



TEGEMEZA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

YEAR AT A GLANCE

OUR FOCUS FOR 2024

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

A YEAR END MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

As the year draws to a close, I am filled with gratitude for your incredible support. You, the donors, are the backbone of our progress and achievements this year.

Your belief in our vision has empowered us to make a real difference. Your contributions have not only helped us reach our goals but have also inspired us to dream bigger and achieve more. In addition, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the countless volunteers, prayer warriors and well-wishers. Without them, our impact would be limited.

The success of our Christmas market product sales has allowed us to prepare a Christmas Food Basket full of goodies for every family we serve. Furthermore, we have enough to provide a cash bonus for every family to purchase presents and Christmas outfits, spreading joy among the children. We wish you a blessed holiday season surrounded by love and happiness. We are grateful for all our blessings as we serve those less fortunate.

With heartfelt thanks, **x Sarah Dunn**

OUR 2023 IMPACT - YEAR AT A GLANCE



400+

OVERALL



50+

WOMEN



200+

CHILDREN

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



- **KENYA TRIP IN JULY:** Sarah, Rachel, her husband Royston and their son Theodore, and our newest Board Member Dennis make the trip to Kenya! We ran several workshops, training programs and got to personally visit dozens of the people we support in their homes across the Kawangware slum in Nairobi. It was special to be there all together and to gather and connect with families we support
- **WEI PROGRAM LAUNCH:** We have successfully launched our WEI microfinance program with groups in Nairobi, Siaya (up north) and Mombassa (at the coast). We look forward to providing more updates in the new year on their progress.
- **HOLISTIC APPROACH TO SPONSORSHIP:** This year we are proud of how we maintained our sponsorship model to ensure that the students have the best chance of success at school. Consistent home visits by our administrator Tim has ensured that students have a roof over their head, enough food at home and a stable and safe home life.
- **INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH EDUCATION:** With the help of Tim, our administrator and Tabitha long time friend and leader in the community we were able to host the first sessions on reproductive and sexual health for youth in the community for young boys and girls respectively. Due to cultural stigmas, reproductive health education and understanding does not leave the classroom, and is extremely lacking in detail. To best support our students and youth in the community, we provide a safe space for students to learn and ask questions so that we can prevent teenage pregnancies, promiscuity and abuse.
- **CHRISTMAS MARKET SUCCESS:** This year, for the first time in many, we were able to be a part of 4 different Christmas markets locally. We were able to fundraise over \$5500 through the sale of handmade products made by the talented artisans in Kenya. We are proud to be able to provide a market for their goods and in turn use the funds we raised to support them and their businesses once again.



LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024



- Fundraiser next fall with **special guests**
 - **New products** and update to our online store
 - Planning a group **trip to Kenya for 2025**
- WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?
Email tegemeza@gmail.com for more details.

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2023



If you didn't claim or receive your tax receipts last year, you can still do so. You can submit the receipts for this year or go back and amend your 2022 tax return. Donations for 2023 tax year must be in by the end of December.