

Friends Of Tubeho

December 2011

Let's Live



Friends of TUBEHO is a nonprofit organization committed to providing access to education for orphans of the Rwandan Genocide who live in the village of Tubeho, located in Kimironko, a neighborhood of Kigali, Rwanda's capital. The name TUBEHO means "let's live" in Kinyarwanda, which precisely is what our association works to help these orphans do-to build better lives for themselves in the devastating aftermath of the genocide of the Tutsi that left more than 100,000 kids orphans. More than 300 orphans live in Tubeho in reconstituted families of five to ten members. For these orphans, often the sole survivors of their entire extended family, access to schooling and decent conditions for study are crucial, so that they can forge a place for themselves within Rwandan society and overcome their financial, emotional, and medical distress. "Friends of TUBEHO" aims to fund access to high school and undergraduate education by helping to pay for tuition, transportation, and school supplies. "Friends of TUBEHO" aims also to provide the means to create and maintain a library and a computing center in the village, managed by the survivors.

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

This year I had the chance to visit Rwanda two times. First, I went to Kigali in January 2011 to meet individually all twelve FoT fellows to assess their progress and discuss with them strategies to address the challenges they saw for 2011. I also conducted personal interviews with them in French and English to share their academic success and dreams with donors. I encourage you to watch them on <friendsoftubeho.org/orphan-voices/>.

I was pleased to see that the great majority was doing well and had a clear idea of their academic path and duties. This was especially true of the 5 seniors who will finish their Bachelor Degree in December 2011, as they needed to secure an internship in the Spring and write a thesis after the Summer. These two requirements demand FoT students to build a strong sense of discipline and demonstrate an ability to work independently to conduct research outside of the classroom.

The other great news of January was the remarkable achievement of one of our first FoT scholars, Jeannette Kayitesi, a student at the Adventist University of Central Africa in Business Administration. She brilliantly defended her thesis "Analysis of Motivation and its Strategies toward Job Satisfaction." Her case study focused on the employees' motivation working for the Fund Assisting the Survivors of the Genocide (FARG). For her work and study she earned "Distinction," a first for a FoT scholar, setting a great example for the forty other members of Tubeho who attended her thesis defense.

I returned to Rwanda in April to put into place the structure of much-needed English classes to ensure that FoT scholars can succeed at the university level. I also coordinated the exciting possibilities that will open up in 2012, since 5 other students in addition to Jeannette will receive their degree in December 2011. This means that



Jeannette Kayitesi after defending her thesis.



6 new members of Tubeho who have waited for several years will finally be able to pursue their education and hope for a better future! Of course the opportunity to study does not come without challenges. One of the reasons FoT opened the English classes to all Tubeho members was to allow future FoT students to acquire a better

Jeannette Kayitesi and Alex Dauge-Roth at her reception.

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mastery of English and demonstrate their commitment to studying and ability to succeed if given the opportunity.

My deep appreciation and thanks to the 80% of former donors who renewed their commitment and have allowed the first graduating class of FoT scholars to receive their B.A. degrees. These students are now seeking jobs they could not have dreamed of five years ago when we created Friends of Tubeho! My thanks extend also to The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brunswick that has continued to support us in April as one of the beneficiaries of its charity of the month program.

With all the other members of the board, we thank every one of you for your generosity and trust and we wish you a great end of the year and a happy holiday season.

Alexandre Dauge-Roth



Tubeho English course.

FRIENDS OF TUBEHO HIRES AN ENGLISH TEACHER

In 2009, English replaced French as the official language of instruction in all schools and universities in Rwanda. This posed a new challenge for many Tubeho scholars who speak French fluently but who did not have proficiency in English. In order to help students respond to these new challenges, Friends of Tubeho has partnered with another nonprofit organization called Generation Rwanda to provide English lessons for Tubeho scholarship recipients as well as other members of the association. English instructor Bruce Kayitese teaches English classes at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. Classes meet three times a week and students take monthly exams to assess their progress. Currently, more than 50 members of the Tubeho association take advantage of this opportunity to learn and improve their English.

CONSIDER A MONTHLY DONATION

Help the Tubeho scholars meet their goals and achieve their dreams. Supporting one student for an academic year costs only \$1600: This amount covers school fees, books, transportation, and English classes. Choose the level of donation that works for you. If you donate through Network for Good, simply choose the “recurring donation” option to have your donation spread out over the course of the year.

Donate at one of the special levels below, and receive a Rwandan gift from Elise’s shop! Last year, Elise, one of the Friends of Tubeho scholars, opened a gift boutique in Kigali. This shop sells baskets, colorful bags, homemade cards, and more. Donors at the Amahoro, Komera, Kwizera, or Mizero levels will receive a special gift from Elise’s shop. See page 5 for more information about sponsoring students.

Jeannette and Elise in Elise’s boutique shop.



