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IN KENYA WITH HOPE,
HOMES, AND A FUTURE



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Live for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

Spotlight on Moses Maingi

By Peter Wunsch

Moses may be our greatest success story. He came to us in 2007 as a twelve year old when his grandfather could no longer take care of him. He fit right in immediately.

His greatest attribute was his ability to be a mentor to all of the younger children, and he worked with them on several projects. Moses organized them to start a postcard-writing program to their mentors. He loved music and helped the children record a song and video at the orphanage. Those of us who have seen it know that these orphans are in tune with hip hop, pop and most American fads. Moses has also started the new email campaign between the orphans and their mentors. His mentor, Jack Lacitra, wrote that there was a charm in reading everything Moses wrote.

Moses, who is currently attending Nairobi University, often travels back to Meru where he is an inspiration to everyone.



Welcome to Hope Children's Home

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Our mission is to provide safety, food, clothing, health care, education and the means for the children and young adults in our care to create a productive successful future for themselves.

Passion for Education Gala

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February 18th, 2018

East Wind, Long Island, NY

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HOPE CHILDREN'S FUND
invites you to their first

Passion for Education Gala

*Supporting the education
of the children
of the Jerusha Mwiraria
Hope Children's Home
in Meru, Kenya*

Sunday,
February 18, 2018
6pm – 10pm

East Wind Long Island

Northampton Ballroom in Wading River, NY

Cocktail Hour, Dinner, Entertainment & Silent Auction

Tickets \$200 per person (tax deductible)

Formal Attire Preferred • Discounted overnight accommodations available

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Education fund is the key for HCF Gala

By Aida and Kevin Mann

Hope Children's Fund proudly announces our first annual "Passion for Education Gala" to be held at the East Wind Long Island on Sunday, February 18th, from 6-10 pm.

The goal of the evening is to raise tuition money to send the children from the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Fund Home to secondary and post-secondary schools in Kenya. As we currently have 50 youth enrolled in these tuition-based facilities, our education budgets are substantial.

Our evening will be filled with joy and celebration. Tables at the Gala will be named in honor of orphans who are excelling at their schools. Decoration and floral design will be done by "DLAURENB." Cocktail hour music will be provided by Bobby Sexton and Patrick. During registration, "Red Carpet" photos will be taken of all attendees. The featured entertainment will be provided by the band X-SESSIONS. A silent auction featuring fashion, art and sports items will take place.

The "Passion for Education Gala" is held on the eve of a national holiday, so all can dance without concerns of work the next day. East Wind Long Island has made a block of rooms available at a deep discount. These luxury accommodations will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

100% of all proceeds from the "Passion for Education Gala" will go directly to tuition costs because Hope Children's Fund is an all-volunteer organization with no office, paid employees or overhead expenses.

So please help us help the helpless by joining Hope Children's Fund for an evening of fun and memories. Your participation will change the lives of some of the world's most vulnerable children . . . forever!



