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Lift Up Africa has the pleasure of partnering with other organizations and providing them with administrative and fund raising support.

One of our partner projects is **Hamomi**.

The Hamomi Children's Centre is a primary school located in the Kangemi slum of Nairobi, Kenya.

In 1999, overwhelmed by the staggering number of children orphaned and not in school, Kangemi resident, Raphael Etenyi, established the Hamomi Children's Centre.

With a mission to improve the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children in the slums of Nairobi, he began educating six students. Eleven years later, Hamomi continues to stay true to its original mission of providing Kangemi children with access to free education.

In addition, Hamomi now offers its 120 students a feeding program of two meals a day, six days a week; medical care; secondary school sponsorship; clothing; and after school extracurriculars.

By taking care of our students' educational, physical, and emotional needs, we can develop adults with the skills and ability needed to improve their social and economic condition.

Thank you to all those who support Lift Up Africa's partner organizations.

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Greenhouses are a Success!

by Jonathan Newton, Harvard Student Intern

Lift Up Africa, in collaboration with its partner program Africa HEART, is building 3 greenhouses in 3 districts in Kenya that suffer from food shortages. This project aims to increase food security and give farmers a valuable product to sell at local markets, making them more self-sufficient.

Guardians from Gucha district's Kids for School program, along with Evans Masese and Isaac Mzee from HEART, and Larry Donahoo from LUA, celebrated as the first of these greenhouses was erected on Friday, October 8th. Local people passing by stopped and stared at this marvelous development that would allow local farmers to grow and sell vegetables all year long.

Kids for School (KFS), a grassroots organization in the Gucha district, had partnered with LUA and HEART to provide land, materials, oversight and on-the-ground labor for the greenhouse project. In order to meet LUA and HEART's sustainability requirements, KFS had taken the initiative to dig a well at the project site, creating a reliable source of water for their future plants so that the greenhouse would continue to benefit society in the long-term.

KFS guardians are overflowing with joy and gratefulness as the fruit of their innovation and hard work stand before their eyes, sparking a spontaneous song and dance in praise of LUA and HEART.

This truly collaborative project could not have been undertaken without the unwavering commitment and enthusiasm of the local community. All the parties exchanged words of thanks and congratulation due to the project.

With the appropriate training from greenhouse provider "Amiran", KFS and community members will be fully equipped to maintain the greenhouse, and to reap the fullness of the benefits that it can provide. LUA and HEART will work with community groups to expand the project into 7 districts in Kenya in the near future.



Community members gathering to learn about the Greenhouses.

An Opportunity to Celebrate Growth

by Rick Levy, Executive Director

As the Executive Director of Lift Up Africa (LUA), I look forward to sharing the successes that you, our donors, have made possible. This year our partners and colleagues in Kenya and Tanzania have been able to construct buildings, start schools, provide vaccines to rural areas, and most importantly change lives. All this has been possible due to the support of you, our donors.

In 2010, we focused on partnerships and growth; some examples are:

- * Kaliluni Medical Center opened and has provided medical attention to over 80 people a day. The number continues to grow.
- * Water harvesting systems were installed at the AIC Child Care Center and now water is abundant.
- * Greenhouses installed in rural areas are now providing access to food.
- * CHAPS, our partner, have delivered solar refrigeration systems by camel which house much needed vaccines. We are now reaching rural areas that never benefited from vaccinations.

The above four examples of community resources have strengthened our partnerships. We continue to grow and are proud, specifically of our international growth.

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Thank you all for supporting Lift Up Africa's projects and partner organizations!

An Opportunity to Celebrate Growth (continued)

In September we created a new position, Director of Marketing and Programs. Amanda Grant-Rose has accepted this position with enthusiasm and a passion for the work that Lift Up Africa is committed to. Our ability to grow internally has been due to the hard work and skills of Linda Alband who successfully created our internal structure.

The growth of Lift Up Africa is due to the dedication of our partners and donors. Your continued dedication to our mission, your passion for the work and your desire to make a positive difference makes you an important part of this organization. Your emotional and financial support makes it possible for Lift Up Africa to continue to grow.

As the holiday giving season approaches, we hope that you will remember the impact you have made either directly to a Lift Up Africa or to one of our partner organization; SANCHAT, Angels of Hope, Hamomi, Nancy Ellen Crook Foundation, or Kaliluni Medical Center. It is your donation and support that makes these projects and partnerships so successful.

Asante Sana! (Thank you in Swahili)
Richard Levy,
Executive Director

AIC Child Care Center

by Sarah Lee, Harvard Student Intern

To alleviate the water shortage problem at the AIC Kajiado Child Care Centre located in southern Kenya, LUA's board approved the funds for building a rainwater harvesting system early this year. The system construction began in May and the installation of gutters and fiberglass water storage tanks on eight buildings has now been successfully completed. Since then, AIC Child Care Centre has been able to collect and store water with every rainfall. There has been sufficient availability of clean water for drinking and washing, and plenty of water in the dormitory for cleaning.

This has improved the hygiene and sanitation at the center and has provided water for maintaining a vegetable garden and planting trees. The funds from LUA were able to resolve the water shortage issue at the Centre!

Despite the successful implementation of the rainwater harvesting system, the Center still faces many challenges. Some of these issues include insufficient resources to accommodate the growing number of children seeking services and the widespread ignorance and negative attitudes amongst parents of children with disabilities. These attitudes makes creating synergy between the Centre and the homecare of these children difficult.

Due to your donations and the endless effort of the Centre's staff, mothers like Margaret Simpano have been able to provide for their children.

Margaret has two children, David and Deborah, with cerebral palsy and she took them to the AIC Child Care Centre where David and Deborah received therapy, medication, food and other accommodations that were necessary. When they got too big for Margaret to carry both of them, the Centre

provided "home care programme" and continued their treatment at home. The Centre even helped Margret open her own business that enabled her to buy wheelchairs for her two children. Now, David and Deborah are able to sit with good posture and Margret has become an advocate for children with disabilities in her community!

AIC Child Care Centre, with the partnership of LUA, is doing amazing things to improve the lives of children with disabilities. Please continue to follow our projects and progress in the next newsletter. Thank you for your support!



Children from the AIC Child Care Center

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