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COVID 19 Message from our partners in Kenya

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April 8, 2020

Trust you are all well and keeping safe in Canada. We are all safe here!

We have very restricted movements and cannot access certain areas. Nairobi is now cut off from the rest of the country completely. The sudden notice to cut off Nairobi has caught many of us off guard and separated families & work schedules as many people live in the outskirts of Nairobi and work in Nairobi.

Coronavirus has so far infected 172 people in Kenya, and the government has asked everybody to work from home. They have also introduced a dusk-to-dawn curfew from 7pm to 5am to minimize the spread at night, especially among young people who love going out.

Right now, travel has been discouraged, and we have barred any visits to the Peaceful Children's Home. This includes staff, who are unable to go in and out. Fortunately, Agnes has made arrangements with two employees to remain in the orphanage full time, making it safer for everybody.

We have water for washing hands, as well as sanitizer, and over the last two days have been stocking up in case of a lockdown – which is expected any time.

Agnes is also now permanently home with the kids, as any outside movement is discouraged. She is asking the children to help with chores as much as possible, giving them more shared responsibility, and keeping them busy.

Right now, like everyone else, people are afraid, as nobody knows what is coming next. Agnes is doing her best to keep everybody occupied and hopeful.

Thank you for sending funds to help us to prepare for any eventuality. We believe that within the next couple of days, we will be well stocked, as we have already ordered most of the essentials.

We will take some pictures of the kids doing their daily activities at the home, and send them to you. Thank you again for your kindness and support.

Regards

Duncan Muriaki,
Angels of Hope Foundation, Kenya



To our amazing supporters,

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you!

As COVID-19 changes our world and challenges us to do our utmost to keep ourselves, our families, and others safe, the pandemic presents even greater threats to the people of Kenya and, specifically, to our children in Kianyaga.

In short order, the disease will overwhelm the healthcare system there. In addition to acquiring clean water and promoting safe hygiene, there is an urgent need for hand-washing stations and hygiene kits.

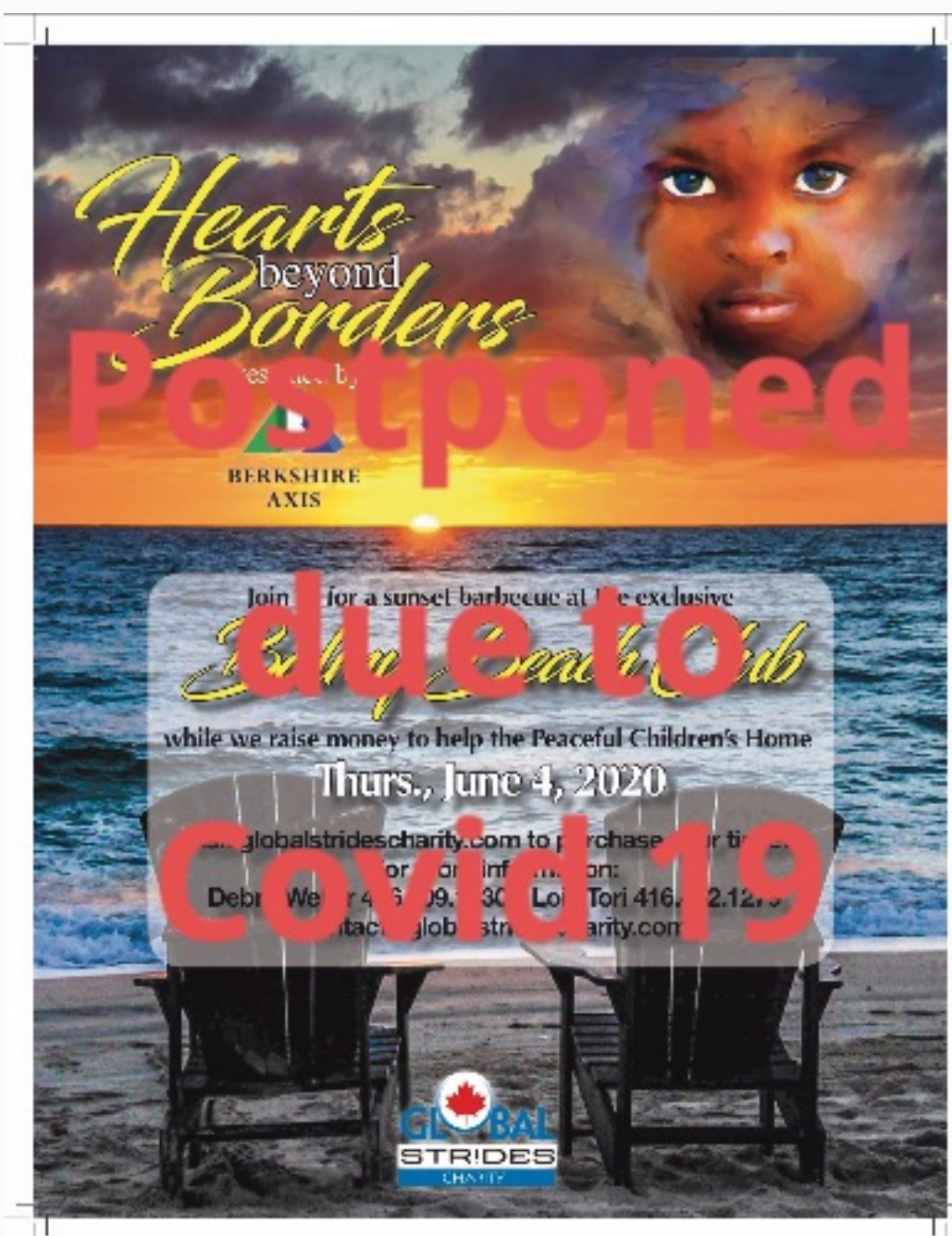
Thanks to you, we are able to continue to send funds to support the orphans and their caregivers at the Peaceful Children's Home. We are able to provide additional monies to address some of their COVID-10 specific concerns. And, in addition to supplies, your generosity generates hope that governs their actions, lets them know they are not alone, and helps to keep them safe.

This wouldn't be possible without your monthly donations. And that commitment is even more important now.

Please keep Agnes and the children in your thoughts and give generously.

No one was ever honored for what they received. They were honored for how they gave. Today, we honor you and the difference you make.

From all of us at Global Strides Charity, thank you!



As you act responsibly to keep your families and our community safe, please know that we're continuing as best we can to keep funds flowing to the children in Kianyaga to give them the support and hope they need to get through this devastating pandemic.

However, plans for our Annual Hearts Beyond Borders Fundraising event at the Balmy Beach Club on June 4th have been postponed. Pending a change in provincial direction and actions to keep Ontarians safe, we are looking to late summer or early fall to hold the event, including an auction and prizes.

We will notify you when it's safe again to gather, celebrate the importance of your support, and raise additional money to help the children.

In the meantime, stay safe and treasure your loved ones.

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