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Dear Rosslyn Families,

As the Christmas season approaches, it brings with it a time when we pause to reflect on the gift of our Savior, Jesus. Today our students and staff participated in our annual Christmas Project Kick-off Chapel service. In what is now its fourteenth year, our annual Christmas Project is one way we seek to share God's love and the blessings He's given us with our greater Kenyan community. As an extremely blessed community, we join together each Christmas in an effort to bless and extend God's grace to others through the use of the gifts we have received.

Due to the continued success of this project, especially in the last five years, we have again selected four organizations to be recipients of the generosity of the Rosslyn Academy community this year: *Kenya Economic Development and Health Advancement Project (KEDHAP)*, *From Pavement to Prosperity (P2P)*, *The Ark Community Education Center* and *Rehema Home*.

Kenya Economic Development and Health Advancement Project (KEDHAP) assists widows, orphans, and other vulnerable people to escape the poverty cycle; they work to equip individuals who are HIV+ with life skills; they empower girls and women; and engage in peace-building. We will be raising funds for them to begin a sewing project that will teach a lifelong skill and help girls in this community be able to stay in school. THE GOAL: 240,000ksh

From Pavement to Prosperity's (P2P) objective is to bring about equality and opportunities for vulnerable street youth, allowing them to thrive and have a dignified life. Their ministry is to rescue, rehabilitate, and reintegrate these youth back into the community. The program teaches basic life skills, basic education, farming skills and also introduces the boys to small scale business and management skills. We are raising funds for the completion of a water well project, that will provide reliable drinking water for consumption and farming. THE GOAL: 300,000ksh

The Ark Community Education Center started as a literacy and evangelism program among the Boran and Somali Community living in Kiamaiko/Huruma on the east side of the Eastleigh settlement. Their objective is to reach out to the majority Muslim community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to eradicate illiteracy. The school currently has 365 students from Nursery School to Class 8. Raising funds for a new toilet facility and the renovation of the current toilet facilities. We will also be collecting books to donate to the school. THE GOAL: 377,000ksh

Rehema Home began in 1998. Their mission is to provide a safe and loving environment for abandoned or orphaned children, regardless of health status. Rehema has one home located in Nairobi and one located in Bukura. They currently serve over 100 children between the two locations. Raising funds for a new refrigerator to keep perishable goods and medications for the children. THE GOAL: 100,000ksh

We believe you will be as touched by the needs of those assisted by the organizations as we are. These organizations rely on the generosity of donors like you to be able to meet the needs of those they serve. Through this Christmas Project, your family has a wonderful opportunity to join with us as we work together to share the blessings God has given us with others less fortunate. When we combine our gifts, we have a much greater impact than if we each go our separate ways.

Through this Christmas Project, we hope to help our students and community become more knowledgeable about the needs around us and to realize how privileged and blessed we are, so that we can give joyfully and show our love for Christ and His love to others.

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Rosslyn Academy inspires and equips each student to develop their God-given gifts for Christ-like service in the world community...





This year's Christmas Project goals:

- 1. Our first goal is 100% participation from our students and staff.** Each year we love to see our community come together in this endeavor. We will not be keeping records of who gives and which class collects the most, but we encourage everyone to give to these projects in one way or another (and we most certainly do not expect you or your children to participate in *every* possible way). We would like for parents to talk with their children about ways they might earn money to go toward this project or things they might give up for a period of time, such as a restaurant meal or sodas, to save money that could then be given to the Christmas Project this year.
- 2. Our second goal is to raise 1,017,000 KSH.** This money will be divided between the three organizations as follows: *KEDHAP 240,000ksh, From Pavement to Prosperity 300,000ksh, The Ark Community Education Center 377,000ksh and Rehema Home 100,000ksh.*

We will also be collecting items for The Ark Community Education Center.

Items Needed: New or used books appropriate for kids from Nursery School to Class 8.

This seems like an incredible amount of money to collect in a short time, but based on the overwhelming generosity of our community in past years, we are confident that we will meet this goal, if not surpass it.

Teachers have collection containers in their classrooms for monetary donations. We will also take collections or have ushers at the doors of several up-coming events.

As in the past, we will keep you updated on our progress each week in the *Rosslyn Reporter*. We will also have charts in each school zone to give students and staff a visual reminder of our goals and our progress. If you would like a receipt for your monetary donation, please donate in the Business Office and one can be provided for you.

We hope you will join with us as we strive to reach these goals by praying for the project, encouraging and helping your child(ren) to be involved in the giving, giving generously yourself, and attending our Christmas Project Celebration Chapel on December 21 at 11:15 a.m., where we will announce the total amount raised and make presentations to each organization.

For more information, visit the Christmas Project link in the Community Portal of our Rosslyn Academy website. There you will see our promotional video and information about purchasing a Christmas Project T-shirt. If you have any questions or if you would like to receive any of the information from the site as an email attachment to share with others you know who might be willing to help us meet our goal, contact Jessica Dunning at jessicad@rosslynacademy.com. We welcome participation from friends and family abroad as well!

Blessings to all,

Jessica Dunning and the Rosslyn Academy Christmas Project Committee

Special Note: For those residing outside Kenya, checks may be made out to "Rosslyn Academy" and mailed to *Rosslyn Christmas Project, c/o Mr. Dan King, 1785 Pleasant Stream Road, Trout Run, Pennsylvania, 17771, USA*. Mr. King will issue receipts.