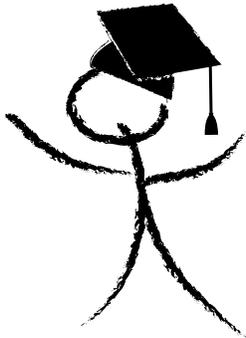


Helping Youth Through Educational Scholarships

HYTES



78 Scholarships Provided for the 2007 School Year!

by Harold Pliszka

Thank you for helping us send so many students to school! We provided 26 scholarships in 2006 and a whopping 78 in 2007. In 2006 we sent secondary students to school in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia, in 2007 we added Guatemala and are adding Uganda for the 2008 school year.

Tanzania:

Twenty-Two students totaling \$4,574 (including delivery costs)

Aziza H. Ally, Rukia Shaban, Leila Khamis, Lingasiku S. Kalibule, Esther Noel, Madaha Shaban, Abemeleck Mnaku, Alfred Kiwuyo, Ninduna Haji, Joyce Bornaba, Veronicah Thomas, Amina Sanga, Cleopatra Ndibalema, John Johnson, Ayub M. Juma, Kulwa Gilbert, Mkama Mtesigwa, Shabani Mkangama, Rehema Macklean, Khamis Shaban, Stephen Fussi, Aziza Julius

Guatemala:

Five students totaling \$2,000

Vilma Leticia Xitumul, Jennifer Valey Gómez, Mirium Estela Juárez, Gilda Lourdes, Leticia Floridalma Alvarado

Five Year Equalization Plan

by Harold Pliszka

We have a devised a formula that will equalize the amount of money invested in each of Guatemala, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia over a period of five years. This means that in five years, each of the five countries will receive the same amount of money for scholarships. The reason this process will take five years is that our first priority is to ensure that our currently sponsored students can finish their secondary programs by continuing sponsorship year-after-year until graduation.

Looking for information on the Third Summer Fun Fundraiser?

Visit www.hytes.org/fundraisers/ for regular updates.

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Third Annual Summer Fun Fundraiser: Sunday, July 8, 2007

We will be holding our Third Annual Summer Fun Fundraiser on July 8 at the South Calgary Community Association Hall from 1:00PM to 4:00PM.

Entertainment

Japanese Drumming
Many Fun-Filled Activities for Kids
Silent Auction for the Adults

Admission

\$6 per person or \$15 per family
Tickets are limited so book early!

Buy Tickets Online

www.hytes.org/fundraisers/2007summerfun/buytickets.html

Zambia:

Thirty-Eight students totaling \$9,720 (including delivery costs)

Lewis Munanko, Kenneth Chitafu, Benjamine Mulenga Simute, Dunbar Zombe, Maureen Mulenga, Wisdom Chiwewe, Lysias Mwape, Dorcas Nakazwe, Stanley Chabala, Moses Kunda, Geoffrey Dimba, Oliper Nthani, Elizabeth Njovu, Patricia Mumba, Alaina Phiri, Chileshe Mulenga, Godwin Chishimba, Thandine Mwandila, Prudence Kaunda, Patricia Ndabulula, Given Chibwe, John Mambwe, Obby Lambwe Silungwe, Benny Mulenga, Augustine Kanyanta, Sitenge Pelekelo, Charity Mary Nakaniliya, Monica Nyirenda, Ednah Phiri, Harriet Chewe, Bertha Mwewa, Belinda Zulu, Lillian Munanko, Cecilia Kabamba, Memory Mwankokeshu, Licious Mwape, Munanko Lewis, Dorica Banda

Kenya:

Thirteen students totaling \$8,054 (including delivery costs)

Wanjiku Michael Wainaina, Irene Kwamboka Kirebi, Jackline Atieno Magak, Ann Ngendo Kinuthia, Josphat Seseme, Nancy Nyaega, Kennedy Ogiri, Brian Owino Ogiri, Purity Wanjiru, Mary Atieno, Lillian Eseri Ashindu, Nthuka Mutungi, Peter Mikobi

Volunteer Vibe

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.
~Anne Frank

by Pam Amulaku

Volunteers are not only the figurative ‘backbone’ of our growing organization, they are quite literally the arms, legs, hands, eyes, ears, and especially the heart of HYTES! HYTES is 100% volunteer-run, and so we absolutely depend on the contributions of a group of wonderful people in Canada and the countries where HYTES delivers scholarships, in order to operationalize our mandate.



