



## March 2024 Newsflash

### **Calgary Commemoration of the 30th Anniversary of the Genocide Against the Tutsi**

Please join the Calgary Rwandan community as they come together to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Genocide Against the Tutsi.

**Date:** Saturday, April 13, 2024

**Time:** 2:30-5:00 pm

**Location:** Ross Glen Hall, Mount Royal University



## **A Bequeath to INSPIRE!africa**

In 2023 INSPIRE!africa was notified that one of our supporters had passed away and had allocated a percentage of their estate to INSPIRE!africa. While we were saddened to hear of this death, we were touched by their thoughtfulness and their decision to consider survivors in Rwanda as part of their legacy. Now that the estate has been settled, we know that we will receive just over \$135,000.

To ensure this money is being put to the best possible use, we have consulted with our Rwandan partner SURF (Survivors Fund). Together, we decided that it would be best to spread it over the next three years. This will allow us to increase our annual contribution to the projects we currently support, knowing that they make a difference in the lives of survivors. As a result, approximately \$45,000 will be added to our fundraising total for each of the next three years.

## Your 2023 Donations at Work

In 2023, thanks to you and the bequeath noted above, we raised **\$98,600** to support survivors in Rwanda. **THANK YOU!**

The funds will be used to support the following projects:

<b>Helpline:</b>	\$ 38,000 – will cover operational costs for 1 year
<b>Vocational Training:</b>	\$ 20,500 – provides funding for 25 students
<b>House Rebuilding and Repair:</b>	\$16,500 – renovations to approximately 8 homes
<b>Entrepreneurship Programs:</b>	\$ 20,5000 – provides 10-15 youth entrepreneurs with a business loan
<b>Solar lights:</b>	\$ 1,400 – will pay for 25 lights
<b>Livestock:</b>	\$ 1,700 – for chickens, pigs, and goats

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