



positively AFRICA Spring Newsletter



Dear Friends,

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

positively AFRICA is excited to announce that we will be holding an [online auction](#) to benefit our final project of building a sustainable school for Soweto Junior Education Centre. The auction will run from April 2 – 15 and will feature a wide variety of items including art, groceries, specialty foods, haircuts, movies, yoga classes and much, much more. Please watch for our upcoming flyer which will give you the link to the auction site.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Meet Our Partner

For over 20 years, Enterprise4Good has been connecting communities in Canada and around the world. The organization is built on the concept of social enterprise - helping communities develop their own sustainability rather than depending on ongoing aid.

Friends4Good is one of the sub-organizations of Enterprise4Good. It has supported projects around the world, including India, Zambia and, currently with the Maasai people in Tanzania.

Friends4Good has also partnered with *positively AFRICA* to create Kibera Friends4Good, a project focusing on educating young children in Kibera, Kenya. Through fundraising over the next year, we hope to generate enough funds to build Soweto Junior Education Centre, a school for 150 youngsters living in poverty. In addition, an income-generating project will be created to sustain the school, the children and the teachers. This partnership also allows *positively AFRICA* to provide tax deductible receipts.



Education starts the circle of sustainability and Friends4Good's goal to permanently secure a school with income strong enough to sustain itself is more than achievable.

Our projects are built with the help of volunteers from around the world. We are always looking for people who want to change the world from the inside out. Contacting Friends4Good and being a part of the solution is an option always available. If a trip of a lifetime and making a difference is what you're looking for then come join us! To learn more, please visit www.enterprise4good.com.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS AVAILABLE!

Your donation of \$30 or more will allow you to receive a tax receipt. Just [CLICK HERE](#). You will receive the receipt from Canada Helps within a couple of days. Or You can write a cheque. Please make it payable to *positively AFRICA* and mail it to: c/o Esther Hart, 3047 Washington Ave., Victoria BC V9A1P7. **Be sure to provide your mailing address (required by the CRA) and your email address (to receive your receipt) for either method.**

UVic Community Fundraiser Dinner



As a UVic student and full-time, professional dumpster-diver (we could feed the world 16 times over with what we throw away!), I wanted to contribute creatively to *positively AFRICA* through a fundraiser dinner. My roommates and I hold open-invitation family dinners every Sunday for any students who want a free, homemade meal made with dumpster-rescued produce. Since starting this tradition as a New-Year's resolution, we have seen our community strengthen into an incredible support network of friends. Thanks to the contribution and involvement of everyone, we were able to raise \$270 in one night. This is how we did it:

Our neighbourhood is located in the sustainability-themed cluster housing on the University residence. I advertised our fundraiser by leaving invitations with all the neighbours, as well as reaching out to the global citizenship themed community, and the environmental science class. The university generously funded me to buy some extra groceries to supplement my dumpster produce, so 100% of donations could go towards the school instead of being diverted to pay for dinner. We recommended a \$5 donation, but most

students donated more. We also sold desserts for an additional cost and had a prize draw. Prizes included chocolate, wine, and a bouquet of flowers the winner had to give to someone they met at the dinner who they did not know before. Nearly 40 students attended, and all were open, enthusiastic, and engaged. Through strategically prearranging the furniture to embrace Asian-style floor-seating we were able to accommodate everyone in our little townhouse. One of our guests even interviewed me and presented about the evening to her journalism class! Overall the night was a huge success, and I owe a massive thank-you to the university and student community for their outstanding support.



- Jane Newall, Volunteer

Help wanted – Supporting the Children’s Food Program at Soweto Junior Education Center



positively AFRICA, a dynamic local non-government organization, has been working with Soweto Junior Education Centre for the past seven years by providing funds and better cooking methods for their daily feeding program for the children. The feeding program provides daily hot meals for 150 children living in poverty. Soweto Junior is located in the slums (Kibera) of Nairobi, Kenya. *positively AFRICA*'s focus is now on fundraising for a much-needed new school, so we can no longer support the food program.

We want to connect a Church, or another organization, with Soweto Junior to help continue supporting this very important program. It may provide the only meal these young children know each day. Food costs have increased in Kenya due to a government ban on GMOs, so the monthly costs have risen beyond what the school can support through fees from parents who can pay. We estimate the monthly costs to be about \$525.

If you know of a church or organization that would be willing to support the feeding program on an ongoing basis, please contact Sabine Laubental at 250-598-0708 or email sabine@positivelyafrica.org. Thank you!

Your generous gift will help us reach our goal and ensure that Soweto Junior Education Centre has a permanent home.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK!

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