

THE HEART THAT GIVES, GATHERS.



THE GIVING EXCHANGE

2017



BY GIVING, WE ARE MADE ALL THE RICHER.

Every act of love and generosity is a two-way street. By helping others, we also help ourselves. The Giving Exchange is committed to improving the lives of people in need—not just for today, but for tomorrows yet to come.

In 2017, our generous donors and dedicated volunteers made it possible for us to provide many critical resources and programs designed to help people make a better life for themselves, for their children and for their communities.

We couldn't do it without you. Thank you for sharing your heart!



CONNECTING NEED WITH SUPPLY FOR GOOD.

We believe in establishing self-sustaining programs and opportunities to empower people and communities—not just for today, but for a lifetime.

The Giving Exchange acts as a bridge between people who can provide resources, time or expertise with people in need. We collaborate closely with our local partners to design programs that ultimately create ongoing streams of revenue, provide education and skill-building opportunities, and improve the health and well-being of people.



WHERE THERE'S LOVE, THERE'S HOPE.



2017 HIGHLIGHTS

- ♥ Ebenezer Children's Home
- ♥ Bahati Rehabilitation Center
- ♥ Nairobi Libraries
- ♥ Morning Star Children's Home
- ♥ Giving Exchange Volunteer Trips



Your donation, no matter how big or small, makes a profound impact on the lives of people in need. In 2017, we were able to fund projects that promote ongoing education and literacy, health, income generation and best of all, hope. Our work is far from done, and we're looking forward to doing even more in 2018 to help those in need.



PROJECT
01

CHICKEN COOP

EBENEZER CHILDREN'S HOME, GITHURAI, KENYA

Feeding hope.

Having a chicken coop in Kenya means a lot—it represents a real, sustainable solution that will nourish the community now and in the future. Thanks to your support, the Ebenezer Children's Home was able to start a chicken broiler production. Funds covered the cost of construction for the facility, and also provided chicks and food. This production will create a much-needed income stream to support the children's daily needs.



“I came with the simple goal of seeing Africa, but I left with so much more.”

— Blair



PROJECT
02

JEWELRY MAKING

BAHATI REHABILITATION CENTER, BAHATI, KENYA

From the streets to success.

The Bahati Rehabilitation Center welcomes street boys living in the slums, and provides them with shelter, food, education and life-saving rehabilitation programs to help them recover from drugs, alcohol or physical abuse.

With little hope for their futures, these boys could easily give up on life, but with the help of the Give Back Movement, they are

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discovering new possibilities through jewelry making. Thanks to your support, we were able to fund a six-month program that taught the Center's boys how to make beaded bracelets and accessories which could be sold to fund future training projects. This experience not only teaches the boys skills they can use to generate income, but it also instills a priceless sense of confidence and hope.

PROJECT
03

BOOKS FOR AFRICA

LIBRARIES THROUGHOUT NAIROBI, KENYA

Lifting literacy.

We take books for granted, but most children living in rural Kenya have never had the opportunity to read a book. We decided to do something about that. The Giving Exchange collaborated with *the Books for Africa* program to bring 20,000 books to Kenya, expanding children's horizons in wonderful ways. Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to furnish 12 different libraries

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across Nairobi and even helped to build 9 of them, serving different schools and orphanages in the vicinity. In fact, the library we built at the Gichocho Primary School is the very first community library in a public school in the county!



“ We gave a little, but received a lot. We just hope to come back because it was such an unforgettable experience. ”

— Janick



- ♥ **Gichocho Primary school** (Gichocho, Kiambu)
- ♥ **Holding Hands Center** (Mukuru kwa Reuben slum, Nairobi)
- ♥ **Maendeleo Education Center** (Mukuru kwa Reuben slum, Nairobi)
- ♥ **Huruma Children's Centre** (Kiminini, Kitale)
- ♥ **Stemi Junior School** (Sattelight, Nairobi)
- ♥ **Happy Angels Academy** (Fuata Nyayo slum, Nairobi)
- ♥ **Rhema Trust** (Nairobi)
- ♥ **Saint Ann's Gichocho Girls school** (Gichocho, Kiambu)
- ♥ **Ebenezer Children's Home** (Githurai, Nairobi)
- ♥ **Garden Estate Academy** (Nairobi)
- ♥ **Kangoya Primary School** (Kangoya, Kiambu)

PROJECT
04

RENOVATIONS

MORNING STAR CHILDREN'S HOME, KIAMBU, KENYA

Home sweet home.

We recently completed much-needed renovations on the Morning Star Children's Home, making it a happy, safe and comfortable refuge for 50 children. Thanks to your support, Giving Exchange volunteers painted, chiseled and made repairs to the facilities with the help of staff and some of the Morning Star children. We were also able to finish building a chicken coop for the orphanage which will generate much-needed resources to support the children's daily needs.



PROJECT
05

VOLUNTEER TRIPS

VARIOUS LOCATIONS, KENYA

Extending hearts and hands.

For two weeks spanning August 10-26, 2017, 23 volunteers from the United States and France joined the Giving Exchange for an unforgettable experience in Kenya. In this time, the group visited 10 different schools and orphanages in communities throughout Kenya—working on various projects, playing with the kids, and falling in love with the people of Africa.

Though these people don't have much, they gave us their hearts. The joy they express, in spite of their dire circumstances, spoke so deeply to everyone who made the journey. If you are interested in volunteering with the Giving Exchange, please visit www.thegivingexchange.net/become-volunteer/

“ The lasting effects of the trip are beautiful and inspiring. The smiles we witnessed are worth their weight in gold... and then some! ”

— Susan



“ It was a trip of a lifetime. I hope I will be able to continue to be a part of the kids' lives in some way, always. ”

— Amy





MAKING THE DIFFERENCE.

Over the years, we've seen the impact we've had on the people and communities we serve. It's a wonderful feeling to know you've made a difference in someone's life—our hearts are fuller because we've shared them with others.

We are always looking ahead, planning how we can uplift, inspire and empower communities with hope for the future. To see some of our current projects or to make a donation, please visit our website at www.thegivingexchange.net.

SHARE YOUR HEART.



The Giving Exchange exists through private and corporate-sponsored donations for the sole purpose of helping others. If you are interested in contributing time, resources or funding for our projects, please contact us at TheGivingExchange@gmail.com.

You can make the difference!

Rod Mickels

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Co-Founder

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