



## Notes from the Field

By Seth Okumu

P4P recently awarded a scholarship to Rose Adhiambo Anyona, allowing her to continue as a day scholar at Magongo Ribe Secondary School. Rose has three siblings, all being taken care of by their mother. Her elder brother was forced to drop out of school due to fee problems. Rose wrote P4P this letter recently thanking us for helping her remain in school. I believe Rose will be the pride of the P4P scholarship project, her school and the girl child fraternity!

Rose has never disappointed in her academic performance. In her latest result, she was position two out of 75 students. These are her scores.

English	A-	Biology	B+	History	A	Agriculture	B
Kiswahili	B	Physics	B+	Geography	A	Computer	A
Mathematics	B+	Chemistry	A	CRE	A	Business studies	A-

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### Health Notes from the Field

Plumpy Nut, the calorie-dense nutrient supplement P4P distributes to malnourished babies, has not been available for some time. We have purchased a supply for the most critically malnourished infants and it's on a slow boat to Kenya, courtesy of Kenya Relief.

Seth, our Project Administrator, and Charles Otieno, a part-time nutrition assistant, have a Plumpy Nut recipe that includes peanut butter; powdered milk and sugar; vegetable oil; and mineral supplements. Way to go, guys! Community Health Workers will be trained on how to create this important nutritional supplement.

Four more children are now strong enough to graduate from the Power of Milk Program this month and their caregivers (many are grandparents) will receive two chickens, and more importantly, be able to enjoy their healthy babies.

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### Kudos to Departing Board Members

Three stalwart Board members, Stacey Mainer, Debbie Stimpson and Pat Lynass will leave P4P's Board of Directors in this year. All have devoted countless hours and much energy to P4P's programs. Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization, and we are profoundly grateful to these women for their contributions.

**Debbie Stimpson** joined the board in May 2010. She has traveled to Kenya, is P4P's expert in HIV/AIDS issues and serves on the Health Committee. Debbie works at Providence Internal Medicine Residency. Her term expires in October.

**Stacey Mainer**, P4P co-founder, formed the Board in February 2008 and will leave her position in December. She has been to Kenya numerous times and works on the Health, Nominating and Economic Development Committees. Stacey has also served as volunteer Executive Director, Board President and probably most every other position. She is ARNP (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) and works at Columbia Medical Associates.

**Pat Lynass** joined the Board at its inception in February 2008 and her term ends in October. She's been the Fundraising Chair and Past President of the Board; co-chaired P4P's past auctions and has served P4P in many other capacities. She is a retired elementary school principal.

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## **Into Africa Offers Something New This Year**

**October 3, 5:30 PM, at the Mirabeau Park Hotel in Spokane Valley.**

This year, into Africa 2014 features an inventive Kenyan-American buffet, thanks to Chef Andy Rooney at the Mirabeau Park Hotel. As this newsletter goes to press, Chef Rooney is finalizing the buffet choices, but here's a hint of what might be on the menu: samosas (lamb and ginger in puff pastry), plantain and green banana salad, kuku (lemony chicken stew with sweet potatoes, ginger and coconut milk) and ugali (white maize porridge). American fare will also be included, but you really must try the ugali. Sorry, we can't afford to fly in a pallet of Tusker beer.

Outstanding auction items include Disneyland tickets, Dry Fly Fishing Trip on the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River, Washington State University football, *Apple Cup* tickets, Gonzaga University men's basketball package, spa and pedicure

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An event like this takes many hands, many meetings and much hard work. The Into Africa Auction Committee has met, emailed, planned and finessed for nearly a year procuring auction items, creating an entertaining program, overseeing venue details and more. Kudos to Co-Chairs Annie Luu and Jodi Magee as well as to Committee members Barbara Morkill, Dia Maurer, Esa Lariviere, Helen Biggs, Karen Contos, Pat Lynass, Patti Krafft, Sandy Ivers, Stacey Mainer and Lee Fowler. Their hard work and effort has produced a night to remember.

**Buy tickets now at [www.intoafricaauction.org](http://www.intoafricaauction.org) or call 509-720-8408.**

**Special Prices on Rooms-** The Mirabeau Hotel is offering discounted rooms the night of the auction if you mention you are with Partnering for Progress when booking. Deluxe Room are \$75 and Executive Room are \$85.

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### **P4P in the News**

Listen up! P4P will be on a segment of the **Community Talks KEYF-AM1050** radio on **September 23 at 10 AM**. Dia Maurer and Sandy Ivers will talk with host Susan Nielsen about P4P's work in Kenya.

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### **You Shop, Amazon Gives to P4P**

Next time you make a purchase on Amazon.com, be sure to sign up for AmazonSmile. When you do, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice (your choice would be P4P, of course.).

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### **Caling All Volunteers!**

Welcome Amanda Strong, Partnering for Progress' new Volunteer Coordinator. We are so grateful Amanda has joined P4P's team of volunteers and is jumping in to coordinate help for our upcoming Into Africa Auction!

What are your skills and interests? What's your passion? Committee members are the life blood of P4P and we welcome new members! Help support Partnering for Progress' mission with your talents. Please contact Amanda at [p4p.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:p4p.volunteer@gmail.com).

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