

SUMMER GREETINGS!

JUNE 2018

Dear friend of Graceworks,

Ah, summer! As you plan your family getaways and other fun activities, please **save the date** for our annual celebration and fundraiser gala, again at the lovely Bowers Museum. Come hear the exciting things that have been happening this past year and how you have been or can become “a knight in shining armor” to children and youth both in Kenya Africa and here in Orange County!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, September 30, 5-9 pm

Invitation to follow!

ENJOY BOWERS
SPECIAL EXHIBIT
KNIGHTS IN SHINING ARMOR



KNIGHT AT THE BOWERS
MUSEUM Santa Ana

Enter event through the beautiful sculpture garden! Silent auction, a delicious, catered dinner by Tangata, and fabulous museum exhibits await!



Be an “event sponsor”!

Your help will see more proceeds go to vulnerable children near and far!

Printing—\$1200

Event auctioneer—\$1800

Auction signage—\$200-\$500

Venue Underwriter—\$200-\$2000

Got Auction Items?

Restaurant, theater, concert, amusement park, sports events tickets and gift cards?
Themed baskets of all types: holiday, coffee, wine, chocolate, jewelry, getaways, etc., etc.?

Questions?

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PROGRAM UPDATES

GRACEWORKS KENYA, AFRICA

Graceworks continues to provide assistance to HIV/AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children in the rural community of Rwika. The children range in age from primary school to college. Enrolled children receive help with school fees and supplies, medical care and emotional support. This year we have 24 children in primary schools and 25 children in secondary schools. We also have several youth and young adults who are attending colleges, universities and technical/vocational institutions. We thank you for your continued support in helping us provide educational opportunities to these deserving kids.

The Kenya program has now shifted most of its activities to the new location, the nine-acre plot of land about 1 mile from the Rwika town center. The reason for the move was to have more room including play space for the children.

In early March, a 40-foot shipping container, a gift from St. John's Lutheran Church of Orange, arrived in Kenya, and made its way to the new Graceworks compound in Rwika. The container is filled with food (over 140,000 nutrient fortified meals) and playground equipment for the children. A group of volunteers from St. John's church will be traveling to Kenya in July 2018 to assemble the playground and to help distribute the food to the community.

Container being offloaded by a crane



New kitchen and storeroom at the new program location in Rwika, Kenya

PROGRAM UPDATES, Continued

GRACEWORKS USA LOCAL OUTREACH

In Orange County, Graceworks has continued to reach out to children who are in the care of grandparents or other relatives due to abuse, neglect or abandonment by a parent. We provide linkages and resources for affected children and their caregivers in collaboration with other community based agencies and organizations to help this often underserved population.

Currently, Graceworks, has partnered with Olive Crest and St. John's Lutheran Church Orange to provide monthly respite events for kinship families in Orange County. This is a day of fun for the children whereby the caregivers drop the children off at St. John's and volunteers care for the children while the caregivers enjoy some free time for well-deserved rest or to run errands. These respite events average between sixty to ninety children. The volunteers engage the children in activities such as sports, crafts, food and friendship. Through such events, we hope to sensitize the community regarding the plight of these at-risk kids and the generosity and sacrifice of the relatives who take on the responsibility of providing care for them.



*Kinship Care Respite Event
at
St. John's Lutheran Church
Orange*

Donations for our Local Outreach program should be notated "Local." To volunteer at our ongoing respite program or holiday events, please contact Mary Salgado marysalg@gmail.com



All of us at Graceworks wish you and your loved ones a fun and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you at the event on Sunday September 30, 2018. As always, we promise a colorful occasion with lots of fun for the whole family.



Once again, we wish to thank you for your past and continued support. We could not do it without you!

Dr. Susan Njemanze, Ed.D. Graceworks President and the Graceworks Board:
Jackie Adams, Dr. Jay Bauman, Alison Conard, Robin Lyall, Dr. Darrell Dudley, Robert Meaux,
Sharon Portman, Mary Salgado

THANK YOU



FOR ALL YOU DO!