



# Rosslyn Academy Christmas Project

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Dear Rosslyn Families,

As the Christmas season approaches, it brings with it a time when we pause to reflect on the gift of our Savior, Jesus. Today our students and staff participated in our annual Christmas Project Kick-off Chapel. In what is now its sixteenth year, our annual Christmas Project is one way we seek to share God's love and the blessings He's given us with our greater Kenyan community. As an extremely blessed community, we join together each Christmas in an effort to bless and extend God's grace to others through the use of the gifts we have received.

Due to the continued success of this project, especially in the last five years, we have again selected four organizations to be recipients of the generosity of the Rosslyn Academy community this year: *Olepushet Christian Community Church, Oasis for Orphans, Songa Mbele Na Masomo Children Center and Hope for Orphans Rescue Center (HOREC).*

*Olepushet Christian Community Church:* This community has been hosting HS CFS teams from Rosslyn since 2002. They are a Christian organization located in Narok county that seeks to enlighten their community on spiritual, social and physical matters. We are raising funds to build a classroom, as currently kids have to walk as far as 5km to access a learning facility. THE GOAL: 418,000 KSH.

*Oasis for Orphans:* Oasis for Orphans exists to rescue and holistically develop vulnerable orphaned children. Oasis has a holistic program which focuses on developing children physically, spiritually, socially, emotionally and educationally. The program gives children hope and molds them into leaders in their community and for the kingdom. We are raising funds for them to purchase bunk beds and bedding for their new facility in Navaisha. THE GOAL: 220,000KSH

*Songa Mbele Na Masomo Children Center:* Songa's mission is to reduce illiteracy, dependency and improve health care among the children living with disabilities and the vulnerable children in Mukuru slums by providing academic coaching, therapy and day-care services. We are raising funds for Songa to purchase much needed therapy equipment for the center. THE GOAL: 243,000 KSH.

*Hope for Orphans Rescue Center (HOREC):* HOREC's mission is to provide holistic care and support to children infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS through proper nutrition, psychosocial support, education, shelter and health in line with Kenya OVC guidelines. We are raising funds for HOREC to begin a Bee Keeping sustainability project. THE GOAL: 180,000 KSH

We believe you will be as touched by the needs of those assisted by the organizations as we are. These organizations rely on the generosity of donors like you to be able to meet the needs of those they serve. Through this Christmas Project, your family has a wonderful opportunity to join with us as we work together to share the blessings God has given us with others less fortunate. When we combine our gifts, we have a much greater impact than if we each go our separate ways.

Through this Christmas Project, we hope to help our students and community become more knowledgeable about the needs around us and to realize how privileged and blessed we are, so that we can give joyfully and show our love for Christ and His love to others.



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## This year's Christmas Project goals:

- 1. Our first goal is 100% participation from our students and staff.** Each year we love to see our community come together in this endeavor. We will not be keeping records of who gives and which class collects the most, but we encourage everyone to give to these projects in one way or another (and we most certainly do not expect you or your children to participate in *every* possible way). We would like for parents to talk with their children about ways they might earn money to go toward this project or things they might give up for a period of time, such as a restaurant meal or sodas, to save money that could then be given to the Christmas Project.
- 2. Our second goal is to raise 1,061,000 KSH.** This money will be divided between the four organizations as follows: *Olepishet Christian Community Church- 418,000ksh, Oasis for Orphans- 220,000ksh, Songa Mbele Na Masomo Children Center- 243,000ksh and Hope for Orphans Rescue Center (HOREC)- 180,000ksh.*

This seems like an incredible amount of money to collect in a short time, but based on the overwhelming generosity of our community in past years, we are confident that we will meet this goal, if not surpass it.

Teachers have collection containers in their classrooms for monetary donations. We will also take collections or have ushers at the doors of several up-coming events.

As in the past, we will keep you updated on our progress each week in the *Rosslyn Reporter*. We will also have charts in each school zone to give students and staff a visual reminder of our goals and our progress. If you would like a receipt for your monetary donation, please donate in the Business Office and one can be provided for you.

We hope you will join with us as we strive to reach these goals by praying for the project, encouraging and helping your child(ren) to be involved in the giving, giving generously yourself, and attending our Christmas Project Celebration Chapel on December 20th at 11:15 a.m., where we will announce the total amount raised and make presentations to each organization.

For more information, visit the homepage on our website and scroll all the way down to the bottom. If you have any questions or if you would like to receive any of the information from the site as an email attachment to share with others you know who might be willing to help us meet our goal, contact Jessica Dunning at [jessicad@rosslynacademy.com](mailto:jessicad@rosslynacademy.com). We welcome participation from friends and family abroad as well!

Blessings to all,

Jessica Dunning and the Rosslyn Academy Christmas Project Committee

Special Note: For those residing outside Kenya, checks may be made out to "Rosslyn Academy" and mailed to *Rosslyn Christmas Project, c/o Mr. Dan King, 1785 Pleasant Stream Road, Trout Run, Pennsylvania, 17771, USA.* Mr. King will issue receipts.