

NEWSLETTER

UMOJA ORPHANAGE KENYA



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On the Road

Cathy & Lesley were out and about guest speaking in and around our Wide-Bay Region in March. Katie Trulson, our intrepid Mt. Kilimanjaro climber, also joined the speaking circuit. The girls really appreciated the hospitality of two of our first volunteers: Leonie Hills and Adele Hughes. New friends continue to be made along our amazing journey. It was an absolute pleasure for the team to speak with a lovely bunch of people at the following clubs within the region:

- ◆ Port Curtis Rotary Club
- ◆ Gladstone South Rotary Club
- ◆ Gladstone Rotaract Club
- ◆ Childers Rotary Club
- ◆ Bundaberg East Rotary Club



VICTORIA WELCOMES UMOJA

While down in Melbourne for the birth of her third grandson, Cathy enjoyed the opportunity to personally thank the Shepparton Central Rotary Club for their wonderful donation towards our van late last year. Cathy was honoured to also guest speak at the following Victorian Rotary Clubs:

- ◆ Mt. Waverley
- ◆ Monash
- ◆ Shepparton Central
- ◆ Melbourne South



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GRANDPARENTS AGAIN

On Monday night April 8 Cathy was booked to speak at Glen Waverley Rotary Club in Melbourne, but unborn babies have their own schedules. Cathy left the hospital to speak at the club (hoping the baby could hold off until she returned). The members kindly re-organised the program so Cathy could leave immediately after speaking and return to the hospital to await the birth. Cathy & Peter's daughter Rhiana held off until early hours of April 9 when Bailey Lloyd entered the world on his great grandparent's wedding anniversary. Congratulations Rhiana and Sam.

LOCAL MEDIA

Bundaberg NewsMail did a follow up story on February 21 about [Katie's Mt. Kilimanjaro climb](#). Thank you also to local radio 4BU for your interview on the March 11 with Cathy to catch up on the volunteer tour in January.

Cathy also had the pleasure of speaking at an International Women's Day Luncheon on the silenced voices of Kenyan women on March 8.

HOW CAN YOU HELP UMOJA "RAISE THE ROOF" FOR OUR FIRST CHILDREN'S HOME?

We recently received a lovely offer from a new Bundaberg business that would like to donate a percentage of their profits to Umoja on an ongoing basis. This is one of the many ways your business can support Umoja. Supporting Umoja Orphanage Kenya is an excellent way to achieve corporate social responsibility. A strong CSR program can help your business achieve marketing and publicity objectives. Being involved with a charitable organisation can also help motivate your staff as you all work together to help us achieve a common goal.

Umoja is always looking for **corporate support**. Company donations help give a huge boost to our fundraising, which helps us achieve our building goals a lot sooner. Our packaged donation options can be viewed at <http://umojahome.com/kenya/packaged-donations/>

Umoja holds many fundraising events each year that require **corporate sponsorship**. Our annual Gala Dinner (July 20, 2013) and our Golf Day (September 1, 2013) are great opportunities for your business to support our raise the roof appeal and publicise your services to the local community. Contact info@umojahome.com for more information on how to sponsor these events. You can also set up a recurring payment by using our online PayPal form <http://umojahome.com/kenya/donation-for-for-paypal-payments/>

If no giving scheme is available at your workplace, you can set up your own **direct debit**. We already have many generous individuals who donate a small amount to Umoja each month and say that they don't even miss it. You can set up a recurring payment by using our online PayPal form <http://umojahome.com/kenya/donation-for-for-paypal-payments/>





SHOWCASING SOME OF OUR AMAZING SUPPORTER SQUAD

Elaine Godden helped raise funds with **Shirley Butterworth** last year for us in Cairns through a monster garage sale. Once again Elaine has raised funds for us through a drop-in centre three days each week for a month. People dropped in and they shared coffee/tea, cake etc. and relaxed while chatting or reading magazines. Elaine has a box for Umoja and visitors put in donations. One donation was \$200! A big thank you also to **John Wong** who has been baking his famous pandan chiffon cake (which we can't wait to try) for friends in support of Umoja. Elaine also has a feel-good film night with supper on Friday evenings. *"My sitting room can accommodate six or seven people plus some friends who tell me they love watching movies from a yoga mat on the floor."*



"People are excited about the idea of a weekly film night and I'm looking forward to seeing how it works out", says Elaine.

