

MAKINDU VOCATIONAL PROGRAM (MVP) 2021 Annual Report

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

Executive Director: Jan Johnson

Board Members: Maggie Chase, Jim Cooper, Bev Forster, Marty Johnson, Bruce Robbins

Accomplishments in 2021: In August, with trepidation due to Covid concerns, we decided to have our annual fund raiser. Once again, Inga Tarantola, was our gracious hostess at her home in Pleasant Hill. Though the number of participants was lower than previous events, the generosity was greater. We are so thankful to the many contributors and to the dedicated volunteers who made the event possible. Syd Voorhees volunteered as auctioneer and brought 2 others to facilitate the oral and silent auction. We also benefitted from his expertise in the planning of the event. Since we have no paid staff and work out of the founders' home, we are able to send over 98% of the money that is raised to the Makindu Advanced Training College (MATC) in Kenya. More Makindu community members are utilizing the hair dressing services that the students provide on the weekends. It has been reported and witnessed that the community is very supportive and proud of the school. We are making progress toward our mutual goal of self-sustainability; but the pandemic has slowed us down. Below are some specific MVP and MATC achievements:

- *\$51,747 was sent to MATC during the 2021 calendar year
- *134 girls are currently attending MATC (61 in tailoring/dress making and 73 in hair and beauty therapy)
- *24 girls who live in extreme poverty are being sponsored to attend
- *The dormitory was extended to enhance social distancing
- *The auxiliary building was lengthened, which created more space for classes and room for weekend hair dressing and tailoring sales
- *The school is offering computer classes 3 days/week

*MATC hosted 120 parents and guardians for an Open House and meeting which addressed student goals and health issues

Additionally, the following were purchased:

- *Sewing machines, manikins and other equipment
- *Teacher and staff salaries were paid for part of the year due to COVID related decrease in funding. 10 % of Kenyan administrative salaries were paid
- *A part time cook was employed to help the full time cook
- *More toilets, showers, hand soap and sanitizer were purchased
- *Extra pit latrines were also added
- *The current septic system was cleaned and enlarged

Looking Ahead to 2022:

- *52 Students are preparing to graduate in March
- *Hire 2 teaching assistants (former grads) 3 days/week
- *Assist with funding professional development for teachers
- *Provide technical skills training and relevant support for graduates
- *Continue to work on acquiring additional 2 acres of land adjacent to MATC for future growth and development
- *Construct an additional classroom and teacher offices and storage
- *Continue to search for local and governmental support as well as grants
- *Promote sewing services and hair dressing services to the community
- *Install a solar system for lighting the MATC Campus, especially the dormitory
- *Extend the fence that surrounds the property for more safety
- *Buy more computers
- *Add an additional soak pit for sanitation

Financials:

Sent to MATC: \$51,747 Expenses: \$818 Balance: \$7,319.13

2021 Gold Donors (donated \$100 or more)

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A very special THANK YOU to Earl Strumpell who is our web master and coordinator of our online auction. We also want to acknowledge our volunteers, including the Silent Auction Committee led by Laurel Finlay and assisted by Bev Forster and Jan Johnson. Once again, we are very appreciative of the work of the auctioneer, Syd Voorhees. 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.