

Congressman Jim McDermott Visits Hamomi

During the week of August 20th, Congressman Jim McDermott, serving the 7th District of Washington, paid a visit to Hamomi Children's Centre. The students and staff presented him with an assembly that included a tour of the school, singing, dancing, poetry reading, skits, and the history of Hamomi. Congressman McDermott was extremely impressed by the students and the work being done at Hamomi. This is the first time an American politician has visited Hamomi—making all students and staff feel proud of what they have accomplished and excited about the future prospects for Hamomi.



Congressman McDermott with the students

Congressman McDermott continues to be a vocal advocate for African aid and development within Congress. With his visit to Hamomi, we hope that education and grassroots development in Africa will continue to gain importance within American foreign policy.

Our Address has Changed

Hamomi's official mailing address has changed. Please send all mail and donations to: Hamomi Children's Centre
PO Box 161
Seattle, WA 98111-0161

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Thanks to the following individuals, businesses, and organizations for their generous donations:

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SAVE THE DATE

Hamomi's inaugural dinner and auction will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2010. We are currently looking for supporters to volunteer as table captains. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

September 12th Fundraiser Benefiting Hamomi

Join us Saturday, September 12th for a fundraiser benefiting Hamomi. For \$30/person or \$50/pair, you can enjoy food, wine, beer, live Kenyan music, and a silent auction. The event runs from 4 -7pm. All proceeds benefit the Hamomi Children's Centre. The event is located at:

8805 NE 34th St.
Yarrow Point, WA 98004

If you have any questions regarding the event please [contact us](#).

We are Headed to Kenya for Two Months

On September 15, 2009 three of Hamomi's American Board members (Jamie Clayton, Susie Marks, and Mallory Brick) will head to Kenya to work on the ground for two months. We will be joined by a group of five American volunteers. With all of this manpower, we hope to continue working on projects started by former volunteers and also begin a number of new projects such as an after school art program and a series of workshops for the Kenyan staff. In addition, we will be carrying nearly 800 lbs of in-kind donations for the students.



The mountain of donations we will be carrying with us

Thanks to all of our supporters who donated school supplies, clothes, shoes and art supplies. A special thanks to Linda Demirel Barnes and the NeoArt School of Seattle for their incredibly generous donation of art supplies.

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We are still in need of large duffel bags for carrying items to Kenya. Please [contact us](#) if you have any we can borrow. We will bring them back when we return to the USA in mid-November.

Look for more updates about our trip in next month's newsletter or follow us on [Twitter](#).

I continue to be inspired and awed by the dedication of our supporters. Whether you have given time, money, items, or simply spread the word about Hamomi, we sincerely thank you. It is because of supporters like you that we can continue doing the work we do in Kenya. With your help I am confident that the momentum of this past year will continue to increase, allowing us the opportunity to build a school that truly gives all students the chance at a brighter future.

*Sincerely,
Jamie Clayton, Chief Operating Officer*