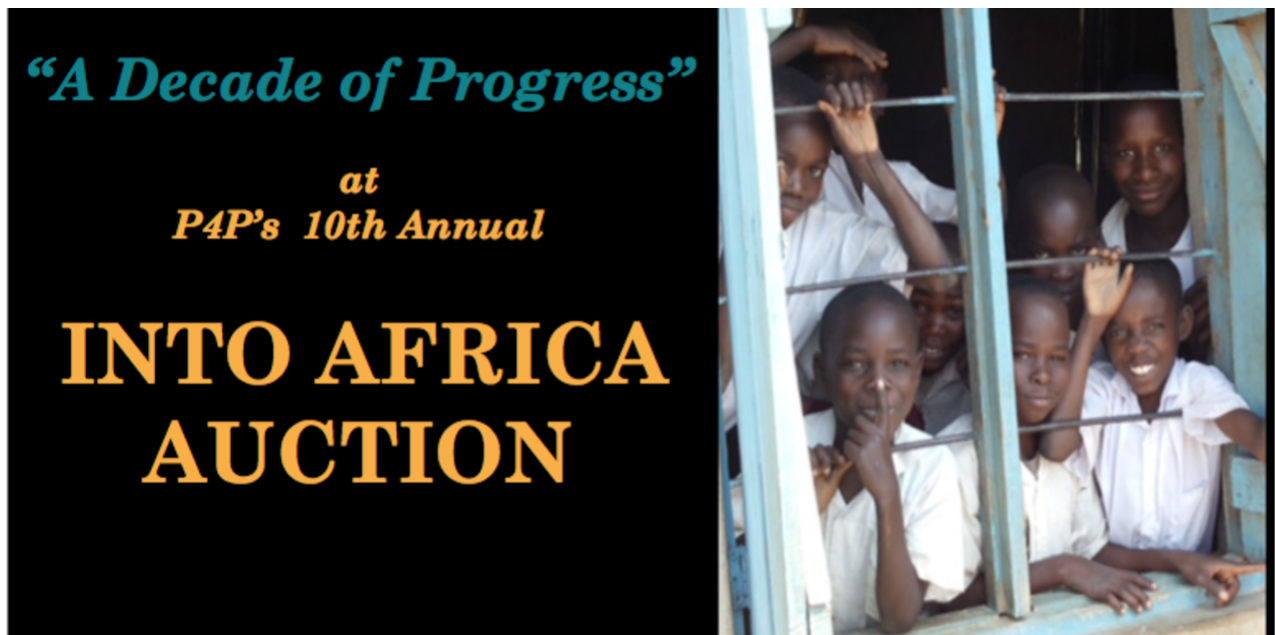


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Into Africa Auction was a Fantastic Success! Asante Sana!



More than 185 Partnering for Progress supporters and friends helped raise a record-breaking gross sum of over \$67,000 at the 10th Annual Into Africa Auction. Attendees enjoyed entertainment, educational displays, a lively auction and fabulous African food at the Mirabeau Park Hotel.

Many generous in-kind



donations from around the area graced our auction tables. The highest bid in the live auction went to a North Idaho Winter Weekend hosted by P4P friends, Paddy and David Carlson. A gift certificate for tree care from Bartlett Tree Experts fetched the highest bid in the silent auction.

This year, thirty-two pieces of antique and contemporary African art created a bidding frenzy as the table closed and raised a total of \$2,180. Bob and Pat Pedersen generously donated all of the items in memory of their son, Darin.



We ended dinner on a sweet note with the **Dessert Dash**, where table captains collected bids for dessert items and dashers from the table flew to the dessert table to flag their prize.



Our auction is not just about food, frivolity and winning bids, however. Committees set up educational tables and volunteers explained the focus of the committee's work, providing concrete examples of how donations directly help communities in Kopanga/Giribe.



The **Health Committee** used dolls to illustrate the difference in weight of an American baby compared to a malnourished child in Kenya. The **Water Committee** used an array of photographs taken in Kopanga/Giribe that illustrated how we help communities and schools obtain clean water. The **Education Committee** shared photos of scholarship students and displayed Days for Girls feminine hygiene kits, which allow girls to continue to attend school during their

monthly cycle. The **Economic Development** table displayed photos of our chicken and goat projects. At the **Africa Safari** table, volunteers gave out samples of Tusker beer (Kenya's national beverage) and talked about the thrill of adding a safari to a P4P service trip.



Our keynote speakers were Dr. Kingsley Ugorji and Sheila Lemuta. Dr. Ugorji hales from Cameroon originally. He attended medical school and has practiced in Nigeria and New York City. He now works for CHAS in Spokane, providing medical care to the lowest income population. He thought he'd 'seen it all'. He was shocked at the lack of care when he visited Kopanga earlier this



year. He performed two life-changing procedures that week and assured the audience that P4P's work is critical.

Sheila Lemuta, who now manages an adult family home in Spokane, talked about how difficult it was for her to achieve a high school



education where she grew up, a small, remote Massai village in Kenya. Most of her friends did not graduate, but became young brides and had babies before she graduated. Through the help of an uncle, she was able to come to the United States and attend nursing college. She told the audience that P4P's education scholarships give young people something to hope for and opens doors that would otherwise be closed.

It Takes a Village to make a world of difference, a world away. Guests opened their hearts and gave generously, pledging \$17,575 in support of P4P's health, water, education and economic development programs in Kenya.

The evening ended with the much anticipated wine tree raffle drawing. The lucky winner, Faith Njeri (right), shared her good fortune of 35 bottles of wine with friend, Sheila Lemuta (left).



A Very Special Thanks

We have many people to thank for the success of this year's auction. First, we want to thank and acknowledge our generous auction sponsors whose gifts

ensured that every dollar raised will go toward supporting P4P programs.

Congratulations to the hard-working Auction Committee led by chair Pat Lynass and co-chaired by Patti Krafft. Committee members included Patti Aspinwall, Cathy Doerr, Annie Gokey, Sandy Ivers, and part-time P4P staff members Dia Maurer and Lee Fowler.



Auctioneer Jeff Owens urged attendees to “give deeply,” and KHQ morning anchors of *The Wake Up Show*, Kalae Chock and Sean Owsley gave their valuable time to emcee our program.

A special thank you goes to EWU DECA volunteers and to Krister Persing, *Viewfinder Video*, and Mike Dziak, *EVI Productions*, who created a compelling video “A Decade of Progress” about P4P’s mission and accomplishments in Kenya.

Board members and volunteers sold tickets, solicited sponsors and procured auction items. This truly is a group effort and the funds that are raised support an entire year of programs for 26 villages in Kenya.

Our deep gratitude goes to the donors and volunteers who selflessly share their time, talent and treasure. Your donations send children to school, provide clean water, foster economic empowerment and save lives through our health care programs.

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Please consider sharing your time, talent, and treasure to help with next year's 11th Annual Into Africa Auction. Email info@partneringforprogress.org for more information about volunteering or donating items for next year's 11th Annual Into Africa Auction. Thank you!

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