

WFWP Maryland, USA: Working to Raise Funds for the Schools of Africa Project

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It all began with a conversation. I spoke to our chairwoman of the Spanish WFWP chapter in Maryland, Concha Marchitelli, about the Schools of Africa (SOA), and she suggested we could do a bake sale at her Spring Dance and Drama recital at New Hope Academy in Landover Hills, Maryland. Concha is the director of the dance and drama program there. So our Maryland WFWP team (Marianne Goldberg, Emiko Butler and myself) decided to go for it. Marianne donated lots of cookies and cakes. Emiko baked delicious and healthy cinnamon muffins. My family baked tasty brownies and chocolate chip cookies. I added Ferrero Rocher chocolates and lots of chip bags.

On May 20 the recital took place. When Emiko and I were setting up the Schools of Africa banner at 3 o'clock. To our surprise, some of Concha's friends came and donated more cookies, baked goods and water bottles. Concha had made an announcement at the Academy about our fundraiser. Thank you Concha! Our donation basket filled up quickly

even before the program, and then during intermission and afterwards. People gave so generously. Isabel, a mom of one of the performers and a friend of Concha's, came to help us at the table. Her enthusiasm encouraged many to give extra. We are happy to offer \$486 to the SOA .

Then our Maryland team decided to do another fundraiser for the Schools of Africa after we received a phone call from Susan Fefferman, former WFWP Maryland chairwoman who had a lot of things to donate for a yard sale fundraiser.

Marianne, Emiko and I had a conference call and decided on a yard sale for May 27th, Memorial Day weekend, just a week after our bake sale. We picked up two van loads full of donations, one load alone given by the Feffermans. Then, on the day of our fundraiser, the Moffit and the Fefferman family brought even more donations to our stand.

When Marianne and I started at 7.30 am, we put our donation basket out with a \$5 donation suggestion and our SOA banner up. People were arriving soon after. When we packed up at 3 pm, people were still coming. Our donation basket kept filling. Marianne and her husband Matt worked so hard to organize the donations and take care of customers. Emiko had collected donations as well and drove her van load that morning 45 minutes to our site despite her busy schedule that day.

The yard sale raised over \$600. We like to thank all the ones who donated things to the yard sale to make it happen.

We are very happy that in all we could raise over \$1,000 combined on those two Saturdays for the

Schools of Africa!



Editor's Note: Local WFWP chapters organize at least one fundraiser a year for the [Schools of Africa](#) (SOA) project which supports ten schools throughout eight African countries. WFWP Maryland does an annual yard sale and also included a bake sale this year.



Schools of Africa



Did you know that...

Globally, 58 million children of primary age were not in school in 2012. Out of that number, 65% were in Africa. And half of all African children will never see a classroom.

As a unique organization that cares for the world's children with a mother's heart, Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) initiated the Schools of Africa Project. The schools started in 1994, when the Founders of WFWP commissioned volunteers from WFWP Japan to serve underdeveloped nations. Those volunteers established schools, training projects and other additional educational initiatives in numerous African nations. In 2000, WFWP USA excitedly joined in support of the Schools of Africa Project, as an offering of peace, love and empathy.

Each year, local chapters and members across USA organize innovative and engaging events to raise funds for the ten schools throughout eight African countries. These funds have helped to continually maintain the schools, finance school supplies, improve buildings and classrooms, secure funds for scholarships to low-income students, and much more. Since 1994, these schools have provided meaningful opportunities to 20,000 graduates, and continues to provide an education to 2,000 students.

Thanks to many generous donors, since 2001 WFWP USA has sent over \$582,900 to the schools. WFWP USA owes this success to local chapters and supporters for their continuous efforts to make children and education a priority. Thank you for your generous donations and continued support in securing a promising future for thousands throughout Africa!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



EQUATORIAL GUINEA

**Pilar Momo Elementary School since 2011
and Motoko Shiroma Primary School since 2001**

WFWP established two schools in Equatorial Guinea. Motoko Shiroma Primary School was named after Ms. Motoko Shrioma, a Japanese volunteer teacher who lost her life during her service. WFWP USA continues its support in the improvement and maintenance of the buildings and securing the safety of the students in both schools. So far, the schools impacted more than 272 graduates in Equatorial Guinea. [FIND OUT MORE](#)





GUINEA BISSAU

Sunac Elementary School since 2003

Despite political and social instability in Guinea Bissau, Sunac offers classes regularly throughout the year, making the school zone a safe place for children to grow. Also, the school has a high female enrollment rate. Sunac has been able to reach 369 graduates since 2003. [FIND OUT MORE](#)



LIBERIA

Peace Hana School since 1998

Initially, Peace Hana was established to equip economically disadvantaged children from 3-6 years old with reading and writing skills and extracurricular courses. Later in 2002, the school was expanded to become an elementary school. Despite Ebola outbreaks in the country in 2016 which forced the school to close for 6 months, classes continue thanks to WFP support. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

SECONDARY SCHOOLS



MOZAMBIQUE

Sun of Mozambique Secondary School since 1995

After a civil war in 1992, the country lacked resources and infrastructure for quality education. Sun of Mozambique offers quality education at a low fee. In addition to this, the school also provides scholarship programs to deserving students, and a library and computer lab facilities. The school has earned a worthy reputation, impacting the lives of 10,397 graduates, many of whom have gone to attend university. [FIND OUT MORE](#)



KENYA

Handow Secondary School since 1998

Handow is located in a poor neighborhood village far away from the capital with limited electricity and running water. Since its establishment, the school has successfully educated 2,130 graduates. With continuous support from WFP, the school became accredited as a public school and later implemented a tuition-free policy in 2008. Donations have been utilized in the construction of the school's infrastructure and providing school supplies to the students. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

ADULT EDUCATION



RWANDA

New Hope Technical Institute since 1998

The institute was founded to help women and ex-soldiers after the Rwandan genocide become financially independent by equipping them with skills in culinary arts, dressmaking, and hairdressing. This has not only brought a sense of independence amongst the 2,231 graduates, but also a sense that they are loved and valued. [FIND OUT MORE](#)



ETHIOPIA

One Hope Garden Literacy Class since 2014

The One Hope Garden provides free classes to women and men in Amharic, basic math, basic English, family planning, business management, and childcare. Some families are starting to get out of poverty thanks to the classes. [FIND OUT MORE](#)

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You can support this project by making a donation online, or by mailing a check to:
WFP USA, 481 8th Ave, Suite 1228, New York, NY 10001

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If you are interested in creating your own local fundraiser for the Schools of Africa,

[Resources](#)

(even a tag sale makes a difference!) we have several resources to help you share about the project and its impact.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To help organize or support a local fundraiser in your area, check out the [upcoming events page](#), or contact the [chapter nearest you!](#)

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