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Tubeho's President finishes undergraduate study

Jeannette Mukandinda (president of Tubeho's Executive Board in Rwanda) finished her undergraduate degree at the Université Libre de Kigali in Sociology in May. Jeannette's thesis, entitled "Analysis of Psycho-Social Factors of Adaptation of Young Orphans of the Genocide of Tutsi in Rwanda," allowed her to lend an intellectual perspective to the orphans' lives. All FoT supporters are very proud of Jeannette's accomplishment!!



Tackling New Challenges: Learning English

Starting in 2010, all university courses in Rwanda will be taught in English. FoT is helping Tubeho's residents prepare for this big change.

During the summer of 2009, Elizabeth Applegate, a graduate student at NYU in French, went to Kigali to teach English for two weeks. Using her foreign language teaching experience, she trained two interns from the Rwandan First Lady's foundation IMBUTO to teach English courses.

20 Tubeho residents learned English from these interns over the course of 2 months. This project was made possible thanks to collaboration between FoT and the First Lady's foundation IMBUTO.





Friends of Tubeho News



Give the Gift of Education!

When my parents open their Holiday card this year, they won't see a picture of Santa Claus, a Christmas tree, or even a snowman. They will find images of Tubeho orphans and the Friends of Tubeho logo.

Don't we all have enough STUFF? Wouldn't it be nice to give a generous AND meaningful gift to your loved ones? Luckily, with a gift donation to FoT, you can!

When you make a donation to FoT, you may make it in someone's honor. When you do so, we will send your loved one a handmade card from Rwanda to let them know that you care enough to donate to a worthy cause in their name.

This is the gift that keeps on giving! Both you and your loved one will receive Friends of Tubeho newsletters and updates

for a year after your donation, so that you can both track your investment's impact and read stories from the orphans whose lives you touched.

To honor your loved one with a gift to Friends of Tubeho, visit: <http://friendsoftubeho.org/donate.htm>.

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Friends of Tubeho Ambassadors Help with Fundraising Goals



An undergraduate student, a French teacher, and a Ph.D. candidate don't have much in common, but this army of 3 has worked towards a common goal in 2009. Laura Forest, Olivier Blanc and Berthe Kayitesi have engaged in various fundraising activities to help us reach our goal of 15 scholarships for 2010. Laura Forest is an undergraduate student at

Dalhousie University (Halifax, Canada) pursuing a degree in Biochemistry and French. Olivier Blanc teaches French Literature at a High School in Lausanne (Switzerland). He travelled to Rwanda this fall and met Tubeho students. These "Ambassadors" forged connections to Rwanda and are committed to helping Tubeho's orphans.

A former member of Tubeho, Berthe Kayitesi founded the Ambassador program. A survivor of the genocide, Berthe recently published her testimony *My Life Tomorrow* and was invited to light a candle on April 7, 2009 at the UN in Geneva to honor the victims of the genocide of the Tutsis. In her Ambassador role, she has come to Maine to help Board Director Alex with fundraising events.

We're on Facebook! Go to www.causes.com/friendsoftubeho to join our cause!



Bates College-Tubeho Community

In May, 13 students from Bates College in Maine traveled to Rwanda and spent 3 weeks with members of Tubeho. They were part of FoT's Board Director Alex's course "Learning with Orphans of the Genocide in Rwanda." During their stay, they learned from and with their Tubeho counterparts.

As part of their course work, the Bates students learned about the genocide from the Tubeho orphans: they conducted an oral history project, recorded stories, and gathered testimonies. This trip allowed the students to forge new and

durable relationships with the hope that members of Tubeho will be able to visit the US.

In fact, one Tubeho scholarship beneficiary, Jeannette Kayitesi did just that this summer. With the help of her employer "On The Frontier" —like most Tubeho residents, Jeannette works during the day and studies at night— and a family that one Bates student found for her in Boston, she studied for 6 weeks at the Boston Academy of English and then visited Bates College for one week.



FoT scholarship recipient Jeannette Kayitesi reunites with Bates College friends in Maine, summer 2009.

A Note from Board President Alexandre Dauge-Roth

I travelled to Rwanda to mark the 15th anniversary of the genocide, in April 2009. While there, I met with all scholarship recipients, and asked them about their academic progress and challenges.

All students at the university level passed their academic year. Some excelled, others just passed, but making it through the year is already a huge achievement since many had not studied for years. All were committed to improving themselves and their grades during the upcoming year of study. Unfortunately the three

students who were given a chance to take again the High School diploma so that they could attend university all failed. So we are assessing how to approach these students' needs in a different way.

Our goal for 2010 is to reach 150 donors (a 33% increase) and to offer scholarships to 15 Tubeho orphans, which would mean a 25% increase in scholarship recipients. We know that economic times are tough, but we also strongly believe that the gift of education is better than any gift certificate!

Thanks to the 90% of you who renewed your gifts and encouraged friends to

join you in this effort. We now have over 800 supporters on Facebook, and we look forward to increasing this number in 2010.

I thank you all for your generous donations. You have allowed these young orphans to dream of a bright future. I hope you will be inspired by the resilience and commitment of these young orphans and continue to support what you have started to make possible.
Murakoze cyane!



FoT Board President Alexandre Dauge-Roth with Tubeho residents and students from Bates College, spring 2009



Joel Carnes Joins FoT's Board

FoT's continues to work in the U.S. and abroad to increase our reach by expanding our Board of Directors. This year, we happily welcomed Joel R. M. Carnes, CEO of IDEAL Career Services.



Joel has enjoyed professional success in a number of fields - from being a ranger in the U.S. Forest Service to working as a visual effects cameraman in Hollywood, to a position in Silicon Valley as a senior consultant for one of the world's largest consulting firms.

Joel is Founder of the Encore Career Institute and author of *The Encore Career Handbook*. Joel is happily married to fellow FoT Board Member Amy M. Carnes, and the couple reside in Venice Beach, California.

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On behalf of all twelve 2009 Friends of Tubeho Scholarship recipients - Elise, Eugene, Emertha, and Emelyne thank you for your generous support!

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