

## ***Zawadi Africa Educational Fund***

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June 26, 2008

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am proud to share with you the excellent results that the Zawadi Africa Educational Fund has been able to achieve this past year and to share our programs goals for 2009 and beyond and ask for your support as we prepare for our annual fundraising event to be held at the Sarova Panafric Hotel on Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.30 pm.

The Zawadi Africa Educational Fund is a non-profit organization that secures scholarships and covers startup costs for academically gifted but financially disadvantaged young women with strong leadership potential to enable them to pursue a College education. The Zawadi Africa Education Fund is based on the highly successful Kennedy/Mboya Airlifts of the 1960's, sponsored by President John F. Kennedy and my father, Tom Mboya, who worked with Colleges and Universities in the US to bring needy African students to the US with the objective of having them then return to their countries to become the leaders of the future. The program was clearly successful, as evidenced by the number of our leaders who have come out of this program. Proff. Wangari Mathaai, Josephat Karanja, Joe Wanjui, Barack Obama Sr and Dr Sally Kosgei who will be our Guest of Honor at next week's dinner are all Alumni of this prestigious program

The Zawadi Africa program has also enjoyed great success in our 6 years of existence. Today the Zawadi Africa Educational Fund has 25 girls studying at top Colleges and Universities around the US, including Yale University, MIT, Smith, University of Cincinnati, Xavier University, the College of Mt St Josephs and Miami University (see attached). The Zawadi students have excelled over the years, with a 100% graduation and retention rate, and with 3 graduates, all of whom have gone on to graduate school on full scholarships. The students currently in the program have an average GPA of 3.7 out of 4.0 and a multitude of awards between them, including just this year, the Goldman Sachs leadership award, that goes to only 8 of over 300 applicants from top colleges and universities in the US. The Zawadi program has raised over \$4 million since its inception in 2006. Importantly Zawadi Africa has leveraged a budget pf less than a 10<sup>th</sup> of this amount to deliver the program with excellence.

Last year we set ourselves an extremely aggressive goal for the Program. To double the

number of students in the program, by securing in an additional 25 new scholarships for Fall 2008. We are pleased to announce that Zawadi Africa has exceeded that goal and we will deliver 31 new scholarships for Fall 2008, a value of over \$5 million, in education that will come back to benefit the people of our region. This is the largest group of students that we have ever been able to accommodate in 1 year, and a step change from the 9 scholarships we secured in 2007 and 8 in 2006. Zawadi students will be joining an impressive roster of Colleges this Fall, including Villanova, Yale, MIT, Smith, Hillsdale College, Meredith College, Benedict College and Fairleigh Dickinson University and our very own USIU who has generously given 2 scholarships for the program.

We are extremely proud of these accomplishments, and we think you should be too; none of this would have been possible without the help of dedicated and generous supporters who believe in our Mission and Vision.

That said we cannot rest on our laurels, We still have a lot we need to accomplish in the coming years.

- i) **We need to successfully transition these 31 young women to college by September 2008** including providing orientation and help with transportation and startup costs to ensure a smooth assimilation into their new schools.
- ii) **We need to secure new scholarships for Fall 2009.** We have again set ourselves a very stretching goal of 50 scholarships for Fall 2009.
- iii) **We will also expand our network of Universities to include partners in Australia and South Africa** in addition to Kenya, the US and Canada.
- iv) **We will launch a new partnership with Google, to offer 5 scholarships in Computer Science and Computer Engineering,** which will include coverage of all tuition and fees and living expenses, as well as pocket money and a computer. We will have 3 scholarships at JKUAT and 2 at University of Cape Town. We are looking for qualified candidates for these scholarships. Students must have an A- or better in KCSE and for Univ. of Cape Town students must already have A levels or have completed a year of post secondary education in a related field.

With the recent election-related troubles in Africa, we believe that the need to build strong leadership throughout the Continent is greater than ever, and we hope that you will continue to partner with us as we continue with this important Mission. The word “Zawadi” means “gift” in Swahili, and with your help will be able to give the gift of a first rate education to more deserving young women, bringing positive change to the African communities and families that we serve.

We hope that you will join us in inviting members of the public who share our Vision and Mission to support us by sending donations, however big or small, or by joining us at the dinner. Details of our scholarships and of the event are below.

