

A close-up photograph of three young children of African descent. On the left, a young girl with curly hair is being held and hugged by a boy in the center. The boy in the center is smiling gently. Behind him, another boy is smiling broadly. They are all wearing orange or red clothing. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

*The Heart That Gives,
Gathers.*

THE GIVING EXCHANGE

2018



*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 2018, 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.



2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- ♥ Stove for the Njoo Dada Trust Rescue Center
- ♥ Three greenhouses for Gichocho School, Kangoya School, and Masai Safehouse
- ♥ Goat farm for Divine Mercy Children's Home
- ♥ Chicken coop for Riruta Shade Orphanage
- ♥ Water projects: Stemi, Kanyiha and Riabai Schools
- ♥ Biogas system and dairy production at Morning Star



Your donation, no matter how big or small, makes a profound impact on the lives of people in need. In 2018, we were able to fund projects that promote health and nutrition, ecology, income generation and best of all, hope. Our work is far from done, and we're looking forward to doing even more in 2019 to help those in need.



PROJECT
01

GREENHOUSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

KIAMBU AND KADJIADO COUNTIES, KENYA

Thanks to our generous donors who made it all possible, we built a greenhouse at two primary public schools near Kiambu, and at a Masai rescue center for girls in the Kadjiado County. This sustainable project not only provides fresh vegetables to nearly 1700 people, but also generates income which is used to tend to the children's daily needs. We had the privilege of planting the first seeds for these greenhouses during our 2018 trip to Kenya.

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“ I really recommend you come with us to Kenya. Honestly, it's an incredible experience that will change your life! ”

— Réanna



The local children and staff were taught the basics on growing plants, with the help of our local partner Amiran. It was mind-blowing for our team to see the pleasure and pride in these people's eyes as they were working to create this sustainable program, which would truly have an impact on their daily lives.

PROJECT
02

BIOGAS SYSTEM & DAIRY PRODUCTION

MORNING STAR CHILDREN'S HOME, KIAMBU, KENYA

The Morning Star Children's Home traditionally used firewood as cooking fuel, which contributed to chronic health problems due to the smoke. That's why in Summer 2018, we helped this orphanage build a self-sustaining biogas system, which takes organic waste (cow manure) and converts it into a safer and cleaner fuel for cooking. The cows also provide Morning Star's children with milk, another means to generate income (through milk sales) to sustain the biogas system.



PROJECT
03

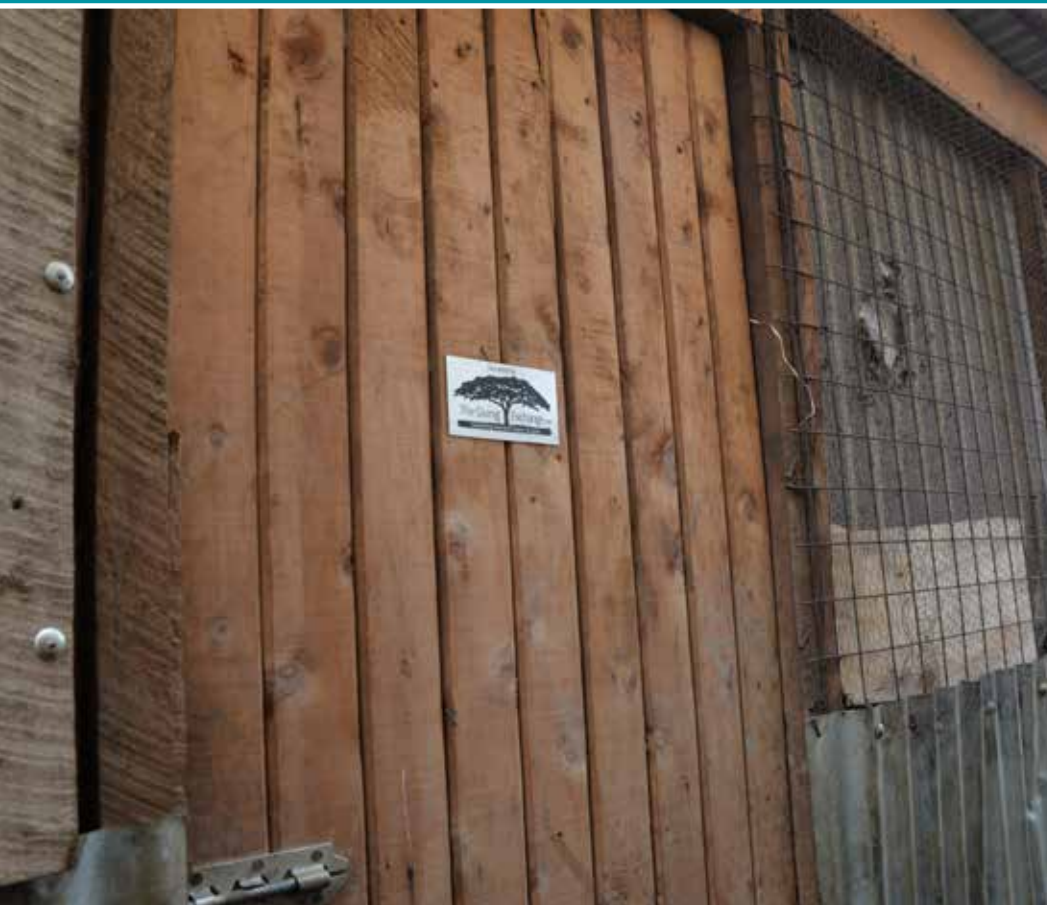
CHICKEN COOP

RIRUTA SHADE ORPHANAGE, NAIROBI, KENYA

TGE gave the Riruta Shade Orphanage in Nairobi a fully-operational chicken coop. Riruta Shade is currently home to 38 children, mostly between the ages of 10 and 14 years old. Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered on this project.

The chicken coop will make a world of difference to the children who live at the orphanage. There was already a small coop with several chickens at Riruta, but by expanding it TGE has

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“ What you get in return are giant smiles, warm and meaningful hugs, and a sense of gratitude that you don't often find. ”

— Jim



helped the orphanage start a sustainable chicken broiler production.

The chickens will not only feed the children but will also be an ongoing revenue source to support the food program and school fees. TGE is feeding hope for today and tomorrow.

PROJECT
04

GOAT FARM

DIVINE MERCY CHILDREN'S HOME, KIAMBU, KENYA

Our amazing donors rallied together to quickly raise funds for the goat project. Thanks to their generosity, TGE was able to donate several goats to Divine Mercy Children's Home, an orphanage that currently supports 30 children. The goats joined the home's sustainable farm, which also includes pigs, cows and chickens.

The goats will help cover school fees and other daily expenses at the orphanage. Thanks again to everyone who made this project possible. TGE couldn't do it without you!



PROJECT
05

VOLUNTEER TRIPS

VARIOUS LOCATIONS, KENYA

Extending hearts and hands.

For three weeks spanning August 5-26, 2018, 21 volunteers from the United States and France joined the Giving Exchange for an unforgettable experience in Kenya. In this time, the group visited 9 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/

“ We were there to help them, but in many ways we felt that they helped us. It was definitely a trip of a lifetime. ”
—Jennifer



“ There's nothing better you could do with your time than give back to those around you . ”
— Ming





Share
your
heart.



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.

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 info@thegivingexchange.net.

You can make the difference!

Rod Mickels

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Co-Founder

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