

## Winds of Africa News, January 2014



'Education is the keystone towards success...'

### **Audra's Words**

Hello and welcome to the January 2014 *Winds of Africa* (WoA) News...

I always become enthusiastic at the beginning of a New Year because it offers us the time to appreciate our successes and to review our difficulties of the previous year, to establish new friends and renew the old and to seize all opportunities.

During the previous years we have obtained more knowledge which provides stability in what we offer and I feel proud of our achievements and the obstacles that we overcame.

This year we are looking at a wide range of possibilities to help provide resourceful learning programs for youth and Teachers, to encourage community development and offer a means to those that attempt to uphold wildlife throughout Tanzania.

We have many challenges ahead of us and we are geared up to begin.

Thank you for being a large part our accomplishments. I look forward to meeting those that are able to attend this year's annual fundraiser and share with others through 'Winds of Africa News.'

'Education is the keystone towards success and we are teaching people to win, this is our idea and it seems to be working well.'

Audra DiMambro

Co-Director.Winds of Africa Foundation

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During the course of 13 years we have assisted the Engikareti Maasai Primary School in numerous ways. Those of you that have been with WoA throughout this time have listened to me speak of the hardships the kids endure daily and the absence of health and education offered to them. What I have not mentioned is the situation of the young girls growing up in the Maasai culture. Very few Maasai girls will ever have the opportunity to attend a school. They are circumcised at an early age and married off to an older man or to a Maasai warrior; this is their practice and we hold no judgment. We can make a change for some and maybe eventually many. Sponsoring a Maasai girl will enable her to join the Mission Secondary School set in the village of Engikareti. Secondary school began in February and school fees are now due. It is a four year commitment and we are seeking assistance to support this valuable purpose. Secondary school began in February and school fees are now due. School fees for one year are \$860.00 which includes: R&B, medications, school supplies, food and water, parent's day and minimal upkeep of the dorms and school. If you are interested in sponsoring girls or offering a donation toward this cause you may email Audra at [dimambroaudra@hotmail.com](mailto:dimambroaudra@hotmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**MAY 18th**

**Our annual fundraiser's date has been changed from April 6<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in Mission Bay at Marina Village, in the Vineyard Room.**

**Enjoy fabulous food, music, dancing, shopping at the Maasai market, raffles, and many cool items for bid along with a magnificent sunset overlooking the marina.**



This colorful designed was drawn by a student that attended Boma' Ngombe Vocational a Training Center (BVTC). She now has a small business where she designs and makes garements and many other items for her patrons. Drawings like hers can be purchased on line at <http://zimige.com> All proceeds will go to Winds of Africa to assist BVTC.

**The Shambani** - The home for Winds of Africa Foundation and a new venue for Arusha.

The Shambani has a unique setting that will become the happening scene in Arusha to hold learning programs, conferences, business and social meetings, entertainments, fundraisers and more.

The Shambani's charm and setting makes it distinct from other venues. **More to come!**



**Diane and Doug Bouche (left) & Tony Caputo spent an afternoon with the students at BVTC. Diane and Doug are on the Fundraiser Committee in San Diego. We appreciate all the assistance they offer to WoA.**

**SAVE THE ELEPHANTS IN TANZANIA**

**Help a Ranger to further his/her education and to build a safer place for Elephants to live in Tanzania.**

**Contact Audra If you would like to learn more.**

**A New Learning Center for Boma' Ngombe Vocational Training Center**

It's time for a new learning center for Boma' Ngombe VTC. WoA would like to assist Mama Kitto build a suitable students center for the pupils to train, study and rest peacefully. The property utilized by Mama Kitto and the students for the past seven years is the best place to build. It is in a peaceful area of Boma N'gombe and the grounds is are nice for a student center. To begin this prorject WoA and BVTC will need to raise \$20,000.00; these funds will support a person to oversee the project, tractor, bulldoser, tools, permits, removal of the older dorms, outhouse and shrubbery, build a fench, and begin preparations to lay a foundation.

Donations, contributions, and sponsorships can be made through our Paypal account on our website at

[www.windsofafrica.org](http://www.windsofafrica.org)

*Audra M DiMambro*