

TUMAINI FUND CANADA (TFC) ANNUAL REPORT: SEPTEMBER 2019

BACKGROUND:

The Tumaini Fund was introduced to Canada in 2010, and there has been growing support for this small but vital charity, working in Kagera, one of the poorest areas of Tanzania - one of the 10 poorest countries in the world.

Tumaini (which is Swahili for Hope) was founded in 2003 by Dr. Susan Wilson in Guernsey in the British Channel Islands. It has grown to support over 25,000 AIDS orphans, widows, and poor families, by providing food, clothing, housing, mosquito nets, clean water and access to schools and education for a better future.

Currently, about 6,000 Tumaini orphans attend secondary school. Vocational training is provided with 6 Tailoring Schools and 5 Carpentry schools. Several hundred orphans attend Colleges and Universities, often returning after graduation to help with Tumaini's vital work in Kagera. Adult education supports home businesses, with startup loans for agriculture, fish farms, bee keeping, goat husbandry and home crafts etc., enabling families to escape subsistence farming for a better, more reliable, family income.

However, every year funds have to be raised to support this commitment, with many thousands of AIDS orphans and families still desperately needing help. Tumaini is now a registered charity around the world in Guernsey, England, Scotland, USA and New Zealand and **in 2013 Tumaini Fund Canada became a registered Canadian charity.**

CANADA

With its head office in Nanoose Bay, BC, TFC volunteers meet on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month in St. Mary's Anglican Church hall to sew, knit and crochet clothing, blankets, Izzy dolls and also to sew the Personal Care Kits, so urgently needed by our Tumaini schoolgirls in Kagera. Some supporters work at home in Gold River and down the island to Duncan. Tumaini Crafters are immeasurably rewarded when they see their blankets, dresses, pants and sweaters in photos worn by a child in faraway Africa, and when they see a school girl carrying a drawstring bag with her Personal Care Kit which enables her to attend school full time.

NEWS & SUPPORT:



Canadians personally donate funds for Education, Housing, Wells, Solar Lamps, Goats, Bicycles, Sewing Machines. Many also make the personal gift of Child Sponsorship, which is \$100 per year to support a child.

This past year **Rotary Club of Nanaimo Oceanside** donated \$1,000 towards a fresh water well. **Lantzille Rotary** donated \$1,000 for fabric for school uniforms. BC Retired Teachers Association, **RR Smith Memorial Foundation** donated \$1,000 for Daftari school books. An innovative and generous donation comes from 50% of the **rental of a float cabin** on the west coast of Vancouver Island, with the tax receipt issued to the renters.

All funds are wire transferred to Kagera to be spent as designated by donors and the TFC board of directors. The latest wire in July 2019 of \$12,500 was designated to child sponsorship, Daftari school books, and education. We're delighted that this brings our **total wired donations, since 2013, to \$183,200.**

Periodically the hand-crafted clothing, blankets, toys and Personal Care Kits are forwarded to Kagera.

In 2014, ICROSS Canada gifted a 40' container, packed with humanitarian aid by Compassionate Resource Warehouse. In 2011, 2016 and 2018, pallets were packed in Nanoose Bay with Crafters' beautifully made blankets, clothing and toys. The pallets were sent by courier to Vancouver, onward by train to Montreal and then loaded onto a vessel for the long sea voyage either directly to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, or more recently to Guernsey to be included in the next container to Dar es Salaam. After customs clearance and a long overland journey, this humanitarian aid is always so welcomed in Kagera.

With the huge and urgent need to provide all school girls with a Personal Care Kit, these are given priority, and mostly hand carried from Canada to Guernsey and then onward by visitors to Kagera. To date **914 kits** have been sent from Canada.

THE TUMAINI FUND CANADA IS INDEBTED TO:

Dr. Susan Wilson, MBE: for her amazing leadership, & unfailing faith in what can be achieved if we all do our bit.

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Nanoose Bay: for steadfast support since 2010 and the use of St. Mary's hall and facilities.

Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP: for their pro bono work, valuable advice and ongoing guidance.

Stana Pazicka CPA: for her pro bono work as our Public Accountant, and ongoing financial advice.

Gilles Toupin & iCare Consulting: for his pro bono work on the TFC website

Tumaini's Canadian Volunteers: for continuing enthusiasm & support for all our fundraising activities.

WEBSITE : Please visit our Website www.tumainicanada.org **Charity Registration No 84352 7938 RR0001**

