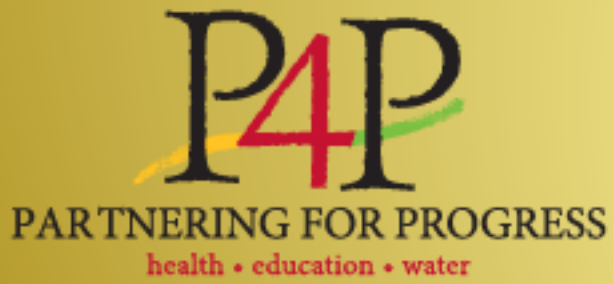


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There are those who give with joy, and that joy is their reward.

~ Kahlil Gibran



Notes from the Field

Robert Rhoda Masaga, Valued Ogada Clinic Partner

P4P's Health Committee has been working with the Ogada Clinic in Giribe since 2014 and has forged close ties with Robert Rhoda Masaga.

Robert is a dentist and Clinic Officer, equivalent to a nurse practitioner or nurse's assistant in the U.S, who founded the Ogada Clinic in 1990. The 21-bed health center employs two clinical officers, two certified nurses, three nurse's aids, two watchmen, two janitors/cooks, two lab technicians, a pharmacist and a receptionist.

The Ogada Clinic treats over 250 patients a month from neighboring Kenyan villages as well as many from nearby Tanzania and is funded through fees and some financial assistance from a church in Sweden. P4P's contributions include training health care workers and administering the Power of Milk nutrition program.

"In addition to founding the Ogada Clinic, Robert also started an orphanage in Giribe, assists a young woman with her medical school fees and helps his staff financially when necessary," says Stacey Mainer, P4P co-founder and Health Committee member. "I am so impressed with his dedication to help the people in Giribe. He does many good things but is a humble person and does not talk about his generosity."

"I believe our involvement with P4P is a real blessing to the community and the entire facility," Robert says. "As we continue, I think P4P will help us improve where possible and we are very thankful."

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A lavish pre-play spread of appetizers and desserts, coffee and a no host bar kick off the festivities at 6:15 PM and the performance starts at 7:15. Tickets are \$35 adult, \$30 student, and \$300 for 10 tickets. Get yours today at <http://partneringforprogress.org/civic-theatre-benefit.html> or call 509-720-8408 to purchase by check or credit card.

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Meet Volunteer Alex Hoffmann

Whitworth University senior Alex Hoffman brings enthusiasm and a unique set of skills to his volunteer role with P4P's Health Committee.

"I'm not yet a medical professional like many of the awesome



volunteers on our committee,” Alex says, “but I think I bring a different set of eyes to the issues. The largest responsibility I have is helping analyze the data on children enrolled in our hugely successful Power of Milk program using a software program from the World Health Organization.”

A Spokane native, Alex will graduate from Whitworth in May with a degree in biology and minors in chemistry and speech communication. In August, he will start medical school at the University of Washington in Seattle with plans to become a trauma surgeon.

When he’s not attending classes, Alex travels with the Whitworth University Speech and Debate Team. “I love learning the skills of

persuasion, interpersonal and cross-cultural communication, current events, public speaking, argumentation, and rhetoric. I see these skills being put to use by healthcare providers all the time.” Alex is a two-time national champion in speech and debate events.

“I think too often charitable organizations that work in developing countries take a "top down" approach that fails to understand the unique cultural, socioeconomic and religious circumstances of a particular area and group of people,” Alex says. “P4P is the exact opposite of that and really is a "bottom up" organization that recognizes our role as stateside volunteers is primarily one of advice and assistance, not lecturing and forced change.”

Alex has not yet traveled to Kenya but says it is on his radar. Judging from this young man’s passionately articulated thoughts, he’ll be a force for positive change anywhere he goes.

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P4P Scholarship Fund Announced

By Cameryn Flynn

P4P's Board of Directors and the Education Committee have recently announced the formation of the **P4P Scholarship Fund**.

Since its inception, P4P has provided scholarships for secondary school students living in the Kopanga region. These funds typically come from P4P's general operating budget. Recently the Board asked committees to consider developing their own fundraising plan in order to lessen the burden on the operating budget. In response, the Education Committee has established the P4P Student Scholarship Fund.

Our goal is to raise \$5,600 in 2016 and increase the scholarship fund to \$15,000 by 2018. We're proud to announce that \$1,300 has already been committed by generous donors.

Many of the 27 students currently receiving P4P scholarships must pay 60,312 Kenyan Shillings (\$615 U.S. dollars) per year for boarding school or 22,244 Kenyan Shillings (\$219 U.S. dollars) per year for day school. Throughout Kenya, the costs for secondary school education are increasing, placing even higher burdens on families.

Won't you please consider contributing to P4P's Scholarship Fund? Your donation will give deserving students an opportunity to gain the skills they need to enter the workforce and will directly combat the cycle of extreme poverty.

For a minimum of \$100 per year (with a commitment of at least two years), you can help us grow this important fund. In return, your contribution will be recognized through:

- A thank-you email with photos and information about how your contribution benefits our students and
- Personally written letters and school reports from one or more of the students.

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Volunteer Spokane!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of P4P's continued efforts and success, and we're very excited to announce that P4P now has a presence on Volunteer Spokane's website (http://www.volunteerspokane.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=49027) where we can post events and volunteer needs.

Within a week of our first posting, we were contacted by two people who wanted to help with **Little Women** at the Civic Theater, proof the site reaches hundreds of potential volunteers. We see this as a viable medium for us to add new

volunteers to committees, increase membership, solicit people for bi-annual Kenya trips, diversify fundraising and get the word out about P4P.

Please become a fan of P4P's Volunteer Spokane site and *help us spread the word*. Just go to the website link above and click on **BECOME A FAN**.



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