
MICROFINANCING PARTNERS IN AFRICA

SUMMER 2018



CLEAN WATER FOR ALL: ONE FILTER AT A TIME

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MPA WATER FILTER PROJECT: CLEAN WATER FOR ALL!

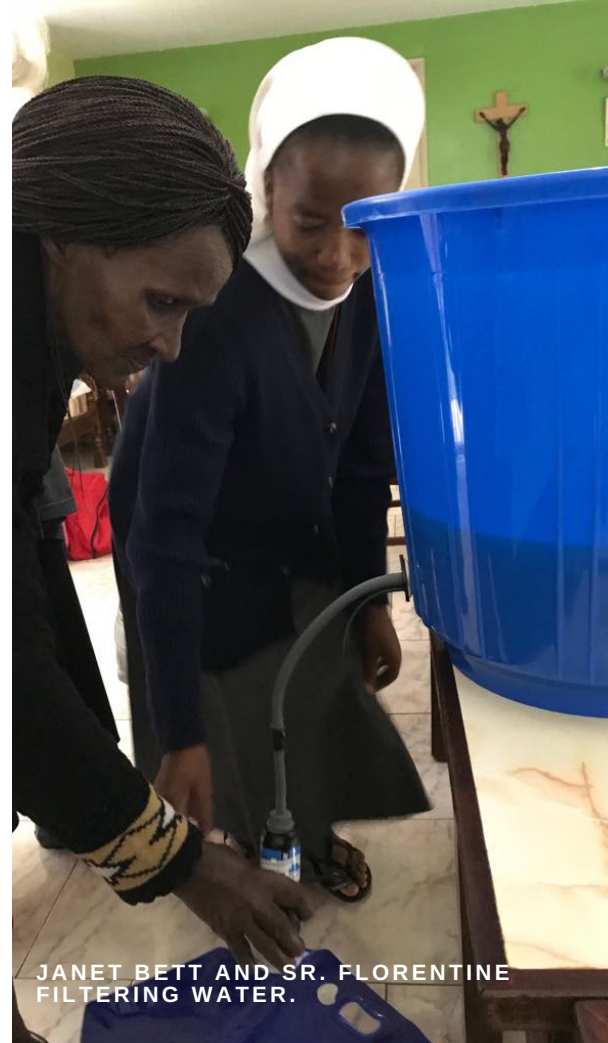
MPA IS HAPPY TO LAUNCH ITS NEW INNOVATIVE PROJECT BRINGING WATER FILTERS TO OUR PARTNERS WHO UP UNTIL NOW HAVE NOT HAD CLEAN WATER TO DRINK DAILY.

PROBLEM: Unclean water is one of the biggest deterrents to health, education, and income in MPA partner areas. Water-borne illnesses from unclean water often prevent children from attending school and adults from generating income. The most common related diseases are diarrhea, dysentery, typhoid, and cholera. In some places, babies are not named until they are two years old because so many infants die from these ailments. Even when available, medical care can wipe out family savings and deepen extreme poverty.

SOLUTION: Water filters remove 99.99% of all bacteria and protozoa from contaminated water. MPA distributes filters made by Sawyer Products. These filters are low-cost, highly durable, and require no electricity or chemicals.

ACTION: To launch the project, Sr. Toni delivered 120 filters to Tanzania's Bukoba Women's Empowerment Association (BUWEA) during MPA's January 2018 visit. She also bought 60 filters to CPS Sisters and Jamii Bora in Kenya and Tanzania during May. MPA is supporting the training of partner groups, who put the filters into action for their families.

GROWTH: Many of us take clean water for granted. For others, having clean water daily is life changing. The people of Kenya and Tanzania who saw how the filter worked when Sr. Toni and Sr. Mary Paul demonstrated it, were eager to have their own filters. We have been able to start this project because of the contributions received in early 2018. Realizing how important this need is, we hope to continue to grow this program so that all our partners will receive this life-changing filter.



JANET BETT AND SR. FLORENTINE FILTERING WATER.



MEMBERS OF THE STAR OF HOPE MICROFINANCING GROUP FILTER WATER.

SAFE BIRTH PROJECT



TERESA SUSSEN DEMONSTRATING THE USE OF THE NEW ULTRASOUND MACHINE.

AN UPDATE FROM THE FIELD

- In January, Safe Birth added three village health centers to its outreach in Masaka, Uganda. Board Member Dr. Sherry Teefey and Teresa Suessen (physician's assistant and sonographer) trained 17 midwives in the use of ultrasound equipment during their visit. This brings the project to six active sites that provide screenings for pregnant women which help to prevent devastating obstetric fistula.
- Dr. Teefey is arranging additional travel and training sessions for September, 2018. She also plans to bring additional ultrasound equipment to Masaka, thanks to MPA's Gladitood online giving campaign this spring.
- MPA is beginning discussions about adding a microfinance project for Safe Birth patients. This project would be extended through village health centers to help expectant women with cost of medical care and other upcoming needs.



SCHOLARSHIPS: REACHING ONE'S POTENTIAL

MPA has an active scholarship program to help our partners who sponsor schools in Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Friends of MPA sponsor individual students who are recommended to us by our partners. Each student who receives a scholarship has a plan to "pay it forward" after graduation. Brenda Otiende received a scholarship from friends of MPA to complete high school. Because of her hard work and success, the sponsors are continuing to fund Brenda who is now in her second year at the university.

