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We had a great 2010 and are looking forward to all that we will accomplish in 2011.

Website

We hope that you have seen and enjoyed our new website. www.liftupafrika.org Check it out often for news on our projects and updates on way to get involved.

Annual Report

Our Annual Report will be posted soon on our website!

ABC 20/20

We still hope that in March ABC's 20/20 will show the episode featuring CHAPS.

LUA works with CHAPS which has been developing a solar vaccine refrigerator transportable by camel. Now 20/20 will introduce the project and CHAPS to more people.

While we cannot promise that LUA will be mentioned in the final cut of the show, CHAPS gave us a shout-out and reinforced thier thanks on the web site.

Remember Employee Giving Campaigns

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)
(ID #53027)

Boeing Employee Community Fund
(Look-up Tax ID 74-3116756)

Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
King County Employee Giving Campaign
(ID #9206)

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Irrigation: A New Partnership



Students at the RESTART Center

Lift Up Africa is excited to announce a new partnership and project has begun. This month Sanata Charitable Trust (Sanchat) in partnership with LUA will break ground on an irrigation system that will provide food for the 600 students who are studying at Sanchat's schools.

A Little About Sanchat:

Sanchat prides itself on being a unique charity dedicated to improving the entire community through education, training and employment. Sanchat is committed to healing for the long term.

They have built, maintained and fully supported two secondary schools for orphaned and vulnerable children. Sanchat is housing, supporting and educating street children in what is called the "Restart Centre". The children have come from utterly desperate situations

but Sanchat works to insure their futures are bright, promising and full of love and hope.

Sanchat also hopes to empower adults by creating employment for the community. It set up a women's self-help group that created employment. By making canvas bags the women were empowered, able to make sustainable salaries and support their families.

Sanchat has an agricultural project which enables young people and their communities to learn how to grow organic vegetables of high nutritional value. They are then able to feed themselves and their families.

The Irrigation System:

The need for an irrigation system is clear. The land is very dry and the cost of feeding the children is very expensive. Without an irrigation system there is no way to produce enough food to feed the 600 children currently under care.

With a fully integrated irrigation system the potential yield will vastly increase and allow the staff to feed many more hungry mouths. The staple Kenyan diet can be extremely poor in nutrients. The hope is to be able to grow a large variety of vegetables so children, youth and adults can boost their immune systems.

More on this powerful project to come!



Land that SANCHAT will use for the irrigation system

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

Meet the Stanfield Family

The Stanfield family will be traveling to Kenya in the middle of March to lend a hand. Burns, Lorraine, Liz, Nathan and Grace will be starting their visit in Nairobi working at Hamomi. They will then head south with a visit to AIC Child Care Center and Kaliluni Medical Center. The Stanfields will end their two weeks with a Safari.



Growing Greenhouses

By Jonathan Newton

Our greenhouses are yielding tomatoes!

In October 2010, LUA collaborated with partner program Africa HEART to build three greenhouses in three Kenyan districts that suffer from food shortages.

The aim of this project was to increase food security for local Kenyans and give farmers a valuable product to sell at local markets, making them more self-sufficient. This winter, the fruits (and vegetables) of our labor are starting to take shape as farmers pick their first crop of greenhouse-raised tomatoes! Tomatoes are normally a seasonal crop, impossible to grow during Kenyan winters, but LUA's greenhouse project has made them available year-round. Local people are surprised and delighted by the availability of this new source of food during the winter months.

Though water supply continues to be the greatest obstacle in this process, local people are coming together to find ways to meet their agricultural goals. These greenhouses are empowering locals to cultivate not only fruits and vegetables, but also community spirit and motivation.

Community members in the Gucha district praise the greenhouses as a "double blessing" as they dig a 50-foot-deep well by hand in order to sustain their agricultural efforts with irrigation, and to provide water for their families.

Inspiring efforts like these make LUA, Africa HEART, and community members optimistic about the viability and productivity of new greenhouse projects in other areas. With new funding and support from the Segal Family Foundation we are eager to break ground in more communities in the near future!



Children from the AIC Child Care Center

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