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A Message from Malena Ruth Co-founder AMF

As the year 2011 draws to a close, we want to thank each of you for your contributions. Your involvement has demonstrated that all of us have something to offer, even in the midst of a deep recession. We are so very grateful to those who were able to donate money, to others who gave their time, and still others who contributed invaluable ideas.

On behalf of everyone at The African Millennium Foundation, I wish you a happy and healthy New Year. Hope to see and hear from you in 2012.

Malena Ruth

More information: http://1amf.org/projects/projects_anossacasa.php

Events



◀ Nena Rodrigue introduces Dr. Andrea Kovacs, at fundraiser she hosted for A Nossa Casa bringing in over \$22,000.

Dr. Kovacs, ▶



Professor Keck School of Medicine USC, and Director Maternal Child and Adolescent/Adult Center for Infectious Diseases and Virology, LAC + USC Medical Center

In our ongoing partnership with USC-MCA, Dr. *Diolinda Nassone*, Health Director for Maluana, Mozambique and District Administrator Mr. *Artur Chindandali* will travel to LA in the spring to observe and train with Dr. *Kovacs* and confer with Architects *Polly Osborne* and *Zoltan Pali*.

Solar Oven Apron Project

Last year, *Tal Rabinowitz* and *Terence Carter* hosted the Solar Oven BBQ to benefit AMF's Apron Project. They raised over \$30,000 and today, in a pilot program, 20 women have been trained to use solar ovens for home and business needs. Many of the women of Maputo are helping to raise some of Mozambique's 1.5 million children orphaned by aids. The program hopes to build a communal kitchen for them with both solar and conventional ovens for use in bad weather and for those who have no ovens.



A NOSSA CASA FUNDRAISING STATUS

A Nossa Casa (A Home for Us), a sustainable village to be built in Mozambique where children orphaned by AIDS can regain hope for their futures through social services and assistance.

\$120,000 raised towards building Phase 1: The Clinic. The architecture of the building will provide flexibility so that in addition to clinic services, it can meet other needs such as a nursery, counseling rooms and cafeteria. The entire community will benefit.

PHASE 1 GOAL: \$600,000

Help us reach that goal by making a year-end tax deductible gift: <http://1amf.org/donation/donate.php>



ANGEL DONATION

Thanks to *Angel Maria Cozzi*, who donated designated funds, we will begin drilling the first water well for A NOSSA CASA in June 2012.

Geologist *Kathy Gerber* has determined that a low capacity well will serve the needs of the clinic. She and architect *Polly Osborne* head to Mozambique in June to facilitate. A higher capacity well is badly needed to serve the larger community.

Currently, women and children are forced to walk many miles to find water. A donation of \$40,000 to fund the second well would change the life of so many people. If you are willing to be an angel, either by funding in part, or in total, a plaque bearing your name will be installed at the well.



Spotlight

High School student LEAH MORE

Visiting Mozambique to teach 20 girls how to make jewelry was truly an inspirational experience. Seeing the living conditions of these amazingly strong young women was incredibly difficult and moving. Their homes had no electricity, no running water - barely anything but a foundation and roof. It motivated me even more to help them find a way out of poverty. - *Leah*



From parents *Erwin More* and *Linda Berman*: There are journeys that touch your soul and change your life. Our journey to Mozambique was one of life's defining journeys. When AMF approached our fifteen year old daughter, Leah, about sharing her jewelry making skills with some of the young women in AMF's Reencontro program, we decided to make a family adventure out of the opportunity. Soon spring break 2011 was upon us and we loaded up suitcases filled with jewelry making kits; stones, gifts for the kids and our personal belongings. It was an incredible journey, and each member of our family is changed because of it. We continue to send jewelry making supplies to the girls and are working hard to create a sustainable opportunity for these young people.



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