**Zawadi Africa Fall 2008 Scholarship Recipients**

1. Eileen Wangai – (Loreto Limuru Girls) Smith College, Massachusetts
2. Grace Kinda – (Limuru Girls High School) Villanova University, Pennsylvania
3. Naomi Gesare Onsongo (Precious Blood) – Oberlin University, Ohio
4. Gladys Anyenya (Alliance Girls High School) – Hillsdale College, Michigan
5. Abba Kidenda (Kianda High School)– Hillsdale College, Michigan
6. Cynthia Nyakeri (Alliance Girls High School) – Hillsdale College, Michigan
7. Mary Lucy Nchomama – Thomas More College, Kentucky
8. Winter Achieng (St Gabriels Gagra) – Thomas More College, Kentucky
9. Lorna Ogolla (Kenya High School)– MIT, Massachusetts
10. Norah Owiti (Lambwe Secondary School)– Simpson College, Iowa
11. Jacqueline Mathenge (Moi Forces Academy)– Simpson College, Iowa
12. Hilda Barasa (Pangani Girls)– Mt Holyoke College, Massachusetts
13. Rose Ndeto (St Ursulas Secondary School)– Benedict College, South Carolina
14. Priscilla Okwaro (Juja Secondary) – Benedict College, South Carolina
15. Rhina Ondiso – (Ebusolili Secondary School) Arkansas Baptist College, Arkansas
16. Alice Nzinga (Mbooni Girls Secondary School)– Arkansas Baptist College, Arkansas
17. Zeytun Guyo – (Kangaru Girls) Arkansas Baptist College, Arkansas
18. Rahma Ahmed (Kenya High School)– Yale University, Connecticut
19. Morraine Omollo (St Annes Girls High School)- Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey
20. Jane Maina – (St Marys Girls) Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey
21. Lily Mwalenga (Alliance Girls High School) – Brown University, Rhode Island
22. Winnie Owuondo (Precious Blood Girls High School) McGill University, Ontario, Canada
23. Lasoi Ketere (Moi High School, Kabarak)McGill University, Ontario, Canada
24. Maureen Osogo (Pangani Girls) - Carthage College, Wisconsin
25. Scolastica Wangui (St. Anne’s Girls High School) - Carthage College, Wisconsin
26. Benita Chumo (Alliance Girls High School) - University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania
27 Ruth Chelegat (Kapkoia Girls High School) – Arkansas Baptist College - Arkansas
28. TBD – USIU
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30. Ida Githu (Alliance Girls)- Meredith College
31. Esther Wamuyu (Alliance Girl) - Meredith College

<b>Zawadi Africa Student Enrollments</b>	
	<b># of students</b>
1. Smith College, Massachusetts	<b>2</b>
2. Villanova University, Pennsylvania	<b>1</b>
3. Oberlin University, Ohio	<b>1</b>
4. Hillsdale College, Michigan	<b>3</b>
5. Lakeland College, Wisconsin	<b>2</b>
6. Yale University, Connecticut	<b>7</b>
7. Thomas More College, Kentucky	<b>2</b>
8. University of Miami, Miami FL	<b>1</b>
9. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Massachusetts	<b>2</b>
10. Simpson College, Iowa	<b>2</b>
11. University of Cincinnati, Ohio	<b>2</b>
12. Mt Holyoke College, Massachusetts	<b>1</b>
13. Benedict College, South Carolina	<b>2</b>
14. Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey	<b>2</b>
15. Arkansas Baptist College, Arkansas	<b>3</b>
16. College of Mount Saint Josephs, Ohio	<b>3</b>
17. Miami University, Ohio	<b>1</b>
18. Brown University, Rhode Island	<b>1</b>
19. McGill University, Ontario, Canada	<b>2</b>
20. Carthage College, Wisconsin	<b>2</b>
21. University of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania	<b>1</b>
22. Meredith College, North Carolina	<b>2</b>
23. United States International University (USIU) Kenya	<b>2</b>
24. St Lawrence University, New York	<b>1</b>
25. Xavier University, Ohio	<b>3</b>
<b>Total undergraduate students</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Graduate Students</b>	
26 Purdue University, Indiana	<b>2</b>
27. New York University	<b>1</b>
<b>Total Graduate students</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Number of students (undergraduate and graduate)</b>	<b>54</b>

*The Zawadi Africa Educational Fund*

*The Advisory Board of the*

*Zawadi Africa Educational Fund*

*Requests the honour of your presence at a dinner to celebrate  
the award of 30 (thirty) new scholarships in Fall 2008*

*On Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008*

*From Seven O'clock pm*

*The Sarova Panafric Hotel, Ballroom*

*with*

*Guest of Honor*

*Hon Sally Kosgei  
Minister of Higher Education*

*Kindly R.S.V.P. by June 28<sup>th</sup> 2008*

*Zawadi Africa Educational Fund*

*Tickets: KSh 5,000 a plate*

*KSh 50,000 a table*

*Platinum Sponsor: KSh 2,500,000*

*Gold Sponsosr: KSh 1,500,000*

*Bronze Sponsor: KSh 500,000*

*The favour of a response is requested on or before*

*June 28<sup>th</sup> 2008*

*M\_\_\_\_\_*

*\_\_\_\_\_ Will attend*  
*\_\_\_\_\_ Will not attend*

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