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Educational Opportunities through Technology and Exchange





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Message from the Executive Director and Board Chairman



The Imbaseni Free Library opened in 2005 after renovating this building



The Jifundishe Free Library and the Goody Classroom; part of our new community center complex

It happens to us almost every day; something happens that reminds us of years ago when all of this started, and we can't help smiling about where we are today. In 2005, the idea for our small library excited us to action. Molly Messenger, Deb Kelly, and a handful of Tanzanian friends decided that a small village library would provide a benefit for the local community. As Americans, used to every privilege, Molly and I could not fathom learning anything without a book. We watched young students trying to learn English without having access to a single book and at the same time, we were trying to learn Swahili with a stash of five or six books designed to help, and still struggling greatly! Reaching out to family and friends, we received donations as small as \$5.00 and as large a \$600.00 and in a month or so, we were renovating a three-room building into the first library that this village ever had. We had great expectations!

It took a few months, but eventually the idea caught on and once it did, we were off! Students from local primary and secondary schools started asking for curriculum books and English-speaking villagers started asking for books on vocations like electricity and agriculture and we quickly outgrew our space and resources.

Twelve years later, we have a staff of seven, a beautiful volunteer house and a classroom for our programs. We see hundreds of patrons every day and provide new and innovative programs that align with our "education through technology and exchange" mission. Over the years we have provided programs for women in agriculture techniques, micro-lending and small-business development, for primary school students in conservation and

English, secondary students in journalism and business, adults in basic education and a myriad of workshops and seminars that build the capacity of the local community.

We have now seen three presidential administrations as they have all done little to build the capacity of the government's system of education and have made it complicated and difficult to get a quality education in Tanzania. Our work has continued to grow as opportunities in traditional paths to education have become increasingly harder to find. This year, Jifundishe will be undertaking very important strategic planning to make sure that we are on track to continue the important work that we are doing for years to come. Sustainability is a key factor in delivering this type of programming, but in a community so poor that most people only have one meal a day due to tremendous financial restriction, it is difficult to find sustainability at a local level. We will be looking at the ways that we receive income and support and how we might be able to take advantage of new and innovative ways to do that.

Whatever direction we may take will certainly require us to continue to look for donations from the many people who have visited us over the years, as well as friends and families that are committed to our cause. Change is good, and we welcome the changes that are inevitable as well as unexpected. Most of our staff and Board have been with us in some capacity since the beginning. They know how we got to where we are and will guide us in the right direction in the coming years. We are ready for another great year!

Deb Kelly
Deb Kelly
Executive Director

Sam Obae

Sam Obae
Board Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jifundishe is fortunate to have such remarkable individuals to help guide us into the future. Each of our Executive Committee members brings a unique perspective to our discussions and decisions. Many of our members have been with us since the very beginning and we are proud of the effort and the insight that they bring to our efforts.



Sam Obae, Chairman, is the Managing Director of Kilimanjaro Film Institute and lives in Arusha with his wife and three children.



Debra Kelly, Executive Director founded Jifundishe in 2005 and is the Managing Director. She lives in Ngongongare Village.



Robert Mafie, Vice Chairman, is the Managing Director of ACTT and lives in Moshi with his wife and three children.



Abdallah Mgonjah, Co-Secretary, works for Tanzania Adventist Secondary School and lives in Ngongongare Village with his wife and two children.



Sudi Abdallah, Co-Secretary, is an Occupational Therapist with a private practice and lives in Arusha with his wife and son.

JIFUNDISHE STAFF

Our staff were all born, raised and educated in the District in which we work. They are familiar with the culture, challenges and norms of our area. These amazing individuals help shape our programs and provide context and insight for our volunteers and visitors. Most of our Jifundishe Library staff have been with us since



Anande Mirisho, Assistant Managing Director
Jifundishe



Elibahati (Babe) Nnko, Manager,
Jifundishe Free Library



Lizybeth Julius, Head Librarian, and Sudler Lab Manager,
Jifundishe Free Library



Rena Kilanga, Librarian and I.S. Coordinator,
Jifundishe Free Library



Elizabeth Pallangyo, Groundskeeper
Jifundishe Free Library



Samwel Sumari, Watchman
Jifundishe Free Library



Kelvin Nnko Watchman
Jifundishe Free Library

2016 PROJECT UPDATES

INDEPENDENT STUDY



program and taking the national exams in November.

Last year 75% of our Form 4 PC students passed the exam and ALL of our Form 6 PC students passed the national exam. Our program continues to outperform local government schools and offers people of all ages a chance to obtain a secondary education.

Amani still shines as an inspiration for our students and others. After 6 years of hard work and dedication to his goals, Amani graduated from Tumaini University with a Master's degree in education and is a secondary school teacher in Rombo, Tanzania. We are so proud of Amani and the part that we played in his amazing success.

