be able to use the land for farming.”*

### Vocational Training

- 12 second generation survivors received vocational training in trades such as mechanics, tailoring, hair dressing and construction. Joselyn is attending

training to be an auto mechanic. She has told us; *“I do not know how to express my feelings, I got pregnant when I was in secondary school and immediately I dropped out, as I could not be able to continue my studies. My baby boy is now three years of age. Before joining this vocational training, I attempted to commit suicide several times, as I could not see any future with my baby. With the help of INSPIRE!africa, Survivors Fund helped me to come to school and now I am doing really well in automobile engineering with confidence of getting a job after school. I feel that my future will be bright, for both my son and me.”*



#### **COVID-19 Relief**

- 40 families received COVID-19 relief support to help them with immediate needs

**WOW**, this is a huge difference which donors like you made last year in the lives of Rwandans. **Thank you so much!**

#### **How can you help this year?**

- Start your holiday shopping! Our online African market is open now until December 31. For photos of all items for sale and information on how to pay and pick up, check our [website](#).
- Make a donation. Give for whatever is needed the most or use our Shopping List below to choose where your donation goes! Pick the option that works best for you: e-transfer, mail a cheque, or donate through [CanadaHelps.org](https://CanadaHelps.org). Details are on our [website](#).
- Set up a fundraiser on your Facebook page!
- Ask your human resources department if they have a donation matching program!

Goat	___	X	\$ 45 =	\$ _____
Piglet	___	X	\$ <u>50</u> =	\$ _____
Big Pig	___	X	\$150 =	\$ _____
Solar light	___	X	\$ <u>50</u> =	\$ _____
Part of house renovation for a survivor	___	X	\$100 =	\$ _____
Entrepreneur Microfinance Loans				\$ _____
Helpline Counseling				\$ _____
Land Reclamation Legal Support				\$ _____
Vocational Training (towards cost of \$600/student)				\$ _____
COVID-19 Emergency Relief				\$ _____
Put my donation to where the most need is				\$ _____

Upon request we will provide a gift card for you to give to your loved ones. As always, **100% of your donations will go to Rwanda survivors.** For donations of more than \$20.00, we will provide a tax receipt.

On behalf of Rwanda's genocide survivors, **THANK YOU** for your support!

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### Take Care

COVID-19 reminds us how connected we really are to each other. We are all in this together. Take care of yourself and each other, and stay safe.