YOUR SUPPORT & KIBERA’S SUCCESS
A note from our Executive Directors

Hard work has translated into tremendous impact over the past few months, and we want to share the highlights with you. From July 2012 to January 2013, Carolina for Kibera (CFK) spent $345,000. Those funds supported transformative work in Kibera – 106 youth received school scholarships; 14,060 patients treated at the Tabitha Medical Clinic; 1,186 children under 5 years of age screened for malnutrition; 1,956 players registered in the soccer league; and 1,500 girls protected through our girls center. This is all possible because of your generous support!

In February 2013, we launched a 2-year initiative to decrease child mortality as part of a long-term strategy to prevent disease and improve quality of life in Kibera. By training and empowering a network of 100 local community health promoters in 3 villages, life-saving care and diarrheal disease prevention education is being brought to 10,792 households in Kibera. Sharing our commitment to child health and well-being, the 2-year initiative is funded by Ronald McDonald House Charities® and run in partnership with Curamericas Global, a leading organization in community-centered healthcare.

When you donate to CFK, it is important that your funds are spent responsibly and for maximum impact. Charity Navigator, a charity evaluation organization, has awarded CFK with its highest rating, meaning that CFK "adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way." Only about 25% of the charities they evaluate receive the 4-star distinction. We are proud to be considered "exceptional."

Your contributions help thousands of Kiberans every day. Thank you for believing in transformation – and for creating opportunities for it in the lives of others.

Tuko Pamoja (We are together),

Leann Bankoski & Hillary Omala
CFK Executive Directors

GOOD FOR BEATRICE, GOOD FOR KIBERA

By: Nick Johnson, CFK Communications Intern

Imagine that you are one of eleven in your family. You live in a small, cramped house, without much food or money. There is only a small chance that your parents can pay for your schooling. Imagine that your dream is to start your own business. With so few resources, how would you do it?

This is the situation Beatrice Kabeye-ka faced. Growing up in Kibera in a large family with limited resources, she and her family struggled to support themselves. Today, Beatrice manages her own small business – Luyari Handicrafts – where she creates and sells beaded bracelets, earrings, paper gift cards, and necklaces. (continued on p2)
Good for Beatrice... (continued from p1)

And her pieces feature a unique twist: in the spirit of CFK's Trash is Cash program, Beatrice makes most of her products from reused or recycled materials. "I decided to start this business to make a living from the waste in the area as well as help clean up the environment in our community." Her business sustains her family while promoting environmental sustainability as well!

Though she acquires most of her materials without cost, Beatrice must buy some supplies – like dye and glue – in order to keep her business running. But even these small expenses can be overwhelming for a fledgling business in Kibera. Fortunately, having participated in CFK’s entrepreneurship training, Beatrice learned about Kiva Zip – a pilot initiative of Kiva.org (a CFK partner) – that connects and empowers local businesses through direct person-to-person microlending. Through Kiva Zip’s model, partner organizations like CFK act as “trustees,” able to endorse applicants without handling the loan funds. Beatrice says that she applied for a loan through Kiva Zip “to buy more supplies so we can meet the high demand for the jewelry and paper products we are making.”

Now, having paid back her loan and increased her stock, she has been able to greatly expand her business – and the more the business grows, the more her community benefits. In a community as interconnected as Kibera, Beatrice knows that her success as an entrepreneur has ripple effects for her family and her neighbors.

SPORTS AND SCHOOL: CHRISTINE’S JUMP TO SUCCESS

BY: ERICK OWENGA, KIBERA WORLD WIDE & NICK JOHNSON, CFK COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

As a student, it can be hugely fulfilling to be rewarded for one’s hard work. This is especially true in Kibera, where formal education is highly valued but often unattainable. Christine Jumah, a student in Carolina for Kibera’s Education program, was able to experience that fulfillment last year when she scored among the highest of her 35 classmates on her final exams. But her test scores were not the only reflection of her academic achievements – the 15-year-old was thrilled to be presented with a scholarship to continue her education!

Coming from a humble background and a family of five, Christine has remained dedicated to her education, even during tough times. Why? Because she wants to pursue a career in law in order to work toward justice in her community. Specifically, Christine plans to represent women who face gender-based discrimination. She certainly has her work cut out for her, and while she says that learning in Kibera is not easy, CFK has been there to help support her along the way.

Christine kept track of the amount of time she spent practicing jump rope – and doubled that amount for her studies.

