

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

UMOJA VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Umoja Director, Cathy Booth takes two teams of volunteers to Kenya each year to work at the project. Volunteers help with building and farming projects, and offer free first aid clinics to locals. Volunteers may also work in the children's home assisting the house mothers and the children in their daily chores and enriching the children's lives. Volunteer tours conclude with a wildlife safari. Please visit our website for more information on the Umoja Volunteer Program.

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HOLD A FUNDRAISER ON UMOJA'S BEHALF

VOLUNTEER IN KENYA ON AN ORGANISED TOUR

SPONSOR OR PARTICIPATE IN FUNDRAISING EVENTS

SET UP A MONTHLY DONATION OF \$50 PER MONTH TOWARDS PROJECT OPERATING COSTS

DONATE TOWARDS ANY OF OUR PLANNED PROJECTS

SPONSOR ONE OF OUR CHILDREN FOR \$100 PER MONTH

SAVE A LIFE

DONATE

Go to www.umojahome.com/donate

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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THE UMOJA VISION

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Umoja is Swahili for unity and togetherness. Our vision is for two countries to work together to create a self-sustainable children's village that will help children and communities break the cycle of poverty.

The Umoja Children's Village – Ukunda offers a real alternative to child abandonment by giving orphaned and vulnerable children a second chance at life.

A SELF-SUSTAINABLE APPROACH

Self-sustainability will reduce our dependency on donations and allow the children's village to generate its own food and income. We have created a three-acre food forest, fruit forest, and timber forest; and we house cows, sheep, and goats for milk and meat, as well as 400 chickens for eggs and meat. We also have a safari business, Umoja Tours and Safaris, which will begin operating in 2017. All safari profits go back into the Children's Village project.



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Kenya is, by every economic indicator, one of the poorest countries in the world. There are estimated to be approximately 2.3 million orphans in Kenya with nearly half of these a result HIV/AIDS. The care of orphaned children from HIV/AIDS victims often falls on neighbours or relatives. This creates a heavy burden on elderly relatives or families who are already struggling to survive with their own children. Countless abandoned children wander the streets begging and scavenging for any remaining food scraps. Babies and young children are often abandoned at hospitals and police stations so that others may take care of them.

ACHIEVING THE EXTRAORDINARY

The Umoja Children's Village is built on 15 acres of land near Ukunda, not far from Diani Beach on the East coast of Kenya. The facility will eventually hold multiple children's homes, which are designed as family homes with the space to house 10 – 12 children. Currently we have one children's home housing our first group of vulnerable children.

We opened the doors to our children's home on 30, July 2016—exactly five years to the day since the project began. Our five children are all under five, including one set of twins. A total of 69 Australian volunteers (mostly Rotarians) have worked on the project to date. Countless local Kenyans have also been giving work on the project, which helps them support their families.

We employ 12 local Kenyans on our farm and our children's home. We have trained community locals in farming, fencing, and horticulture, which has led to permanent employment at our village. We also provide free health clinics to the community.

WHO IS THE FOUNDER?

Umoja's founder, Cathy Booth is a school teacher, Rotarian, mother and grandmother from Bundaberg, Queensland who witnessed the orphan crisis in 2010. Cathy completed due diligence for the Umoja Project by returning to Kenya to volunteer at other orphanages to see what was involved in helping to combat this crisis. Cathy saw the difference that could be made in children's lives by giving them a second chance and started her own Australian charity: Umoja Orphanage Kenya.

JOURNEY AHEAD.....

- Build two more homes
- Rehome more vulnerable children
- Build an Administration Building
- Complete bedsitters for accommodation
- Build Small School
- Build Transition House for adolescents
- Crete a Sporting and Games Area
- Install a Solar Farm
- Build Volunteer Accommodation
- Increase farming land
- Dig a second Borehole
- Erect Children's Playground

