

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.

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Latest news and updates from our current trip to Kenya are available on [Facebook Causes](#), [Twitter](#), or our [volunteer blog](#).

UPDATE ON A VOLUNTEER

[Read](#) the recent ESPN article about former Hamomi volunteer and MLS player, Ty Harden.

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

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September 12th Fundraiser Raises Over \$10,000

Thanks to everyone who attended our fundraiser on September 12, 2009. We successfully raised over \$10,000 which we will put towards our \$90,000 goal of buying land. In addition, we were fortunate to find three groups of donors willing to support the first year of high school for three of our graduating 8th graders. Click [here](#) to learn more about supporting a graduate.

This event would not have been possible without the generous support of all those who volunteered and/or baked desserts, the use of Tana Martin's beautiful home, and in-kind support from the following individuals and businesses: Pasta & Co, Mac and Jack's Brewery, Sodovino, Colleen Crowley, Maria Roberts, Mary Martha McIntyre, Trader Joes, Starbucks, Tana Martin, City Flowers, Frenchy's Day Spa, Kate Katri, Chris Marks, Bing's Restaurant, Cathy Pirello, Ocheami African Dance Company, and Instant Sign Factory.

A Letter from On-the-Ground Volunteers

Volunteering for the past three weeks have been great! From the first day, we were welcomed warmly by the community of teachers, staff and students. During our time here, we witnessed the impact of the newly expanded feeding program and saw, first-hand, the distribution of donations provided by individuals from the US which included clothes, shoes, sunglasses, and recreational materials. During our stay, we also saw the school expand as it added two new rooms; giving students and staff much needed additional space.



Jana, John, Kory, and Valerie with the students of Hamomi

A highlight for us was meeting Raphael and Musumba and hearing their moving and inspiring stories. Their heart for educating children is evident as they have both dedicated their lives to this work. We feel very fortunate to have had this experience and encourage anyone interested to get involved.

-Jana Mathewson, John Troll, and Valerie Foskett

Google Grant Received

On September 30th, we learned that Hamomi was awarded a Google Grant; providing us with \$330/day to spend on Google advertising. We are confident that this grant will help us increase traffic to our website—allowing us to raise more money and awareness.

Over 1,000 lbs of Donations Delivered to Hamomi

Over the past four weeks the students of Hamomi have been the proud recipients of over 1,000 lbs. of shoes, clothes, school supplies, and backpacks. Each student was awarded at least one new item and their very own school supplies.



Class 7 and 8 trying on new clothes

While the thought of each student receiving only one item seems inadequate, we are confident that over time all of our students will receive at least one extra set of clothes, a new pair of shoes, and access to more school supplies when theirs are depleted. With your help we can reach this simple goal and surpass it.



Maryam with her new backpack and shirt

If you have kids' clothes, shoes, socks, or art/school supplies to spare, please consider donating them to Hamomi. We can collect donations in Seattle, WA and Madison, WI. If you know of anyone traveling to Kenya please mention the tremendous impact they can make by simply carrying a bag filled with donated items. Please [contact us](#) if you can help in any way.

Special thanks to the 13 travelers who carried items to Hamomi over the past month and to the individuals and businesses who donated items.

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We are officially into the second volume of our monthly newsletter. Looking back a year ago it is astounding to see the progress we have made in such a short time. One year ago we were an organization drowning in debt; barely able to cover its meager monthly expenses. One year later, we are debt-free and can cover our monthly operating costs while also being able to run a daily feeding program, pay two teachers a monthly salary, and send four graduating 8th graders to secondary school. Most importantly, for the first time we can begin to save for the purchase of land. Huge thanks to everyone who made this possible. Here's to another successful year!

*Sincerely,
Jamie Clayton
Director of Donor Relations*

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