**Project Title:** Kamariny Primary School Project

**Description:**

* Project Type: Education
* Description: The Kamariny Primary School Project has 3 components: photographs, sweaters, backpack/school supplies and sports equipment donation. Photographs of each class, individual student and teacher will be taken for all class years. This could reach up to 500 students and the 15 teachers and administrators. The sweater program provides the most needy students with an essential, and most costly, part of the school uniform. Backpacks with school supplies will be provided to the top male and female students in *Standard 1-8.* Consideration will be given to providing support for the Teacher retreat based upon the results learned after the January site visit.
* Background: The Kamariny Primary School is located in Iten, Kenya which rests in the Rift Valley. The study body ranges from 480-500 students on any given day. The variation in the student population is due to the access to transportation, food, clothing and illness that may affect attendance. The initial project in 2016 was called the *“Who am I?”* project which recognized the fact that most school children in 3rd world countries, such as Kenya, don’t have the opportunity to have any or annual school photographs. The 2017 program was called “*Lasting Memories”* in recognition of how important it was to the initial group of recipients’ responses to the project.

The sweater program began in 2016 at the suggestion of the School Administration who identified one of the important needs of the poorest students in the school. Many students who could not afford the yarn to fix the sweaters or purchase new ones left students with clothing that was tattered and full of holes. A total of 100 sweaters were purchased and, with the help of School Administrators, selected the neediest students and presented them with a new sweater. The sweaters provided a local firm with an opportunity for business at cost.

A new (2017) program was designed to be an incentive for students to ‘dream and achieve’ by committing to education excellence. Based on the recommendation of the Teachers, the top 5 girls and top 5 boys in *Standard 8* were provided with new backpacks and school supplies (pens, pencils, erasers, paper, etc.).

Since 2009 there has been a donation of sports equipment from the Cornell Athletics Department. The soccer and basketballs are distributed to the elementary schools (including Kamobo) that we visit.

A *Special Program* was led by Dr. Michelle Thompson to ‘kick off’ a discussion about the opportunities and obstacles of teaching. The ability to discuss ways to deal with the lack of resources while trying to provide the best education was part of the roundtable held with Teachers and School Administration. To continue the conversation, *CWA* agreed to co-sponsor a retreat that would be organized by the school to discuss ways to improve the morale, communication and teaching goals.

* Track Record & Impact:The projects have been completed with extensive support of volunteers who were summer residents living at the *High Altitude Training Camp.* The program focuses on ‘good will’ and a way to show and share a gift of hope to the children and their families. There isn’t a qualitative analysis except for the smiles and giggles from children who (most) have never seen a self-portrait of themselves. The impact of the project is based on the number of children that received the photographs. Over 500 more children than 2017 were served. The time spent to organize the photo sessions, class and individual images that require at least 3-4 frames, the evaluation of the photographs, trimming or adjustment then printing on a 4x6 mobile color printer then lamination required a significant amount of time an effort. The joy that is provided by this “simple photo” is immeasurable.
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**Key Milestones/Deadlines:**

* Project Duration: September 2017 – June 2018
* Key Milestones/Deadlines:
  + Preliminary Budget Sept 2017
  + Hold Skype Conference Call with Kenyan & USA POCs *Initial Planning* Oct 2017
  + Board Approval of Project Nov 2017
  + Kenya site visit & project planning Jan 2018
  + Meeting with Teachers on results of retreat Jan 2018
  + Finalize Budget post site visit Feb 2018
  + Complete final project planning in Kenya May 2018
  + Photo, Sweater, Backpack Giving Ceremony Jun 2018

**Success Criteria:** Secure the minimum number of cows and goats based on fundraising

B**udget Requirements:**

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| **Total Budget** | ***$ 2565*** |
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| **Budget Line Items** |  |
| * Sweaters for 100 uniforms ($8 per unit) | $800 |
| * Backpacks ($20 per unit) and school supplies ($10) x 18 | $540 |
| * Class photographs (4x6 glossy; laminating pouch) x 500 | $600 |
| * Teacher Retreat including lunch | $200 |
| * Sports Equipment (baggage fee) | $25 |
| * Administrative Reserve (10%) | $400 |
| ***Total Budget Line Items*** | ***$ 2565*** |

**Fund Raising Plan:**

* Funding Source #1: Direct appeal through contacts, social media and prior donors.
* Funding Source #2: Sports Equipment donation from Cornell Athletics Department.