MPA invites anyone interested in providing scholarships for students in primary, secondary and university to contact us.

2018 AFRICAN TRIP

Travelers: Sr. Toni Temporiti, Dr. Sherry Teefey, Teresa Suessen; Sr. Barbara Schlatter, Julie Shearburn, and Julie Gundlach.

Itinerary: Landing in Entebbe, everyone began the trip at Broader Vision School and Good Seed Pharmacy near Entebbe, Uganda. The group then traveled to Masaka, Uganda to visit families receiving cows through the Cow Project. Next, while visiting Kitovu Hospital, they helped give out piglets as a part of MPA's Post Fistula Project. Dr. Teefey and sonographer Teresa stayed in Masaka to continue Safe Birth trainings for the next five days. Meanwhile, Sr. Toni and company saw the variety of microfinance projects created by the women of BUWEA in Bukoba, Tanzania. In Nairobi, Kenya, they witnessed the growth of programs sponsored by Yawezekana, Jamii Bora, and the Levuka Center. The trip concluded with an "animal-packed" safari in Masa Mora, Kenya, before the travelers returned to St. Louis.



FEATURING OUR KENYAN PARTNER JAMII BORA/ YAWEZEKANA



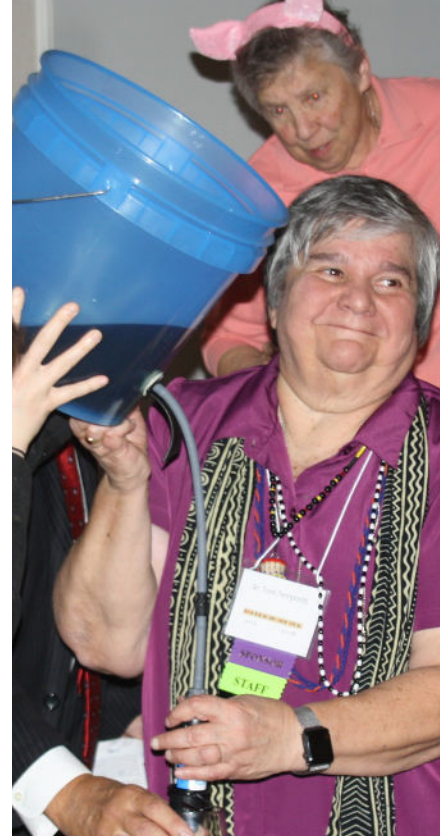
A SUCCESS STORY

At the age of 27, Siprose Anyango stands in her kiosk at the Kibuye Market, located in the heart of Kisumu, the third largest city in Kenya. While the small vendors at this market struggle because of the disruption and civil unrest following the 2017-2018 presidential election, Siprose is able to sell eggs and have a sustainable income.

Siprose was orphaned during her elementary school years. When both of her parents died, an aunt took her in and raised her. Today, she is a resilient young woman who doesn't take anything for granted.

FROM POVERTY TO POSSIBILITY

Now, Siprose is a faithful member of Yawezekana SACCO who is writing her own story of success despite the current economic landscape and her childhood hardships. With pride, Siprose saves about \$2.90 USD daily from the sale of eggs at her market stand. Because of the easy access to microloans through MPA, she can continue to build her business and now sells at least 400 crates of eggs each week.



2018 AFRICAN GALA

FUNDS RAISED FOR

147 COWS | 53 PIGS | 90 WATER FILTERS | 78 SCHOOL UNIFORMS

MEET THE NEW MPA STAFF



Andi Hall - Program Manager – Andi spent 20+ years working in the professional and non-profit sectors. She and her husband have also owned several small businesses. She collects and analyzes data and monitors the progress of each microfinance project.



Jim Kern - Finance Manager -- Jim brings enthusiasm and 30+ years of experience with local organizations as an accountant, bank comptroller and other nonprofit leadership roles.



Charise Thomas - Office Manager -- Charise makes sure that everyone is connected, credited and productive. After nearly 20 years in accounting, she has transitioned to nonprofit support with ease. Charise coordinates MPA's donor database, gift recognition, volunteer support, event preparation and other logistical needs.

WHY I GIVE

JULIE SHEARBURN

My trip to East Africa with Sr. Toni last January was amazing. I witnessed the power of kindness, love, and humility for fourteen straight days. Wherever we went, every group we visited, Sr. Toni knew the projects completely: their successes, their goals, their struggles. It was special because she was there to help and listen with a gentleness and kindness that was inspiring.

We traveled constantly. We were in different cities and villages every day, and a different country every three days. Throughout our travels, we met person after person that had been lifted from poverty through microfinancing. They were eager to share how they used the loans: to send their children to elementary and secondary school and then off to college; to buy land to build houses; to convince girls and women to get a simple surgery to get their lives back on track. The lessons were endless.

Sr. Toni shared how each program evolved and grew. Hearing how the MPA staff learned from their mistakes and continued to find ways to make the programs stronger fascinated me. Our last days were spent in Nairobi with Ingrid Munro who continually said, "Together anything is possible." I came home with an incredible feeling of hope for humankind and for our world because of MPA.

I give because of my experience with Sr. Toni.



TRIVIA IS BACK!

NOVEMBER 10, 2018

CRESTWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

Tickets go on sale in September! Stay tuned for more details.



A HAND UP

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DOUBLE THE CLEAN WATER.

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MPA WILL WORK TOWARDS
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OUR WATER FILTER
PROJECT, A GENEROUS
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