

# September 2025 Newsflash

#### 2025 Fundraiser – Saturday, November 15

We are excited to invite you to INSPIRE!africa's annual fundraiser supporting projects in Rwanda. We will be hosting a family friendly coffee house. The theme this year is *Rwanda: Journey to Inspiration*. The volunteers who went to Rwanda with us this year will be sharing their experiences from the trip. Join us to hear their stories! They will inspire you!

Of course, our always popular African Market will be back with crafts from Rwanda so you can purchase fantastic holiday gifts for your family and friends, and maybe something for yourself! This year we also have coffee beans from our favorite roaster in Rwanda for purchase.



We will also have live music provided by local artist Karen Anderson. We know you will enjoy her eclectic acoustic sound!

Be sure to invite your family and friends to this great afternoon of inspiration and fun! They won't be disappointed!

Date: Saturday, November 15

**Time:** 1:00-4:00 pm

Location: Scarboro Community Association: 1737 14 Ave SW, Calgary

(Free parking behind the tennis courts)

Ticket price: Only \$20.00 for adults and \$10 for youth!

Tickets are available now on **Eventbrite!** Advance purchase

necessary. Get yours today!









We can't wait to see you there!

### **How You Helped Survivors In 2024**

Thanks to you, in 2024 we raised \$50,000! We hope to raise even more this year. We know that resources are tight for so many people, and we are very grateful for our loyal and new supporters who enabled INSPIRE!africa to achieve these results.

Here are some of the ways you helped survivors in 2024:

- Vocational Training: 15 second generation survivors received support for vocational training. Of those, 10 survivors obtained employment after completion.
- Helpline: From January to September 2024, 662 calls were received by the Helpline. Individuals were seeking assistance with issues related to land disputes, family conflict, civil and criminal issues. 80% of the legal cases were resolved and 544 counselling cases were received. Issues addressed included PTSD, depression, anxiety and stress.
- Entrepreneurship Loans: In 2024, 15 entrepreneurs were supported with a loan from the program. The value of businesses created was \$19,000 USD.
- **Home Renovations:** 2 families benefitted from renovations to their homes in 2024
- Solar Lights: 60 families received solar lights in 2024

As you can see, you are helping survivors in a variety of ways. INSPIRE!africa continues to receive regular updates from our partner SURF (Survivors Fund) about the projects we are supporting. With input from SURF, we continue to adjust the areas for our support, recognizing that the needs and issues of survivors change as economic and health needs change.

On behalf of survivors, THANK YOU!

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