

## Update from Hamomi

A special thanks to all those who volunteered or donated to Hamomi in the past three months, because of your dedication we have finally paid off all our debt. In addition, we were able to pay our teachers a month's wages. This event is monumental! It is the first time our teachers have EVER received a salary for their hard work—some having been with us for over 9 years. Having never been paid by Hamomi, the staff asked the Board if they could use the money to buy school supplies and pay the volunteers—leaving a little extra for themselves. On a daily basis we are reminded of their selflessness and devotion to Hamomi—this serves as just one more reminder.



Being able to pay our teachers has been a long-standing goal of the Board and to accomplish it indicates the immense progress Hamomi has made in just one short year. Unfortunately for some, this money did not come soon enough. We recently received notice that Beatrice, a teacher who has been with Hamomi since the beginning, is resigning to take a job that offers a fair and steady wage. We respect her decision and wish her the best of luck. The contributions and sacrifices she made to Hamomi are immeasurable. To ensure that our teachers remain with us and that their hard work is rewarded, in November we will begin our "Support a Teacher" program. Read on to learn more about this valuable program.

## Support a Teacher

As previously noted, not being able to pay our teachers a regular, monthly wage comes at a severe price. We face a reality where volunteers stay for a few months then are forced to leave to find paying jobs. Not only do we lose dedicated teachers but we compromise our students' willingness to trust and open up to new adults. When working with fragile cases and troubled youth this is a serious issue.

*Thanks to the following people for their generous donations:*

- Christopher Mahoney
- Lombard Czaplicki
- Jordan Burghardt
- Laura Semprevivo

While we are lucky to have two dedicated teachers willing to work for nothing, we do not expect teachers to go unpaid. At the end of the day all of our teachers deserve to be rewarded for their hard work and devotion, not forced to beg on the streets to survive. Beginning in November, you can participate in our "Support a Teacher" program. Supporting a teacher guarantees they receive a monthly wage. Click on the individual links to learn more about [our teachers](#) or [this program](#) and how you can help.

## Host an Info Session

When you receive our monthly newsletter do you wish you could do more to help? Perhaps your income is too small or your expenses are too high to give even a little each month. We at the Hamomi Children's Centre understand. As a nonprofit organization we value and appreciate all of our supporters—whether you give time, money, or simply read our newsletter. But as Hamomi grows, so must our member base.

If you have friends, family, or co-workers interested in international aid or who simply want to help but don't know where to start, consider hosting an information session. One of our board members will come and present information on Hamomi and a range of topics of your choosing (from International Aid to Development to Kenyan history and culture). These sessions are meant to be informal and are a great excuse to get together with friends over food, wine, and thought-provoking conversation. Through these info sessions we hope to increase awareness of Hamomi and expand our member base. **This is**

**not a fundraising event**—no one at your session will be asked to give a cent. Please contact Susie Marks ([hamomi.susie@gmail.com](mailto:hamomi.susie@gmail.com)) if you are interested in setting up an info session.

*Thank you for your continued interest and support of our mission.*

*Sincerely,  
Jamie Clayton, Chief Operating Director*

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