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NYUAT PROJECT SHINE TANZANIA

Project Motto: Tuka Pamoja/We Are Together



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Nyuat Project SHINE is a health and sanitation-based project with Maasai pastoralists in the Ngorongoro Conservation Area of Tanzania. The project features two related activities: 1) provision of clean drinking water through installation of 180 biosand filters in homes 2 communities, and 2) provision of soap for local community use and to commercially supply local lodges under a for-profit enterprise. The 5 years of project funding will conclude in 2021.

Due to the pandemic, there was an interruption of tourism sales to lodges, with an increase in the community need for soap and clean water. Nyuat Group pivoted to provide free soap to the locals. We are so proud of Nyuat's tireless efforts over the years to raise awareness about the importance of handwashing with clean water soap!

A recent survey of biosand filter users revealed a high dependency of multiple households per filter plus an improvement in health, especially for young children. These very positive results confirmed the project's value. The Nyuat Group and Sahakarini are encouraged and are exploring additional filter installation projects.

Laurie Moffitt Barr, Board Member

Friends of Shanta Bhawan (FSB)

Thank you to those who supported Sahakarini's successful Christmas appeal which provided support for FSB's Clinic in purchasing essential medicines, laboratory and dressing supplies. Patients continue to use the Clinic for medical services during these uncertain and stressful COVID-19 times. This project is now completed.

Utooni Development Organization (UDO) Sand Dam, Kenya

The Utooni Development Organization (UDO) Sand Dam in Kola, Kenya is a new project fully funded by designated gifts from a small group of donors. This multi-level project involves construction of a sand dam on a local river; establishment of tree nurseries; and training community members on project governance and management; and supporting community groups in engaging in best agricultural practices for food production and income generation. The sustainability and economic benefits to the community make this an outstanding project. This is the 4th Sahakarini sand dam project supported by UDO.

Child Care Center Columbia

This \$15,000 project has been partially funded by a \$7,000 gift from a single donor. Sahakarini's challenge is to raise the remaining \$8,000. This project supports the Child Care Centre (Casa del Nino Rosita Sierra) in Salamina, Colombia. The Centre's current building is 72 years old and requires extensive repairs, renovations and upgrades to be operated safely. The facility is staffed and operated by a local non-profit organization – The Little Sisters of the Annunciation. The Centre serves as a day care for children (ages 6 months to 5 years) from low income and marginalized families and employs a staff of 5 teachers and care givers. Sahakarini's contribution will cover the cost of materials. The associated labor needs and costs will be covered by local fund raising and volunteerism. This project is a wonderful opportunity for additional donors to contribute towards the completion of this project for the health and well-being of the children of Casa del Nino Rosito Sierra.

Two exciting funding developments, for 2021-22, are projects totally or partly funded by a few major community donors. In both cases, Sahakarini is providing project administrative oversight and accountability and the donors have designated the specific project for which their financial donations are to be used. This is a 'Win Win' situation where the donors get to see a project close to their hearts go forward. This project This project funding approach may well serve as a model for other major donors to consider in selecting and supporting future projects.

Michael Mucz, Chairperson Projects Committee

The Joy of Designated Giving

A designated gift can be large or small. It can be the leadership gift that kick starts a project or one that completes it, a boost along the way. For us, it is a targeted response to a compelling need close to our own hearts. Over the years we have designated gifts to education for girls, water wells, daycare for slum children, agricultural training and resources for African farmers, and many more. We can imagine a girl to be able to grow up and have choices beyond marriage at thirteen, or a village woman no longer have to walk miles for water, or a family to have enough food to eat and some to sell as well. It doesn't matter that we will never meet those girls or share a meal with those farmers. To be able to make that kind of difference in their lives is simply sheer joy, worth every penny.

We are grateful to Sahakarini for providing these opportunities for both donors and beneficiaries.

(Of course, it is important if one is hoping to make a designated gift, that the object be in line with the priorities of Sahakarini.)

Gail Stolee, Community Member

President's Report

Spring is upon us and Covid is still here. This has not slowed things down at Sahakarini. We are constantly exploring new ways of moving forward. We benefit from the use of Zoom as we meet, plan and discuss the business of Sahakarini. Everyone is on board with supporting familiar and new projects in resourceful ways such as we did with our Christmas appeal for FSB in Nepal.

All key Sahakarini events will go forward in new ways. It is with eagerness that we wish to fully celebrate Sahakarini in 2021/2022 in the best and safest way possible. Our Loaves and Fishes event will be held this October in a new way and we

look forward to your participation in this annual Sahakarini tradition. Watch for the fall Newsletter for details. If you are interested in becoming a board member let us know and elections will be held at the AGM in June.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and your kind words of support. Both are much appreciated. Thank you to my fellow Board Members.

Stay safe and my best regards to all,

Litsa Tryphonopoulos, President/Chair

The Power of the Many to Make a Difference

"A new fund-raising campaign coming soon" We will be launching a campaign to encourage our supporters to become monthly donors. Please consider signing up for an easy, automatic, monthly deduction so that our good works will continue no matter what crisis occurs; be it a pandemic, bad weather or you just can't make it to the supper.

If everyone receiving this newsletter signs up to contribute the price of a coffee and a donut (\$5) once a month, we could do something like provide health services to mothers and children at the Primary Health Clinic in Nepal. If we all sign up for the cost of a Big Fish Burger Combo (\$10) once a month, we could do things like supply a village in Tanzania with clean water and also support the clinic in Nepal. Talk about the power of loaves and fishes!

We will be sending out an email soon with details on how to sign up for our Loaves and Fishes Monthly Donor Club so you can change people's lives for the price of a snack or a fast-food meal once a month.

Brian Nelson, Board Member

Save the Dates:

AGM June 7, 2021 Zoom. Invitation will be available on the website.

LOAVES AND FISHES and so much more, October 2021. Look for updates and further info beginning in September and in the Fall Newsletter. Watch for the new Sahakarini Fund.



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