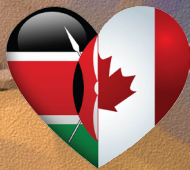


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Investing in our global future through our youth



My 2009 trip to Kenya ignited a passion in my soul as never before. There, in the village of Kianyaga, I visited the tiny orphanage Peaceful Children's Home.

I immediately fell in love with Agnes, a wonderful woman who founded the home in 2007, as well the children who are the beneficiaries of her caring. It was at that moment I decided to take this journey with her and help her to carry on her life-changing work.

Once home, I shared the remarkable story of a woman in her mid-50s who, with a heart of gold and an angel on her shoulder, was raising 14 children with only her pension to her name. Agnes was providing a non-institutional, safe and nurturing home where the children could live as a family, and she needed help.

I began raising funds for food and basic needs and was overwhelmed by the local support. In 2010, with the help of co-founder John Carbone, Global Strides was registered as a Canadian charity and our work began.

We were making a difference, but we wondered what more we could do to give our children the best chance of a good life. Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." With these inspiring words in mind, we expanded our work in 2014 to include education.

In 2017, we visited our new family and had an opportunity to witness first-hand the positive impact of their learning. The children greeted us warmly and introduced us as their Canadian mothers. We felt blessed to be with them.

With your support, Global Strides will continue its work of feeding the body and nourishing the mind so all children can reach their full potential.

Thank you for caring and making a difference.

- Debra Weller, Co-Founder, Global Strides Charity



Debra Weller
Global Strides Charity, Co-founder



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Fennella Bruce

Master of Ceremonies

Fennella Bruce is a veteran journalist who has worked in the field for more than 20 years as a producer and senior writer at several major market TV stations including Canada AM (CTV), CityNews (Citytv), CP24 (CTV), Toronto Tonight (Toronto 1) and BET News (Viacom).

Most recently, she left her position as a news producer for CTV News Channel to launch her own consulting business, FKB Media Solutions. She taught media theory at Centennial College's broadcast program for six years and served on juries for the Canadian Screen Awards and the Gemini's.

Fennella is the past president of The Canadian Association of Black Journalists, a former board member of Tropicana Community Services and a mentor to many aspiring journalism students.



MC Bonde

DJ

The 'Voice of Africa' himself, MC Bonde hosts our entertaining lineup.

Since 1995, the multiple-award-winning MC/host has worked in the entertainment industry as a disc jockey (DJ), MC, and a host of club, corporate and charity events, parties, concerts and weddings all over the world.

MC Bonde is the host of two-time award-winning radio show, The African Groove Show (TAGS), which airs every Sunday on Toronto radio station G98.7FM.



TK Smoothe

DJ



TK Smoothe is a DJ and CEO of Moonraiser Ent. He was born and raised in Zimbabwe and has been based in Toronto, Canada since 2001. TK and his company - Moonraiser Ent., have hosted several events showcasing the diverse music, art and dance culture of Southern Africa. TK Smoothe has managed to promote awareness and popularity of the Afro-house genre here in Canada by booking artists and DJs from Southern Africa to perform in Toronto and other Canadian cities. TK has created solid relationships with Southern African artists and musicians. He continues to be a global ambassador of the Afrohouse, Afropop & Afrobeats genres.

Quincy Bullen

Pianist

Joining us again is accomplished jazz pianist, composer, producer, multi-instrumentalist (drums, bass, guitar, keys), and singer Quincy Bullen.

The 21-year-old has become an experienced, adept keyboardist who puts a charming spin on all his performances. Extraordinarily talented, with a great sense of timing, Quincy wows audiences across Ontario and the Caribbean. His style is described as jazz with a

funky vibe. His repertoire includes his version of popular standards from jazz, R&B and soul, as well as original compositions.

Working with his father, Quincy released his first solo album, *On Q*, in late 2010. It is mostly original material featuring Larnell Lewis on drums, Alex Toth on bass and Rob Christian on sax. The CD demonstrates Quincy's funky jazz vibe and his sensitivity as a composer.



Sonia Aimy

Singer/Songwriter

Singer/Songwriter Sonia Aimy headlines the Hearts Beyond Borders, Global Strides Charity gala

With her velvety voice, Nigerian-born singer/songwriter Sonia Aimy is the embodiment of contemporary African world music.

Her sound blends Afro-jazz and African grit tradition in easy flowing, yet virtuosic performances.

Her rhythms and melody and infectious joie de vivre have won fans in Europe, Africa and Canada. Her second CD, Nigerian Spirit 2017, offers spiritual nourishment and intellectual stimulation.