In 2010, Amani Amani was a young man desperate to complete his secondary education. With no family support, he set out to study on his own and take the national exams without the benefit of a traditional school. His journey was the inspiration for our Independent Study program which has provided the space, books and tutoring for hundreds of others to do what Amani set out to do, and accomplished. This year, we have 80 students participating in our



UKUWAJI

In 2011, our friends at Unlimited Possibilities "loaned" us funds to create a women's micro-lending program for local women in this area to start small, home-based businesses. After 5 years, over 250 loans and a 100% return rate (that's right, not one single default) UKUWAJI has registered their name independently and will be creating their own community fund in January 2017. With individual contributions from 37 women and matching funds from Jifundishe, they will begin their own fund with over \$5,000.00 in the bank, enabling them to make larger loans with better terms for the hundreds of local women that just need capital to get a home-based business started. We are so proud of this amazing group of women for their truly transformative success.

HOUSTON/MAY SCHOLARSHIPS



The Houston Scholarship Fund has been in place since 2008, when it was generously funded by Annie and Andre Houston. We support bright, capable children, living in poverty and provide them with a secondary education to help them create sustainable lives for themselves. The fund has supported over 100 students, mainly girls, and many of our participants are performing at the top of their class.

The May Higher Learning Fund was initiated in 2016 by a generous donation from Jeremy May and his family to support our students, both Independent Study and Houston Scholarship Fund who qualify to apply for a university

scholarship, thus having the chance to "go all the way" educationally. Jifundishe currently has twenty five Houston Scholarship Fund scholars and three May Higher Learning scholars in various educational programs across Tanzania.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial information contained in this annual report is for the fiscal year JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2016

Statement of Financial Position

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Receivables	5,103	2,383
Cash & Cash Equivalents	144,215	184,176
Property & Equipment	134,867	146,974
Total Assets	284,185	333,533
FUND EQUITY & LIABILITIES		
Restricted Funds	45,000	46,000
Unrestricted Funds	199,215	213,474
Total Equity	244,215	259,474
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Houston/May Scholarship Funds	20,250	41,400
Other Payables		
Payroll Liabilities	21,600	28,980
Exam Reimbursements	2,300	2,300
Total Liabilities	44,150	72,680
Net Assets	240,035	260,853

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Statement of Activities

From our 2015-16 audit report:

"Proper books of account were maintained by Jifundishe for the whole of this period and the financial statements prepared there from are in agreement with such books."

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
INCOME		
Earned Income	3,547	8,839
Individual Donations	57,350	48,242
Grants	15,000	33,734
Gains on Exchange Fluctuation	1,200	2,720
Membership Dues	46	46
Total Income	77,143	93,581
EXPENSES		
Program Services	48,627	61,090
Supporting Services	8,723	6,933
Total Expenses	57,350	68,023



WE ARE GRATEFUL

JIFUNDISHE IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE WHO RECOGNIZED
OUR WORK WITH THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS IN 2016

Reid & Annette Alsop

Pearl Bailes

Sara Barker

Anne & Todd Barnes

Betsy Barnett

Susan Baron

Beacon School

Loretta Beckner

Edward Bernazzani

Katherine Bethell

Marie Birnbaum

Sarah Boeckman

Amanda Bozarth

Katherine Bradford

Nancy Broers

Linda Cartwright

Cynthia Coogan

Rachel Coyne

Joe and Phyllis Cronin

Roseline Crowley

Stephanie Deutsch

Priscilla Dolan

Sue & Alan Dranitzke

Gerard Dunphy

Jill Edwards

Empower Africa

Elizabeth Esser

Alison Everts

Tom & Sonia Faletti

Glenda Fehr

Mark Flanigan

Ross Godfree

Elizabeth Hannold

Christine Healey

Holly Hexter

Barbara Hinsley

Annie & Andy Houston

Maureen Hoyler

Joe and Marie Joe

Amit Kapur

Tatiana Kaupp

Jocelyn Kho

Ann Lawrence

Nancy Lazear

Chalotte Magee

Barbara Matthews

Roberta Matthews

Jeremy May

Alexandra McCoy

Barbara McDonough

Karl Miller

Steve Molter

Elizabeth Moore

Mary Beth Moore

Roberta Mora

Josephine Murphy

Kara Napolitano

Adrienne Nelson

Alden O'Brien

Operation Groundswell

Jane Oppenheim

Catherine Pelnik

Project ABLE

Mary Kay Reynolds

Harriet Rogers

Harriet Rogers

Julia Rowland

Douglas Ruby

Stephen Sayle

Cynthia Sealls

Segal Family Foundation

Donna Sherman Trust

Nancy Shuker

Robert Siegel

Marcia Silcox

Lisa Smith

Lisa Sommers

Tiffanie Story

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Darden Swain

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