

Hope Children's Fund's Annual Gala Was A Success

The non-profit organization continues to help others in Meru, Kenya

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Incorporated in 2003, Hope Children's Fund (HCF) is a New York State Licensed 501(C)3 that provides for the physical and emotional needs of some of the most vulnerable AIDS affected orphans who were living on the streets of Meru, Kenya. Their goal is to furnish the food, clothing, shelter and medical care that will enable these children to be enrolled in local schools. They operate the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Fund Home in Meru, Kenya and at this home they expect to provide the children there with the tools that will help them to become productive adults.

HCF holds an Annual Passion for Education Gala that benefits their organization. This yearly gala is a time when all supporters of this non-profit gather to celebrate all they've accomplished as a charitable organization. On July 24, 2021, the 2021 Gala was held at The Inn & Spa at East Wind and it was a memorable evening for those in attendance. There was live music by X-Session, an elaborate cocktail hour, a plated dinner and lovely dessert, raffles, a silent auction and a live virtual meeting with children from the Jerusha Mwiraria Hope Children's Home in Meru, Kenya. Every

ticket that was sold to this event will pay for a trimester of secondary school for a child from that home.



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Looking to get involved with HCF? A great way to do so is to sponsor a child who lives at their orphanage. A sponsor contributes \$365.00 to provide for the basic needs of one child at the Hope Children's Home in Kenya for one year. A sponsor often chooses to mentor that child or in some cases, partners with another to do the mentoring. They will also receive a photo and short biography of their child. Mentors are encouraged to stay in touch with their children over the course of the year (and hopefully longer). In return, the children respond in letters describing their experiences at the Home and at school.

Those who were fortunate enough to have traveled to the Home and got to know our children there, have seen first-hand how appreciative they are of their sponsors/mentors in America. They proudly and enthusiastically display their letters and small gifts from their friends in the States. Their smiles say it all. For more information regarding sponsorship, email aidamann@optonline.com and put "Mentors" in the subject line.

I had the pleasure of attending this gala and truly thank Kevin and Aida Mann, along with all the other kind people who are involved with Hope Children's Fund, for all

their selfless efforts. Together, you make the world a better place.

As we enter the time of year when many get ready to school, let's remember what a great blessing it is to get an education. For more information about Hope Children's Fund, visit www.hopechildrensfund.org. Any donation you can make to HCF would be greatly appreciated.



Pictured Above From Left to Right: Noelle Stanuch, Kevin Mann & Aida Mann



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