East Wind Long Island

The Meaning and Importance of our GALA

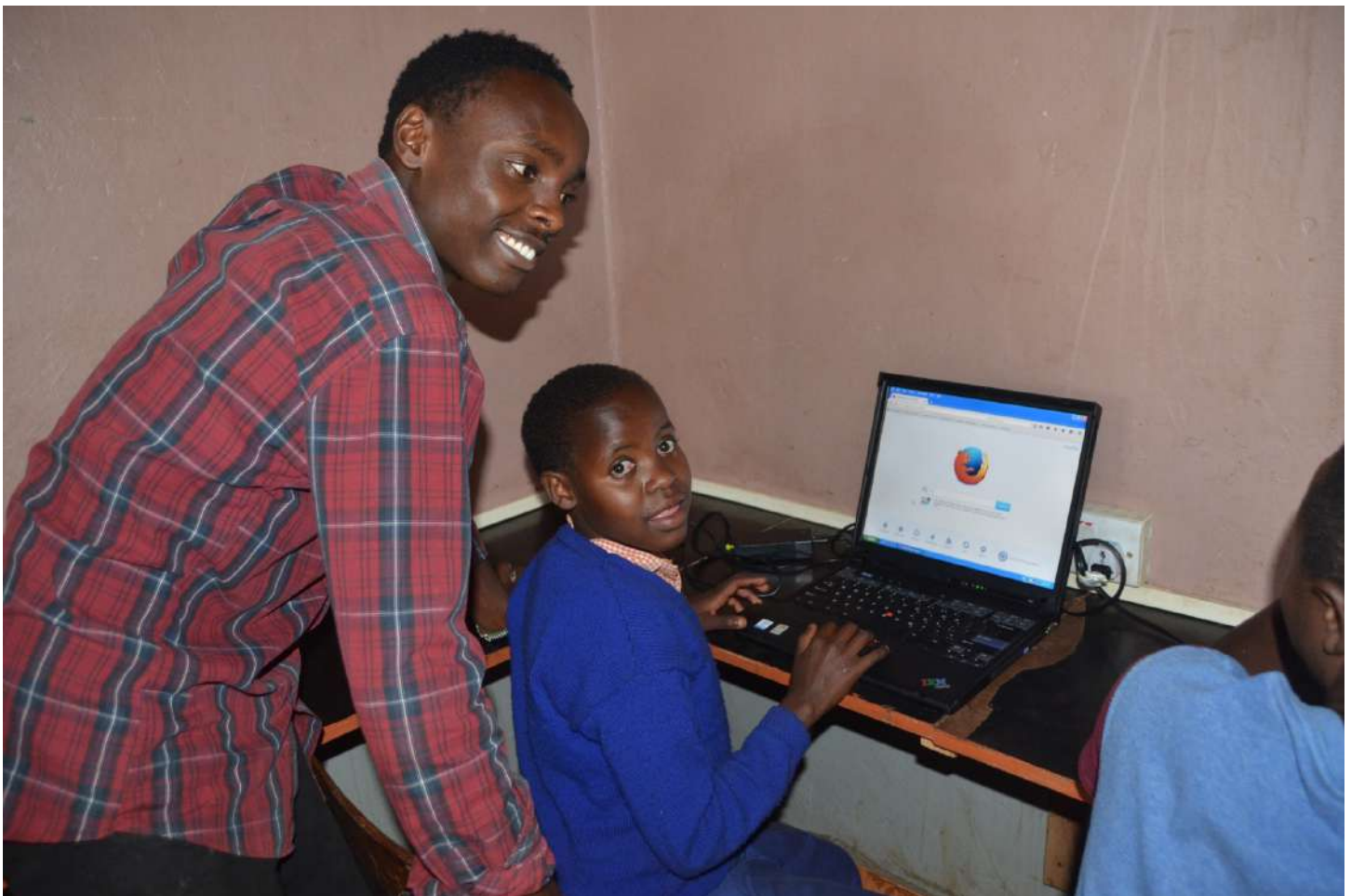
By Doug McDonough

Hope Children's Fund has been in existence for more than a decade. Without a single paid employee, we have grown from a few to a population of over eighty children in our care.

During this time we have remained committed and unswerving from our goal of providing every one of our children with all of the tools they require to become successful citizens, not only of Kenya, but of the world.

We have reached the point where we have become the victims of our own success. Part of our mission is to provide each child with the education they are capable of achieving. As some may know, public (tax funded) education ends at grade eight. High school and higher education is strictly fee-for-service.

As our students age, the cost of their education increases dramatically and is fast approaching critical mass. Our response to this ever growing need is our GALA. If it is at all possible, please join us and invite a friend, a neighbor or a business colleague. Please, help us help the helpless.



Moses Maingi doing one of the things he does best -- mentoring children at Hope Children's Home.

By Doug McDonough

Sometimes hard work and persistence really pays off. Over the last few months a great many caring and wonderful people have responded big time to our needs, and we want to thank every one of these super folks.

Chris Cohen, owner of Mustard Seed Farm and Cafe, Main Street, Center Moriches, hosted an under-the-stars dinner to promote and fund raise for the Home. Culinary delights were provided by The Village Cheese Shop of Mattituck and Pastosa of North Babylon. Super entertainment rocked the night courtesy of the Bobby Saxton Trio. It was a great evening: good food, superb music, sparking conversation and outstanding art work with a Meru, Kenya theme. A great idea for a recurring event.

Sue Pennenga and the Youth Group from the Middle Island Church of Christ Summer Bible Camp are serving as

mentors for our kids and living the lessons they learned from their summer activities.



The murals painted at the Mustard Seed Farm and Cafe in Center Moriches represent the kindness of owner Chris Cohen and the positive energy of the volunteer artists.

Tom and Barbara Lyons, two of the nicest and most selfless people I've ever had the pleasure to meet, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and designated Hope Children's Fund as their charity of choice.

Nisha Joshi and her son Shravan, two exceptionally competent people, have offered their time and energy to improve the people and environment of not only the Home but the entire Meru area. Our best wishes to her son Shreel on the advent of his marriage to Aarshi.

Dr. Jacqueline Bruscella, SUNY Oneonta faculty member, is facilitating the

Communications Club in its efforts to work with the Hope Children's Fund Board to raise funds. Given the continued increase in the number of our kids entering high school and college, our financial means are being stretched to the limit and assistance in this area is crucial if we are to meet our goal of providing the best possible education for every child in our care.

Participants in the Commack School District's International Baccalaureate Program are considering options on how they might become interactive with the youngsters at the Home. Students working with students is a surefire recipe for success and we extend our support for each of these super youngsters in their activities.

Not to be outdone, our Board members have also labored mightily on behalf of our kids. Kevin and Aida Mann, with the able assistance of many other Board members, have donated uncounted hours and raised thousands of dollars through the sale of Kenyan arts and crafts at craft sales throughout Suffolk County.

The Hope Children's Fund family, working together for a great cause, is hoping for continued success in all our endeavors. Please help us help the helpless.



Kelvin Koome and the maize harvest are pictured on the wall of the Mustard Seed Cafe.



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