Singing since she was 11 years old, Sonia learned about the folklore of her people, the Bini, from her mother. Immigrating to Italy, she studied jazz and music interpretation as well as theatre arts, crafting a sound that has become distinctly her own.

Motherhood is an important theme that often appears in her lyrics, along with a deep concern for justice. Sonia has also been



recognized in Italy and Nigeria for her commitment to end human trafficking and for the deep sense of her Nigerian heritage, which gives a spiritual grounding to her work. Visit www.soniaaimy.com for details.

Duncan Muriuki

Angels of Hope and Destination Africa

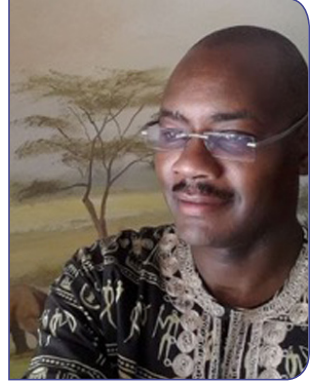
The Angels of Hope Foundation in Kenya was founded in 2006 with a purpose of looking after the orphaned children of the Peaceful Children's Home in Kianyaga, Kenya –co-founded with Joe & Agnes.

Angels of Hope founder Duncan Muriuki met co-founders Joe and Agnes Njogo in 1994 when Agnes was Matron of Kianyaga Children's home. He continues to support the home annually. Angels of Hope Foundation was created to act as an umbrella for the home and facilitate support.

The foundation's aim was to give the children hope and opportunity, a decent home, education and love...which every child needs.

We are indebted to our supporters, largest being Global Strides Charity who have continued to support the daily upkeep of the home and above all, school fees for our 14 children forever changing their lives.

To Global Strides... you are God sent. ASANTE SANA! God bless you abundantly with a very successful charity night tonight



Agnes Njogo

Peaceful Children's Home

Agnes Njogo has been helping children almost her entire life.

Through difficult times she helped raise her four siblings while she was putting herself through school.

She eventually became a social worker at the government-run Kianyaga Children's Home, staying there for 25 years. In 2005, the Kenyan government forced its workers to retire. Agnes says: "My life was just beginning and there are children who still need me". So she decided to create Peaceful Children's Home, which isn't government dependent.



"Nobody knows exactly what the fate for the kids she has mothered would have been, but we can guess that it would not have been bright," writes her sister Joy Haviland. "As long as there are people like Agnes and all (her) friends...the world has a great chance to reach even the most destitute. These are the future ambassadors of kindness."

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If this adventure is on your bucket list you can get more information including a full itinerary at www.globalstridescharity.com or pick up a brochure this evening.



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Meet Our Children

It takes a village with a heart to raise a child

Under the care of Agnes and Joe Njogo, life at the Peaceful Children's Home is filled with laughter, love, and sharing meals together. Because of your generous support, the children living at the private facility are thriving in its non-institutional,

safe and nurturing environment where all are part of one big family. Because of your caring, all of the children attend school. Education will inspire them to succeed and enable them to become contributing members of society.

Madrine - Guest of Honour

Madrine is 13 years old and in class 6 at the Effort Junior School. Her favourite subject is science. She has strong leadership skills and while one of the youngest often leads the others. She likes to play hide and seek and loves to read and sing. Her best subjects are science and math. Madrine aspires to be a judge.



Lucy

Lucy is 16 years old in class 8 in St. Andrews Kabare Girls Primary School. Her favourite subject is history and she likes to play hide and seek. Lucy has passed her high school entrance exam with good marks. Lucy would like to be a soldier after she gets a university education.



Linet

Linet is 15 years old and is in class 6 at the Effort Junior School. Her favourite subject is science and she likes to play basketball. When she grows up she wants to be doctor.



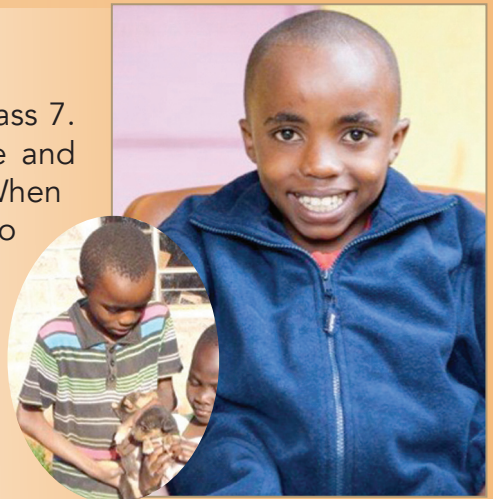
Violet

Violet is 14 years old. Her teacher says she is a very happy and social girl. She enjoyed introducing us to her class and showing us the beautiful handmade jewelry she is learning to make as part of her life skills class.



