MAKINDU VOCATIONAL PROGRAM (MVP) 2024 Annual Report

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

Executive Director: Jan Johnson

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

Accomplishments in 2024:

- *120 graduated from this 2-year program and 100 % of the students passed the national certification exams.
- *33 girls were fully sponsored by our generous donors. 9 additional students were partially sponsored. 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 291
- *Collaborated with Harumbee to add 25 girls from their program to be enrolled at the beginning of 2025
- *Built a structure for retail sales of merchandise made by students in the tailoring/dressmaking classes. Also clothing alterations and beauty care such as hair and nails will be provided.
- *Bought supplies and equipment for the above store
- *Tiled a classroom and veranda
- *Put a ceiling in the multipurpose room
- * Provided a higher level of education for students with practical experience in marketing, retail sales and business management
- * Provided a few computers and improved WiFi
- *Constructed a metal fence around the entire circumference of Makindu Children's' Centre and the MATC Campus
- *Purchased equipment and supplies including a number of bunk beds

- *Improved the website by adding pictures and focusing on emotional appeal and making it easier to donate. Earl, Jan and Sheri did the work
- *Paid for professional development for teachers
- *Paid partial staff salaries and administrative fees
- *Sent additional funds for food because of the increase in prices due to the famine
- *Provided additional partial sponsorship for several students who could not complete their studies due to the famine and loss of family income
- *Paid partial cost of graduation expenses were paid
- *Paid national exam fees
- *Provided Christmas bonuses for the staff

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

Raised - \$99,106 Sent to MATC - \$70,392

Goals for MVP for 2025: The focus for 2025 for both MATC (Kenyan Board) and MVP (USA Board) will be sustainability.

- *Address Board development (team building, adding members, best use of board skills/interest, etc.)
- *Develop opportunities for media presentations and resources for doing those presentations that would be available to all board members.
- *Submit a proposal to the Coleman Foundation for the purpose of starting a computer program. The program would include a building for classes, chrome books, desks/chairs and teacher. Maggie, Bruce and Jan are on the grant writing committee
- *Use framework of the grant proposal for other grant proposals and pursing corporate sponsors
- *Market Legacy Giving Program
- *Work to ensure that the school's equipment is on a routine cleaning/maintenance schedule
- *Study feasibility of collaborating on trips to Makindu with MCP

*Examine how local schools and/or professional groups might be connected to the programs at MATC

*Assess the needs of the graduating students. Micro loans, equipment loans/gifts/grants, connections to other graduates/professionals

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with no paid staff. Most importantly, we wish to thank the MVP and MATC directors and boards, who collaboratively work to create an excellent vocational program in Makindu, Kenya.

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