We are currently working to establish a volunteer management program designed to enhance our recruitment, orientation, mobilization, recognition and retention of HYTES volunteers.

If you're committed to the mission of HYTES and would like to explore volunteer opportunities with us, please contact volunteer@hytes.org and we'll try to match the many talents, interests and availability that you have to offer to the many varied and exciting aspects of helping youth through educational scholarships!

Currently, HYTES is seeking volunteers to pitch in with various logistics of our

upcoming third annual **Summer Fun Fundraiser** on Sunday, July 8th at the South Calgary Community Association Hall. Send an email to volunteer@hytes.org if you are able and willing to help out at one of our biggest fundraising events of the year. It will be a blast! In the months ahead, watch future newsletters and the ‘Volunteer Vibe!’ section of the HYTES website for specific volunteer postings that HYTES has up for grabs!

28 Stories of AIDS in Africa (2007)

Stephanie Nolen, Africa Correspondent for "The Globe and Mail"

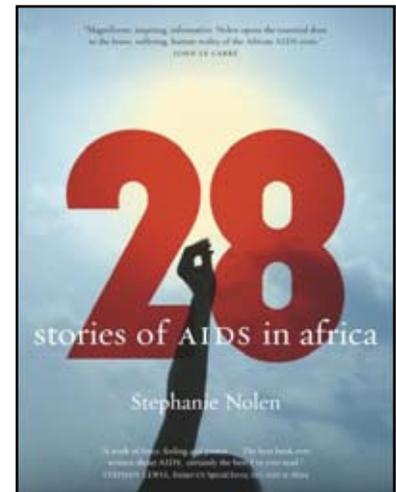
Book Review by Pam Amulaku

The last time I heard Stephen Lewis speak, he gave an absolutely glowing recommendation of Stephanie Nolen's new book '28' – and since I am an admitted Stephen Lewis groupie, I went out and bought the 398-page hardcover the very next day!

As its title suggests, the book chronicles 28 personal accounts of AIDS in Africa; the intimate stories of children, grandmothers, truck-drivers, nurses, doctors, teachers, husbands, wives, orphans, advocates, former Presidents, young couples, soldiers, families... all who have had their lives impacted and more often, ravaged, by the AIDS pandemic. The number is not arbitrary – it is estimated by UNAIDS that approximately 28 million people are currently infected with HIV in sub-Saharan Africa. Every story in this book puts a vividly human face on the virus, and represents a million more that remain untold.

I'm not going to lie – this collection of well-written and photographed portraits will trouble, overwhelm, devastate and enrage the reader. But despite that, I still think it's an incredibly important book for everyone to read... out of respect

for the courage of those 28 individuals who have shared their stories and the millions more they stand for, and because it will hopefully inspire us all to DO something... but do what?



While it can certainly be helpful for concerned citizens to send financial donations to AIDS advocacy, treatment and care organizations (Nolen lists several that she has found to be working very effectively in the field), that concerned citizenry must also expand by epic proportions in order to defeat such an immense and desperate struggle as the African AIDS crisis. Nolen asserts that the best thing that we in the privileged developed world can do to fight AIDS in Africa right now is to talk about it:

There has, in the past year or two, been a swell of interest at a grassroots level, and international stars and philanthropists have taken up the cause. But the crisis continues to fail to draw the political and financial response it merits because too few people in the West yet understand or care about what is happening.

We are long overdue to raise the alarm: as Nolen reminds us at the conclusion of her book, “each day in Africa, 5,500 people die of HIV/AIDS – a treatable, preventable illness. We have twenty-eight million reasons to act.”

www.28stories.com

Stephanie Nolen is donating a copy of her new book for our silent auction on Sunday, July 8, 2007.

A Thank You Letter to HYTES

by Brian Owino, HYTES Scholar in Kenya

I would like to thank all of you for what you have done for me. I appreciate your offer for me to get education.

Some years back my parents were not having something to pay for my school fees. They tried, but they were not able to do so as well. I am ready to learn now.

In my future, I normally try to reach my targets and am achieving to be an engineer or lawyer. I am working hard to make sure that I reach my targets. I want to aim higher such that I land on the moon and achieve my goals.

I don't have much but to thank you for a good offer you have with me so as to make sure that am not sent home without school fees and also to get educated.