Kelvin M.

Kelvin is 15 years old and in class 7. His favourite subject is science and his favourite sport is football. When Kelvin grows up he would like to be a professional rally driver.





Lisper

Lisper is 14 years old in class 7 in St. Andrews Kabare Girls Primary School. Her best subject is science. She is keen to learn and try new things. In school she is learning English, Kiswahili, mathematics, science and social studies.

Pauline

Pauline is 15 years old and in class 8 in St. Andrews Kabare Girls Primary School. Her best subject is social studies. She has passed her entrance exam for high school with good marks.



Pierina

Pierina is 14 years old and in class 5 at the Effort Junior School. Her best subject is science. Her teachers say she is good at getting her schoolwork done and she is very fond of elderly people.

Purity

Purity is 17 years old and in Form 2 at the Public High School SS Elias & Gorretti Kianyaga Catholic Mixed Secondary School. Her favourite subject is history and she likes the opportunity to play basketball. In her spare time she enjoys watching TV and reading. She has just passed her interview to be accepted into private school. She aspires to be a surgeon.



Stephen

Stephen is 12 years old and in class 6 and does well in school. He is a confident and social boy who passed his interview for private school with flying colours. Stephen's best subject is social studies and he aspires to be District Commissioner.



Susan

Susan is 14 years old and in class 7 at Allsaints Kianyaga Academy. She likes to study Swahili and her favourite games are net ball and jump rope. She excels in social studies. Susan aspires to be a teacher.





Jackeline

Jackeline is 14 years old and in class 6 at the Raimu Primary School. She is blessed to have her sister Violet with her. She loves to skip in the yard and enjoys singing and entertaining guests with her siblings. She likes to cook and dreams of becoming a teacher.

Jane

Jane is 12 years old and in class 5 at the Effort Junior School. Her favourite subject is Swahili. For fun she likes to play hide and seek and jump rope. Jane wants to be a doctor.



Kelvin K.

Kelvin is 17 years old and in class 8 in Allsaints Kianyaga Academy. His favourite subject is Science. He enjoys playing football and reading. Kelvin has passed his high school entrance exam with good marks. Kelvin wants to be a pilot.



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– Mother Teresa

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yourself in the service of others.

- Mahatma Gandhi

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Marney Beck has more than 30 years experience in the community newspaper field, including 15 years as editor of The Richmond Hill/Thornhill Liberal until her early retirement in 2016. She has freelanced for The Toronto Star and co-authored a book on the history of Richmond Hill. A mom of two, she's been involved in Girl Guides and Scouts, and is currently active on the boards of the Richmond Hill Community Food Bank, MADD York Region, and Hill House Hospice. She now works as a media associate for iAMBIC Communications; marney@iambic.ca



Kim Champion is a communication professional who has built a reputation for creating content that sings. Although best known for her agenda-setting work in community journalism, where she earned two provincial news awards for editorial writing within a five-year time frame, Kim drives communication projects outside the newsroom with equal passion and enthusiasm. A love of community and desire to help make it a better place for all anchors her volunteer work. Connect with Kim at kimchampion@zoho.com



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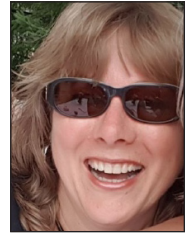
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sings bestowed upon our children

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With a media career that spans over 25 years, Jackie Smart is no stranger to change. Leading the team of graphic designers to produce 11 of Metroland Media's award-winning York Region publications sharpened her project management skills and ability to deliver on deadline. She now runs her own graphic design company, Pipedreams Design and Decor, where she supports Global Strides and also works with its fundraising partner, Silent Auction Company. You can reach Jackie at pipedreamsdesignanddecor@gmail.com.



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Global Strides Ambassadors

Nino Michela is a photographer whose passion for the craft helps corporations and charities such as Global Strides capture their most memorable events. Before starting a freelance photography business, Nino worked for more than two decades with Metroland Media as a sales representative. Over the years, Nino's work has been published in local media, and even graced the front page. Nino is available for your corporate or charity event. You can reach him at 416.994.4502 or at nmichela1@gmail.com.



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Patricia Del Rosal Balcazar is a student from Mexico, currently studying sports and events marketing at Seneca College.



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