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## MORE THAN ME UPDATE

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Bringing opportunity to children in developing countries through education while raising global awareness in the USA

### Student Profile

**WE DEDICATE THIS ISSUE  
OF OUR NEWSLETTER  
TO THURSDAY. HERE IS WHY...**

The unexpected flipped everything upside down. Last year, Thursday's mom, the family provider, died in childbirth as many Liberian women do. School was a priority in the family's lives, but after Thursday's mom died, he had to sell cold water on the street to survive. He didn't think he would be able to attend school.

When asked how he was doing, he replied, "I will overcome this thing. I am coming on strong." He also said he was struggling to eat. But there was no self-pity in his voice—Thursday is a fighter.

Because of many small (and some large) donations, Thursday is back in school and no longer struggling to eat, thanks to the school feeding program. For Thursday, a thank you will never be enough. A little bit goes a long way in his life.



Thursday with his mother

### Note from the Founder

**NEVER STOP FIGHTING, BELIEVING  
AND LIVING** what you know is right. We only have one life. May we all be compassionate, empathetic people wherever we are and take the time to see the people right in front of us. Let's challenge each other to be better, to love more, to give more, wherever we are. Let's live for more than just ourselves—not just with our donations, but in the way we care each day.

*May you feel loved wherever you are  
right now — Katie*

### DC Fundraiser

More than Me's Spring Fundraiser on Monday, May 10th, at the Dupont Circle mainstay, Big Hunt, rocked the District and made Monday feel like Funday. The crowd steadily increased as music from our own talented singer-songwriter Margot MacDonald, local Blues-man Ted Garber, D.C.-based rockers The Honeyguns, and DJ Joc. la.Roc played from 6PM on through the night.

The event attracted friends, supporters and curious passersby who donated and learned about More than Me's goal of sending 25 Liberian children to school. We had an awesome turnout and came a little closer to making the dream of education a reality for more children in Liberia. More than Me's energy, drive, and dedication came out for a night that was more than your average fundraiser.

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## Speeches

**KATIE HAS BEEN SPEAKING AT SCHOOLS** in northern and central New Jersey. Our inboxes are flooded with notes from young students who are challenged and changed by a message to live for something bigger.

*Please don't tell anyone that I wrote this. Today when you spoke, I wanted to cry...I'm actually crying as I write this. I had no idea those things happen around the world and I want to do something. I will never forget the things you said. I can be the change; just be patient with me. —High school student, 15*

## GlobalGiving

**MORE THAN ME HAS BEEN ACCEPTED** as a GlobalGiving charity after a month long competition. Thanks to everyone who supported MTM, we received enough donations to provide 16 scholarships for children in Liberia. GlobalGiving connects individual and institutional donors directly to social, economic development, and environmental projects around the world. To view our GlobalGiving project page and donate, go to: [www.globalgiving.org/projects/liberia-scholarships](http://www.globalgiving.org/projects/liberia-scholarships).

On June 11, More than Me won first place in a GlobalGiving photo contest that featured over 250 contestants. The prize was \$1,000 and a front page feature on its newsletter, which reaches more than 70,000 donors.



More than Me's winning photo

## Adventures 4 Charity

**MORE THAN ME IS ABOUT LIVING FOR SOMETHING** greater than yourself. With that in mind we are introducing our newest project, the Adventures 4 Charity (AFC) Challenge. More than Me has teamed with AFC in order to create great opportunities for you to meet a personal, physical or mental goal while helping children go to school in Liberia for the first time. Are you a runner, swimmer, biker, or lover of the great outdoors? Do you want to meet a personal challenge or take on a new adventure such as skydiving, bungee jumping, or running a marathon? Push yourself to new limits by registering to do an adventure for More than Me through our AFC program. Contact [matt@morethanme.org](mailto:matt@morethanme.org) for more information.

## We Need You

**CURRENTLY WE HAVE TWO OPEN SLOTS** for Board members. If interested, please submit a resume and short statement (no more than 200 words) explaining why you would make a good candidate to [katie@morethanme.org](mailto:katie@morethanme.org). If you'd like to be involved in any other way, please let us know and we will find a place for you!

### MORE THAN ME MERCHANDISE



Interested in buying a More than Me American Apparel t-shirt or eco-tote bag to help support our current project in Liberia? Visit [morethanme.org/store](http://morethanme.org/store)

## Team Member Spotlight

Soon after returning from Guinea where he was teaching English and computer classes, **MATT FORTIER** met Katie in New York weeks before



Matt Fortier

More than Me's inaugural fundraiser. He was immediately drawn to MTM's mission and was excited to get involved in organizing events and conducting outreach. Matt is now settled back in DC where he works for the International Rescue Committee, assisting newly arrived refugees from all over the world with employment. Matt loves to travel, play sports, bike, hike, and read.

## Donate to More than Me!

Keep up to date with what's happening with More than Me through our events page on our website: [morethanme.org/newsroom](http://morethanme.org/newsroom)

**\$200.00** Full tuition for one school year  
**\$100.00** School supplies for 10 children for one year

**\$50.00** Uniforms for 3 children  
**\$25.00** Shoes for 2 children  
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