One of our top priorities for HYTES students is to sponsor them in succeeding years so they are able to graduate from secondary school. To the right, you will find three of our current students. By the end of June, we would like to confirm their sponsorship for the 2008 school year.

Let's make sure these students graduate!

Our Charitable Registration Number is 828039545RR0001.

Donate online at www.hytes.org/ch

Goal for June: Raise \$920 to send these three students back to school in January 2008.

by Janet Pliszka



Aziza Julius is 14 years old and lives in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. She is in her second year of secondary school at Matangini Islamic Secondary School in Dar Es Salaam. Last year, she received 90% in Kiswahili and a 86% in sciences! This current school year is her first year being sponsored by HYTES. She currently lives with her mother as her father passed away in 2004. She has one brother named Abdul. Her mom started working at Zanaki Girls School after her father's death. Aziza is expecting "to pass her examinations with flying colours" and after high school she wants to complete her degree in Business Administration, get a good job and help her mother.



Lingasiku Kalibule will be in her last year of high school in 2008. She goes to Jangwani Secondary School in Dar Es Salaam. You may remember Lingasiku from last year, as this is the second year she has been sponsored by HYTES. She is 17 years old. Her father worked in the ministry of Home Affairs as a refugees officer and her mother was a housewife before they passed away – her mother died when she was seven and her father passed away seven years later. It was next year that HYTES started paying Lingasiku's school fees. She currently lives at school and every month she goes home to visit her relatives. After she finishes secondary education her plan is to join the University of Dar Es Salaam in the faculty of Law. She says "I would like to be a lawyer or a magistrate – I like the way of judging cases to be in the right way of justice to all. I will make sure that I reach my goals in order to defend the rights of the people".



Peter Mikobi is 17 years old and is currently in his first year in secondary school. He attends Nyanchwa Mixed High School in Kisii, Kenya. His mother was from Kenya and his father from Zaire. He lost both parents in 1997, within 3 months of each other. His current guardian has children of his own who are starting to go secondary school as well and so affording Peter's school fees is now very challenging. Now that he has been given assistance and all the necessary support, even without his parents, Peter would like to become a Social worker so that he can extend a helping hand to those that could be the same situation he found himself in. After ten years, he wants to have his first degree and be able to get to the roots of his father's people back in Zaire and assist those in need. He wants to imagine that at that time, his country will have taken some steps towards political stability and economical improvement. Peter says "Being the only child of my parents, I want to make sure that all the achievement that would have been made by my parents are fulfilled. I want to keep the burning ambition of the Mikobi Dibuba Beya high and shining".

expresses frustration about the media perspective of Africa as a continent. Standard images of violence, famine, genocide and HIV/AIDS pervade the media, yet little is done to highlight the successes, the community, the culture, the goodness that is so evident on the diverse continent.

While sharing his story, Beah also speaks of his childhood before the war. Recalling tales of folklore from his grandmother, the strong sense of community in his village and how influences of hip-hop inspired him, and also came to save his life. He highlights what he calls two very different worlds. He asks the crowded audience to consider what individuals are capable of in times of war. It could be easy to characterize him in only one light – as a monster. But as a young boy who had lost his family and was recruited and drugged by soldiers, there was little choice for him. Indeed he committed horrifying acts over two years, and his story reveals the worst of what humanity can offer. Yet paradoxically, it reveals the best of humanity as well. The persistent compassion from the staff at the rehabilitation centre, his nurse Esther and his own ability to forgive himself enabled Ishmael to survive his ordeal. Beah stood before us to show that people who are able to overcome such violence and numbness with hope and with humility, can shine again.

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Annual Membership: \$25.00 Yes No

Donation Amount: \$20.00 \$50.00

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HYTES T-Shirt: Adult: S, M, L

Youth: M, L, XL

\$15.00
member price

\$20.00
non-member price

Total Payment Enclosed: _____

Your donation will go towards scholarships and program costs in Guatemala, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

If you chose to become a member, please note that this is for a non-voting membership.

Please visit www.hytes.org for more details.

You will be provided a tax receipt via email (or regular mail) if your donation is \$20.00 or more. Please note tax receipts are not provided for membership fees or T-Shirt purchases.

Please contact me with any opportunities to volunteer with HYTES' initiatives.

I would NOT like my name published in any HYTES material (printed or online). Please consider this gift as an anonymous donation.

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