In addition to being an excellent student, Christine is also an athlete, participating in CFK’s Sports Association on the jump rope team. She attributes her extraordinary dedication to her studies to the moral guidance and advice she receives from her local jump rope coaches. (continued on p4)
EMPOWERING GIRLS, SHIFTING PERCEPTIONS

By: Erick Owenga, Kibera World Wide & Nick Johnson, CFK Communications Intern

How can you change someone’s perception of you? Many adolescent girls in Kibera frequently ask that question. Met with hostility and intimidation more often than support, it can sometimes feel easier to keep silent about one’s aspirations for the future than to confidently pursue them.

Diana and others like her are redefining the perceptions their community has of them.

But in CFK’s Daughters United program, Kiberan girls have the space and encouragement to develop their dreams and aspirations — and to work toward shifting local perceptions about their potential. Diana Maliba is one such girl. When she grows up, 13-year-old Diana wants to become a university lecturer, a position held by very few women in Kenyan society. And it seems, in light of her hard work and exam scores in school, she’s on track to do just that!

Diana is a participant in Daughters United, which provides young women of Kibera with opportunities to excel, in spite of their community’s traditionally limiting attitudes toward women. Though Diana admits that pursuing an education in Kibera as a girl is sometimes difficult, she is grateful to her group leaders for their mentorship and advice on how to manage time effectively.

Now, thanks to her hard work and their encouragement, Diana has secured a place at Olympic High School, one of the best learning institutions in Kibera! One challenge remaining for her and her family is acquiring the funds to pay for classes. While CFK would like to support all students with scholarships, only a few are available each academic year. Nonetheless, Diana remains determined, and she will continue to find support and inspiration at Daughters United. By participating in our girls program, Diana and others like her are redefining the perceptions their community has of them — and that they have of themselves.

CFK PARTNERS WITH RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES FOR HOLISTIC HEALTH INTERVENTIONS

We are delighted for a new partnership in 2013-14 with the Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®). Over 2 years, RMHC is supporting CFK to help decrease child mortality in Kibera by creating a sustainable, locally-managed system of 100-trained community health promoters (CHPs) serving households with basic care and health education. Reduction in child mortality from preventable diarrheal disease using a community-managed strategy will save lives and demonstrate that Kiberans can effectively address health concerns without dependence on inequitable, expensive healthcare. In addition, the CHPs will serve as the core component of our long-term, holistic strategy for increasing wellness and disease prevention in Kibera.

CFK staff and volunteers proudly show off their certificates from the first training with Caramerica Global
A few words from co-founder Rye Barcott...

Serving on the CFK Board of Directors as Treasurer continues to be engaging and rewarding ... but it can never compare to the deep sense of fulfillment from being on the ground in Kibera with our talented team of Kenyan doers. Under the skillful leadership of Executive Director Hillary Omala, CFK continues to expand and deepen its impact, offering opportunities and building peace during a critical time of transition in Kenya.

This March, I took a week of leave from my work at Duke Energy and returned to Kenya for its presidential election, where I served as an observer for the Carter Center on invitation from the National Democratic Institute (NDI). The op-ed excerpted below is a piece that I authored for NDI.

1 March 2013 | Nairobi

This week most Kenyans will vote for one of two men to be their next president. Each man, Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga, is accused of having ties to the post-election violence that took Kenya to the brink of civil war in 2008. I'm in Kenya as an elections observer but my mind keeps returning to Iraq, where I had served as a Marine a few years ago.

Nairobi's street fumes burn my throat raw, just as it did in Fallujah on patrol. There is a feeling that anything can happen. It's in the air, suspended with the dust and diesel. It's as exhilarating as it is terrifying.

Read the rest of Rye's article at cfk.unc.edu/rye

LEARN MORE

This quarter has been full of progress and wonderful stories from Kenya. Check out our blog entries from the past few months at cfk.unc.edu/blog, where you can learn about:

- Peace promotion during Kenya's presidential elections
- Laurine Ololo Otawa's first semester at college
- Kennedy Juma's peace-building messages
- Rebecca Wanyama's graduation and words of gratitude

We've also shared more success stories from our Kiva Zip entrepreneurs (zip.kiva.org/trustees/125) in our monthly e-newsletter.

Sign up to receive updates from Kibera at cfk.unc.edu/signup

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Following the advice of Mike Fry, volunteer coach, Christine kept track of the amount of time she spent practicing jump rope — and doubled that amount for her studies. It's no wonder she does so well on her exams!

Christine's participation in each CFK program contributes to her success in both. Being on the jump rope team fosters creativity, teamwork, and fun, while pursuing an education helps her build skills for her future. With her CFK scholarship, Christine will be able to accept her invitation to enroll in a district school known as Sirongi Girls High. Her drive and dedication have brought her this far, and we're eager to see where she goes from here!

Thanks for your support!

You can make an impact in Kibera!

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