

# IDJWI ISLAND EDUCATION FUND

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## Annual Report

FY: 2014

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# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

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### SUMMARY OF THIS YEAR'S PROGRESS

The Idjwi Island Education Fund is proud to have made substantial contributions to the Buhumba Primary School on Idjwi Island during 2014. We continued to support the curriculum through the Bustani sustainable garden project. We visited Idjwi Island and met with students, faculty and community members to review the ongoing programs and select the site for the new school buildings. Best of all, we constructed (!) a stone foundation for the new school and administrative offices and new latrines. In addition, through the generous support of dozens of individual, foundation and corporate donors, we had our most successful year of fundraising to date. We had a pretty great year!

### ON-GOING SUPPORT FOR THE EXISTING SCHOOL AND PROGRAMS



The Fund supported the existing school and programs throughout 2014. We continued to provide a trained agronomist for the Bustani sustainable garden project, which provides the students with instruction in soil preparation, crop rotation, and other sustainable gardening techniques. We delivered supplies to the school, including solar-powered calculators, pencils, sports equipment, and other materials. We provided scholarship funds to a small group of students who

otherwise would have been unable to attend school. Finally, through a generous grant from The Estelle Friedman Gervis Family Foundation, we provided incentive salary bonus payments and gifts (goats!) to retain and motivate the teachers at the beginning and end of the school term.

### SCHOOL VISIT AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT



In April 2014, three members of our leadership team traveled from Washington, D.C. and, with our local representatives in Goma, DRC, went to Idjwi Island to visit the current school and launch the construction of the new school building. We received an extraordinary welcome from the entire community, participated in graduation ceremonies for the 355 primary school students, heard speeches from school and community

leaders, and inspected the site for the new school. During the welcome ceremony, the delightful children presented us with gifts from the Bustani sustainable garden -- onions, sweet potatoes, leeks and carrots all grown by the students at EP Buhumba -- and dindons (turkeys!)! During this visit, we also inspected and confirmed the site for construction of the new school buildings.



# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

## CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATION!



During the fall of 2014, we broke ground and completed the first phase of construction of a new classroom building (for six classrooms), administrative offices, and latrines. Following a competitive bidding process, we hired a contractor with experience building schools in Goma and with construction projects on Idjwi Island. The contractor sourced materials on Idjwi Island (stones and sand) and brought other materials from Goma. The contractor trained local assistant masons to

help with construction, which provided valuable jobs for members of the community. The workers all received daily payments, plus food, transportation and medical fees during the construction. The foundation for the three buildings was completed, on schedule and on budget, in November 2014.

We have commissioned and obtained plans for the school design, and obtained a detailed budget for the completion of the construction project. We are raising the additional funds needed for construction, which we hope to complete during 2015.



## NEW FACES



The Fund welcomed Kurt Fritts to our volunteer Board of Directors during 2014. Kurt has held leadership positions in advocacy organizations and political campaigns for over 15 years, and has significant experience in strategic planning, grass roots organizing, and fundraising. In 2010, Kurt worked in Juba, Sudan where he managed a civic and voter education project for the National Democratic Institute as southern Sudan prepared to vote for its independence.

## AMAZON SMILE

We are now a registered charity with AmazonSmile. For each purchase through AmazonSmile, Amazon contributes a portion of the purchase to a charity you select. This is a great way to support the Fund at no cost to you.

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device, and designate the Idjwi Island Education Fund. You can also add a bookmark to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

We are looking forward to another great year with a lot of exciting progress coming up. We hope you'll continue to travel with us on our journey.

**David Folds**

Board President

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Fund had its most successful year of fundraising to date in 2014. We received a total of more than \$20,000 in individual, corporate and foundation donations. We also continue to participate in Microsoft's Youth Spark program, which provides matching funds for eligible projects. With an all-volunteer leadership team and little operating overhead, the Fund is able to devote the vast majority of the funds raised to programs and projects at the school.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Idjwi Island Education Fund (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2014)

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Beginning Balance:  | \$33,912   |
| Donations Received: | \$20,885   |
| Total Expenditures: | (\$39,692) |
| Ending Balance:     | \$15,105   |

## FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

| DESCRIPTION   | REVENUE     | EXPENSES    |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Donations Received  | \$20,885.00 |             |
| Taxes, Administrative   |             | \$521.00    |
| Operations (School supplies, garden project, tuition assistance, architectural drawings, teacher support, etc.) |             | \$7241.00   |
| Fundraising (event expenses, web site, email marketing)   |             | \$1529.00   |
| School Construction (supplies, delivery, and labor for foundation)  |             | \$30,401.00 |
|   |             |             |
| TOTAL   | \$20,885.00 | \$39,692.00 |

## DONOR BREAKDOWN

- |   |          |
|---|----------|
| • Individual Donations                          | \$13,646 |
| • Matching Funds (Global Giving/Give for Youth) | \$4,128  |
| • Corporate and Foundation Gifts                | \$3,095  |

The Fund is very grateful to our corporate and foundation donors. During 2014, we received valuable donations through Microsoft's Give for Youth Campaign, Benevity, Barston's Child's Play, and the National Philanthropic Trust.

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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We value all of your contributions and have benefited often from new contacts and suggestions from each of you. The Fund is always looking for ways to expand our potential success. If you have comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to contact us at one of the following addresses.

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