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Successful Use of New Corn Shucker and Corn Husk Grinder

Linnet Aluma from Kisii is happy to report that the lives of the people in her village have been changed significantly because of the support they have received from FIOH-USA donors. Last year we supported a farming project that was so successful that the people could not husk all of the harvest by hand.



That meant much of the maize usually used for making ugali (a porridge staple food) was instead used for animal feed. As a result, our Kisii partners submitted a proposal for the purchase of two machines: a corn shucker to strip the husks from the cobs and a corn husk grinder to chop the husks into animal feed. These machines make it possible to use the corn produced each year to be husked and ground successfully with far less manual labor and an increase in the production of food for the community.

NEWLY RETIRED WITH NOTHING TO DO?

Do you want to do volunteer work, but don't know where to start?

How about considering volunteering to be a board member or officer for FIOH-USA? We meet via ZOOM, so you don't have to be in Western New York to serve. We need your talents, ideas and help.

Please reach out and contact us today to volunteer and be a part of this worthwhile organization.

Call Mary Ellen Dye at 716-626-0898.



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Graduate From Zambia

Triphina Mazwanga graduated from Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe in June 2023. Her major was Agriculture and Natural Sciences, but her most recent area of study was in hospital supply management. We wish her well as she enters the workplace.



Interested in becoming a student sponsor? Contact Louise Heubusch at: goommerrimac151@gmail.com

CORPORATE SPONSORS WANTED

Since 2009 FIOH-USA has funded projects in Kenya and Zambia through donations and fundraising events. With COVID, fundraising events went out the window in 2020, and even today COVID is limiting the ability to bring large groups of people together.

We need to find other ways to obtain support and that's where you come in. Many of you may work for large corporations and some of you may even be owners or partners in a large corporation or business. Would you be willing to speak with the business people you know? Please tell them about the good works of FIOH-USA and how we can do so much more to improve the lives of others with their help.

Please refer them to the FIOH-USA website for more specific updates on projects that need funding and have them **call Mary Ellen Dye at [716-626-0898](tel:716-626-0898)**.



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We need chairs! A computer, printer, tables and shelves for the library are among the other things needed to furnish the Sr. Linda Center in Kisumu!

Congratulations All Around!

Over 58 donors are supporting the tuition for our 46 students in the 2023-2024 school year. Sponsorships and co-sponsorships have sustained our student program. It was one of the first projects funded by donors starting in 2005, even before the non-profit FIOH-USA existed!

Three FIOH-Kenya Students Graduated in 2023:

Lucy Aminah Karim – St. Joseph Teacher Institute in Early Childhood Education

Bernard Joseph Osaso – Rift Valley Technical Training Institute

Christopher Tobias – Kisumu Boys Boarding School – Now attending Ramagi Institute of Advanced Technology

Sixteen of our present students will be graduating in 2024. Congratulations to our students and to our sponsors.

P.S. Sponsors, please take time to write to your student(s). Email your letter as an attachment to

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and it will be forwarded. Be sure to write **“Student Letter”** under subject. Letters of support are greatly appreciated.



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Student News From Zambia



Chim as medical student in his new jacket

Chimwemwe Hamiyanze started his first semester of his third year of medical training at Eden University in Zambia in February 2023. He is very grateful to his sponsors who have supported his schooling twice a year. Tuition in Zambia must be paid each semester.



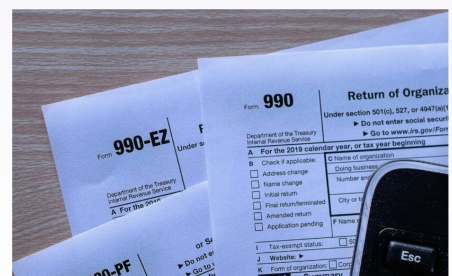
Tessa with her newly purchased Computer from FIOH-USA

Tessa Mainza will be in her first semester of her third year at Choma School of Nursing in Zambia. She has recently received funding from the United Methodist Church of Clarence for a computer to help her with her studies. Her sponsors continue to provide her with tuition support twice yearly.



Form 990 EZ Submitted to IRS

Anyone wishing to see a copy of the report submitted to the IRS can contact Mary Ellen Dye, acting Treasurer and board member of FIOH-USA, maryellendye@icloud.com.



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Giving Tuesday was a Success



Thanks to the excellent assistance of Mary Owusu's Canisius University students the national day of giving via the internet was extremely successful. The IMC Master Class marketing students launched their Giving Tuesday campaign this past November and earned an A+ from FIOH-USA for their efforts. Maddy DiGiore, Tim Daigler, Dan Jones and Luke Tomasik planned and carried out the drive that raised over **\$11,000** that has been sent for funding completion of the wall at the orphanage compound in Kisii and the "Stop the Hunger" garden project in Kisumu (just in time for the planting season).

Donations in Memory of and in Honor of

Donations Were Made In Honor of:

Sally Tower

Mary Ellen Dye

In Memory of

Geoffrey Straney

Elizabeth Hagas

Betty and Ted Eichelberg

Patrick Frances

Sr. Bea Manzella, SSJ



Please consider a donation to FIOH-USA in honor of or in memory of your loved ones.



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