



HEART

Empowering the People of Africa to Survive and to Thrive Beyond the HIV/AIDS Pandemic



Thanking the Lord for 70
amazing years!



HEART on Safari 2017

We welcome you to Auburn, California to celebrate HEART on Safari 2017! Pam Joseph, President and COO of TSYS and Chair of WLA (Women Leaders in Action) is our Guest speaker focusing on "**Unlocking the Power of Education**". Pam has been to HEART many times and she is passionate about providing educational opportunities to the children we support. [Click here to view the HEART Dinner Flyer.](#)

Dinner tickets are available online [Purchase Tickets](#) or you can purchase dinner and Raffle

Greetings!

I returned to Kenya on Jan. 4th and began 2017 with the usual flurry of activities for the New Year. The successful End of the Giving Campaign and Prayer Covering for this ministry allowed us to begin strong. Thank you for standing with us! So what have we been doing with your December donations?

Just in January alone we:

- 1) Enrolled 57 new HIV positive abandoned mothers and their children into WEEP. We plan to graduate 20 WEEP participants this year and enroll over 80 new women head of households.
- 2) Processed over 500 students and paid their school fees
- 3) Greeted the US Ambassador to Kenya at the HEART Lodge
- 4) Prepared for multiple teams coming this year
- 5) Worked to finalize several Foundation Grants for funds for 2017
- 6) Welcomed many guest teams at the HEART Lodge
- 7) Plus we hosted our prospective new Executive Director for HEART. (More about this exciting answer to prayer in our next newsletter)!

Rotary Club Representatives arrived Sunday from Auburn, CA. They are coming to dedicate the two water projects in N.E. Meru. February also promises to be a busy month. I return to the US next Sunday night for the March 4th HEART Dinner in Auburn, CA. I am grateful for Pam Tweet and Stephanie Gunton and their many volunteer staff that organize this annual event.

Isaac Mzee, HEART Programs Coordinator is also coming to US in March for the dinner (on air miles). Together we will travel to HEART events in S. CA, Wisconsin and Colorado. Keeping Isaac busy! We hope to see you!

tickets by credit card calling: 530-885-9600.



Please email [Stephanie Gunton](#) with any questions about the dinner, or if you are looking to volunteer with the dinner!

Milele Shukrani,
(Forever Grateful)



Dickie Winkler
Founder/President

Welcoming Our New WEEP Ladies!



HEART staff Jared, Alice, Leah and Lydiah happy to enroll Josphene (holding the mattress) and her children into the WEEP Program in Upper Taita

We have also enrolled 57 new women toward our goal of 80. We have currently enrolled 10 new WEEP women in Manga, 20 in Nyakach, 12 in Lower Taita and 15 in Upper Taita. Total number enrolled is 57 women I believe we will reach 100 before the end of the year. Each of these women has been selected because they meet our HEART vulnerability criteria:

- Abandoned or widowed HIV positive mothers
- Raising 3 or more children alone
- Willing and able to learn a trade
- Within a Christ focused center

The US Ambassador to Kenya Robert Godec visited the HEART Lodge



US Ambassador Godec visited HEART Lodge to hear about the work HEART is doing in Kenya. The HEART staff had the opportunity to share about the various projects and how HEART is implementing "Community Driven Development" through our various projects focusing on:

- Orphan Prevention with our Women Equality Empowerment Project (WEEP)
- Keeping girls in school through the Freedom for Girls (FFG) Project
- Working with Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) by providing them with education and vocational skills.

These programs create sustainable quality of life with a generational impact! Ambassador Godec was impressed with the projects and scope of our work! See more photos of Ambassador Godec's visit on the [Facebook album](#).

Rotary International and HEART working together with the Meru community by providing water for a government secondary school and the surrounding community.



HEART staff Leah and Lydia with new WEEP mother Silvia (in flower wrap) from Lower Taita beside her home that needs repair or replaced

2017 Teams/Mission Staff

We are excited to already be welcoming and preparing for:

- Auburn Rotary Team - Feb. 2017***
- Linn Asbury Feb - May 2017***
- Dave and Ellen Bowman - April - May 2017***
- Women Leaders in Action -May 2017***
- Valor Christian High School - June 2017***
- Bayside Church Youth Trip - June 2017***
- Bayside Church Team Trip - July 2017***
- Jubilee Fellowship Church - August 2017***
- October and November teams still open want to join them?***



To join a team or apply for a summer internship please email [Betsy Gunther](#).



The Rotary Club pf Nairobi (Vickie's Club) is working with the Meru Rotary Club on this project.



The finished tank at Leeta Primary School. Vickie, Charles, the project contractor, and the school chairman standing on top with the workers.



Women line up to fetch water at



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The water tank at Leeta primary school funded by
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