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HOPE 4 KENYA!

Marching into 2024!

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Romans 15:13

HOPE 4 KENYA, INC (H4K) completed 2023 with a great Feed the Smile campaign for the Holiday season. Thanks to our donors and the support of Dr Winters, Thomasville Pediatrics, Wendy Nesheim, National Disaster Medical System, and Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, H4K was able to provide much needed food and sanitation supplies to about 250 families. In addition, H4Ks continual collaboration with Kijiji and Springs of Hope Foundation, provided Special Needs Families additional supplies of panties and reusable liners for the mothers.

Why we do what we do! At the end of the day, H4Ks primary goal is to support the vulnerable populations with food and supplies they would otherwise not be able to obtain for their health and well-being. Children out of school, single mothers, and grandmothers supporting the youth leave little room in the budget for the “niceties.” Other times of the year H4K provides the ability for youth unable to attend school with uniforms, supplies and scholarships to attend school and build a future.

As we mentioned earlier, the 2023 Board Meeting, presented the opportunity to discuss ongoing projects and discuss future growth. Here are some of the updates in development.
Updates:

- **Fundraising:** We continue to seek areas of support from fundraisers, grants, sponsorships, and donors. The development of presentations provides the ability to present our projects and goals to potential donors. H4K has a new grant writer who is helping us to create a proposal that can be distributed to a number of sources to move forward with our first project development.

- **Project Development:** Unfortunately, although possible project sites have been visited, a permanent home for the development of H4K groundbreaking was not found. The decision will be based on the needs of the community, resources available in the area as well as cost and land availability needs. We continue to seek the right place and know that God has it in his plan for our future. H4K has narrowed the area to two vulnerable communities.

- **Website (social media):** The need for an expandable website is paramount to the growth of H4K. Our webmaster Kait Fast continues to work to launch a site in January 2024. The site is looking great, and I know that when ready will be a large asset to our team for allowing the world to see our work and reach out to donors for additional support needs. Stay tuned for more on the development and opening of this site. Hope4Kenya.co

- **Budget:** While I wish we had the funds to jump start our project goals, this is an area that we continue to work toward through fundraising and potential partners. Whether it be a little or a lot, each donation provides a way for H4K to reach the vulnerable in our community.

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H4K is determined to move into the future with our commitment to the community and the vulnerable populations we encounter. We are lucky to have our Kenyan Chairman, Peter Chek now in the US. Together we will reach the goals and build support for H4K.

Message from the Director: It has been a pleasure growing with Hope 4 Kenya. What began as an effort to get the youth involved in the community has grown into a licensed NGO in both Kenya and the US and a registered 501(C)3 with the IRS. We hope to open Higher Ground in the Spring of 2024 and will be taking our first team to Nakuru in October 2024. We know that the volunteers will be blessed by the interaction with the Kenyan people and that they will choose to join our Hope 4 Kenya family in the future.

We look forward to an exciting 2024 and will be available to present the joys of Missions in Kenya to your group.

And the king shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it until one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.
Matthew 25:40

During our Fall 2023 missions in Nakuru, we were able to touch over 250 elderly and special needs families in our community.

- **Medical Support** – Shortly after arrival, Jennifer Hughes the Director of Kijiji, Springs of Hope Foundation requested I work with Dr. Dianna Spencer from Costa Rica, conducting physicals for the students and providing recommendations for on-going medical issues. Each girl was given a paper to note special concerns or questions that they might have. Vital signs were taken, and each student was able to speak with the doctor to discuss personal concerns. We now have a plan for any ongoing issues that can be addressed.
- **Food Distribution** – The beginning of my schedule of events involved a trip to Gilani's to obtain the supplies needed for the holiday food distribution. This trip I was blessed to have some volunteers. Ann, Frank, and Sammie joined me with purchase and preparing the needed items. It was a true blessing and cut my preparation time in half. Together we packaged over 250 bags of holiday hope and joy for needy families.



- Peter's assignment was to prepare and print the bags for distribution. Due to the donation from Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, the bags were printed with both H4K and Mt. Tabor UMC.



Joseph Chek, a faithful supporter of H4K and our family, works with an HIV/AIDS community that has many vulnerable families. Veronica Moraa, the counselor for the group, knows the hardships, troubles, and needs of this group. H4K was asked to add the HIV/AIDS Group to our food distribution and H4K made it happen. Therefore, this group was added at the end of our mission. We had 40 families identified, however, more arrived and all were served. We spent the afternoon with the group before the rains hit and got to know them better. We learned that they host a youth group as well and H4K plans to add some HOPE to the youth as well.

I am sure that H4K will see this community again.



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Some H4K Facts

Mission Statement

To mobilize comprehensive and interrelated resources in facilities that would be a source of formal education system, quality healthcare and sustainable development.

Vision Statement

To improve the quality of life for the vulnerable in Kenya through increased access to education, healthcare, and creating opportunities for personal, family and community sustainability.

Target Population

To support the disadvantaged community youth and women in rural Kenya.

Main Objective

To promote access to quality education, healthcare services, alleviate poverty, provide water, improve sanitation among the disadvantaged communities.

Hope can Change a Life!





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