A huge Asanta Sana from all of the Umoja Team for raising another \$705 which will help purchase materials for our fence construction in September.

Shirley Butterworth and Elaine Godden—lovely acts of kindness

We want to thank **Cyril Wriede** of Bargara for the donation of one of his magnificent carvings to be auctioned at our upcoming Gala Dinner on July 20. Cyril had also donated a Tasmanian huon pine bowl that will also be auctioned. Cyril rediscovered his passion for woodwork when he retired from a lifetime career as a pharmacist. 120 hours of work has gone into this delicately carved camphor laurel timber piece which will soon be hanging on someone's wall.



Carved out of 1 piece of camphor laurel timber



OUR GROWING SUPPORT FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA IS PROVING THAT....

'Together we achieve the extraordinary'

A huge thank you to **Wayne and Pam Limbrick** from **Shepparton Central Rotary Club** for donating 1 week's accommodation at their fabulous unit at the Gold Coast, Queensland, to be auctioned at our Gala Dinner Dance on 20th July. We are honoured to have them attending the fundraiser, too. *Stay tuned for next month's newsletter regarding another wonderful donation from a Shepparton business couple.*

PROMOTING US THROUGH YOUR BUSINESS WHILE RAISING FUNDS

Melbourne builder Marcellus Reid from **Marcellus Lifestyle Solutions** has offered to include an option on his invoices for clients to donate to our orphanage project. He and his apprentice carpenter hope to be joining us as volunteers when we build our first children's home. Thanks Marcellus—we hope to have you with us in September. Marcellus has also offered to help train some of the local s when we commence the fencing project on our land in Kenya later this year.



BUSY TIME FOR OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Lesley has been extremely busy coordinating the huge amount of interest we have received for our second volunteer tour to Kenya departing on the September 16. September brings about our next stage of development where we begin the fencing of Umoja's land—a mammoth task, but we have some very skilled people joining us. With the help of professionals, we hope to train some local villagers to continue on with the fencing project under the supervision of our Kenyan project manager Patrick Kea after we have gone. Interest has been so high we most likely are taking two teams, including husbands and wives this trip. Cathy's guest speaking down south inspired four volunteers from Rotary clubs to join our tour. It is fantastic to see support from outside QLD with volunteers from ACT, Victoria, and South Australia coming on our tour.



MAKING OF PROMOTIONAL DVD

We have contracted David Quarrel, a local Bundaberg man, to create a promotional DVD for Umoja to be distributed throughout different service clubs within Australia and overseas. Look out for our link on Facebook and our website in the coming weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5th May: Cathy guest speaking at District 9570 Rotary Regional Conference in Mackay + Umoja Orphanage Kenya Showcase display

12—14 May Agro Trend Display and Raffle

20—24th May: Team members guest speaking in Rockhampton district.

SAVE THESE DATES

20th July: 2nd Annual Gala Dinner Dance—Across the Waves Sports Club, Bundaberg

1st September: 3rd Annual Charity Golf Day—Coral Cove Golf Club

CERTIFICATE OF NON- GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION IN KENYA

It took 11 months but was well worth waiting for! **Umoja Children's Village—Ukunda** is now registered in Kenya as a sister charity to Umoja Orphanage Kenya in Australia.

Sponsoring a future child of Umoja Orphanage Kenya

We have had another generous couple from a Gladstone Rotary Club pledge to sponsor one of our future children. That takes us now to seven children pledged to be sponsored for the first two years of their care. Sponsorship fees include food, clothing, medical, and education. If you would like to pledge to sponsor one of our future children, please visit <http://umojahome.com/kenya/sponsor-a->

Keep on believing—The Umoja Team ⁴

Umoja collection tins are available to be delivered to your workplace for your customers to donate their change. Why not bring up Umoja at the next staff meeting or discuss what we are trying to do for orphaned and vulnerable children with your workmates over lunch.

Remember:

together we achieve the extraordinary.