

MAKINDU VOCATIONAL PROGRAM (MVP)

2023 Annual Report

Mission Statement: Empower youth and build sustainable community through quality vocational training.

Executive Director: Jan Johnson

Makindu Vocational Program (MVP) Board Members: Sandy Bonds, Maggie Chase, Jim Cooper, Bev Forster, Marty Johnson, Michael McKie, Bruce Robbins and Virginia Oram

Accomplishments in 2023:

- *72 graduated from this 2 year program and 100 % of the students passed the state certification exams.
- *34 girls were sponsored by our generous donors. This means their education, room and board, uniforms, additional clothes and some basic hygiene needs were provided. These are young people who were living in extreme poverty who could not otherwise afford an education
- *Enrollment has increased to 271.
- *The campus electric supply is now produced by solar panels
- *A ceiling was added to the new multi-purpose building to help with temperature and noise control
- *Electric motors were added to all trundle sewing machines
- *A metal fence was constructed around the entire circumference of Makindu Children's' Centre and the MATC Campus
- *Improvements were made in the septic system
- *Water pump was repaired
- *Equipment and supplies were purchased for both programs
- *Recreational equipment, was provided including table tennis, volleyball, soccer, games, Frisbees, etc.
- *Professional development for teachers was provided
- *Partial staff salaries and administrative fees were paid
- *Additional funds were provided for food because of the increase in prices due to the famine

*Additional partial sponsorships were provided for several students who could not complete their studies due to the famine and loss of family income

*Partial cost of graduation expenses were paid

*Christmas bonuses were provided for the staff

*Board member Sandy Bonds and her husband Joseph Gilig visited MATC.

Check the web site for all the teaching, building and the supplies that they provided. She brought back many bags that were made by students. Most of them were given to donors and volunteers

*Executive Director, Jan Johnson, Board Members, Jim Cooper, Virginia Oram, and Marty Johnson, as well as Sue Misiak and Virginia's son Jaden visited MATC.

Financials: The Makindu Vocational Program staff consists of all volunteers.

Raised - \$99,105.60

Sent to MATC - \$86,932

Expenses - \$1,963

Goals for 2024: The focus for 2024 for both MATC (Kenyan Board) and MVP (USA Board) will be sustainability.

*Build a structure for retail sales with merchandise to be made by students in tailoring/dress making classes and another area for a hair salon

*Provide a higher level of education for students with practical experience in marketing, retail sales and business management

*More computers will be provided to help make all students computer literate

*Needs for students who are setting up their own business will be assessed

Makindu Advanced Training College (MATC) Board Sustainability Initiatives – 2024

*Grant writing to local embassies, as well as to multi-national and local corporations. A subcommittee on grant writing was formed

*Aggressively marketing the entrepreneurial aspect of the school to the local high schools, colleges as well as Junior High Schools within Makindu and beyond, to have their uniforms made at MATC

*Harnessing local donations to school either materially or in kind: donations of cooking firewood, food stuff, cloth/garment from local garment shops, etc.

*Formation of a MATC alumni association that can also donate to and fund raise for the school

*The sustainability stores – which will be instrumental in both financial and community bonding

*Hiring out MATC gowns to other graduating colleges. Many do not have gowns

*Hiring out the MATC Hall to groups who may need meeting space when students break for holidays. There is a shortage of meeting halls in Makindu

*Possibility of incorporating an extra course in the future. This is to be discussed with the MVP Board at a later date

Gold Donors (donated \$100 or more):

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