FRIENDS OF TUBEHO IN NUMBERS

In 2011, 250 people supported 12 FoT scholars! We now have more than 1100 fans of FoT on Facebook. Our goal for 2012 is to increase our donor base to 300 persons, to encourage as many as possible to elect special levels such as Amahoro, Komera, Kwizera, or Mizero by giving on a monthly basis!

2012 will be a transition year. On the one hand, we need to continue sponsoring the 6 continuing students who will start their second and third year and, on the other, we will start to fund our second Friends of Tubeho class (2012-2016) by giving 6 new members of Tubeho the chance and means to study.



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THE 2011 GRADUATING CLASS!



Elise Musomandera



Alexis Mutimukunda



Announcée Mukamusi

IN 2006 WE CREATED FRIENDS OF TUBEHO and thanks to the generosity of many of you, we were able to offer 6 scholarships. Four years later these 6 students are finishing their undergraduate education and will receive their B.A. in January 2012! To give you an idea of their achievements, here are their thesis topics:

JEANNETTE KAYITESI in Business Administration earned "Distinction" for her thesis "Analysis of Motivation and its Strategies toward Job Satisfaction. A case study of FARG."

ALEXIS MUTIMUKUNDA in Economics, Science and Management works on "Analysis of Human Resource Management Procedures and its Contribution on the Performance of Serving and Credit Cooperatives in Rwanda."

INNOCENT MICOMYIZA in Economics and Business analyzes "Private Investment in Developing Countries : Case of Rwanda 1980-2010."

MARLÈNE BATAMURIZA in Science and Technology focuses on "Information System Management of RAMA in King Fayzal Hospital."

ELISE MUSOMANDERA in Sociology studies the "Contribution of the Association Tubeho to the Memory of the Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda and its Impact on its Members."

ANNONCÉE MUKAMUSONI in Sociology analyzes "Trauma and its Causes among Young Survivors of the Genocide and their Strategies of Resilience."



Jeanette Kayitesi



Innocent Micomyiza



Marlène Batamuriza





Tubeho Executive Committee after one of the meeting when they discussed and selected the new FoT fellows in January 2011.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION BY THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION TUBEHO

“Thanks to Friends of Tubeho donors,
the members of Tubeho have not the feeling that they
are forgotten a second time after the world looked the other
way in 1994. Thanks to your generosity, we are better prepared
to face life’s challenges, to grow and mature
personally, socially, and professionally.
By giving us the chance to study, you allow survivors to
establish an active relationship to our past
and present and thus, we are no longer passive victims
subjected to a traumatic past.”

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Photo of the Université Libre de Kigali.



DONATION LEVELS

AMAHORO LEVEL (*peace*)

\$1600 (or \$134 per month)

Support a student for one full year and receive 30 handmade cards, a bag and a large Rwandan basket.

KOMERA LEVEL (*courage*)

\$800 (or \$67 per month)

Support a student for a half year and receive 20 handmade cards and a large Rwandan basket.

KWIZERA LEVEL (*confidence*)

\$400 (or \$34 per month)

Support a student for a trimester and receive 20 handmade cards and a small Rwandan basket.

MIZERO LEVEL (*hope*)

\$200 (or \$17 per month)

Support a student for a half a trimester and receive 10 handmade cards.

As a thank you, all donors will receive our newsletter which contains information about the Tubeho scholars.

Students making cards.



THERE ARE THREE WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

1. You can **DONATE ONLINE** at [Friends of Tubeho.org/donate/](http://FriendsOfTubeho.org/donate/), using your credit card via the secure website Network for Good.

- AMAHORO LEVEL** \$1600 (or \$134 per month)
- KOMERA LEVEL** \$800 (or \$67 per month)
- KWIZERA LEVEL** \$400 (or \$34 per month)
- MIZERO LEVEL** \$200 (or \$17 per month)
- OTHER**

2. You can **VISIT US ON FACEBOOK** at <http://www.causes.com/causes/110421>

3. You can also fill out the form below and **SEND YOUR CHECK** to Friends of Tubeho Scholarship, 933 High Street, Bath, ME 04530 USA.

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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
e-mail _____

- AMAHORO LEVEL** \$1600
- KOMERA LEVEL** \$800
- KWIZERA LEVEL** \$400
- MIZERO LEVEL** \$200

\$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 \$Other _____

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Contact Alex Dauge-Roth with any questions at adaugero@bates.edu



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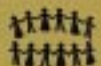
Hear it from the supporters of Friends of Tubeho:

Dan and Jill Lawrence-Dayton, Ohio

"Every year, there are so many organizations that are looking for support. Giving to Friends of Tubeho is so rewarding for us, because we know each year a single person's life will be changed, because of our support. This is a small organization that is having a big impact for orphans in Rwanda."

Sue Simon-New York City

"I am grateful for the chance to support Friends of Tubeho because they know exactly where and how resources should be spent in Rwanda to provide young people with the opportunities they deserve in order to rebuild their country and have a better life. Friends of Tubeho is making investments from a grassroots perspective that I, living in New York, would never be able to undertake. It is critically important to me that resources be directed by those who know best."



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