

EQUITY LINK NEWSLETTER

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IN SUPPORT OF THE HTN ORPHANGE .NYAHARURU .KENYA

HABARI!



NEW LOGO COMPLETED

The year is flying by. It's been a hectic few months with a flurry of activity both here and "on the ground" in Kenya. Things have been progressing well here in Australia with **Equity** growing daily. Dozens of new sponsors have joined in with material and financial support. Our registration as a formal charity with the Australian Government is complete.

THIS IS WHY WE WORK WITH CHILDREN IN KENYA

- **1/39** MOTHERS **DIE** GIVING BIRTH
- **8%** OF CHILDREN **DIE** BEFORE 1ST BIRTHDAY
- **12%** OF SURVIVORS **DIE** BEFORE 5YRS
- **30%** WHO MAKE IT PAST 5 ARE STUNTED
- **6%** OF KENYAN CHILDREN ARE **ORPHANS**(2.5M)
- **26%** CHILDREN(5-14YRS) WORK TO **SURVIVE**
- **48%** OF POPULATION UNDER 18YRS OLD(19M)

We hope everyone is wearing their **Equity** shirt (and using their Equity stubbie holders in *moderation*) to spread the network for AE.

We are very proud to announce, as a result of financial support from the launch night, that we/you have been able to;

- sponsor ten school teachers for 1 year
- complete the fit out of the 4 existing classrooms
- fit out the dining hall with furniture and equipment
- build and equip 4 new classrooms



CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-



report

It is great to be finally up and running.

As a result of the overwhelming interest in **African Equity** we have formally incorporated the organisation and formed a board of directors. A sub-committee/advisory board has also been formed to assist with the forward drive of the organisation. A number of new initiatives are already underway. At the first meeting of the new board we reiterated our "modus operandi" which centre's around-"getting **100%** of donated funds to the project and effectively employing it when it arrives there ".We will support projects with an ultimate goal of self sufficiency and independence, (those that do not create dependency.)We see education as the key to breaking the poverty cycle. Our point of difference will be ensuring that all money raised is effective. In effect, no dilution of it's value through administrative/overhead costs or mismanagement. **African Equity** is a volunteer organisation and , as such, all costs of directors and committee members shall be borne by themselves.

Financial transparency will be a cornerstone for our organisation. Evan's, Edwards and Associates have been engaged as our accountants and Jon McCarthy at McCarthy, Durie, Ryan and Neil solicitors will be our legal counsel. A formal external audit will be carried out annually as part of our reporting process.

Chris(director)& Virginia Anderson

Pastor George Gebran(director)

Alan(director) & Janice Lucas

Adam & Sue Marini

**WE NEED YOUR
SUPPORT !**

HANGI After the success of the meal on launch night we have been doing a "Hangi" each Friday

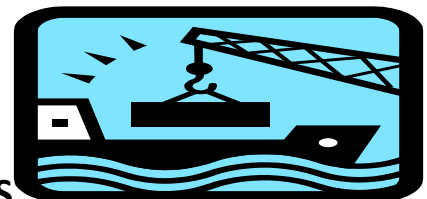
night raising around \$1300 each time(not to mention a lot of awareness for Equity).We are taking a break for Easter/school holidays but will be back in business on Fri. 24th April. A \$20 donation secures a massive meal. Great value and a great cause! The more **you** eat the more we can feed the **children** in Nyaharuru. Orders by email nathan@javica.com.au or phone him on 3286 5177 bus/ 0412640659 mob. Orders close 10am on Thursdays and collection is 5.30pm Fridays from the Javica office-86 Shore st west, Cleveland (next to the "Fruit Barn")



As a result of discussions in relation to the long term nature(financially and emotionally),of child sponsorship we have set up an alternative to that traditional method of support. The Nyaharuru orphanage needs a short sharp injection of capital to help provide the hard structure and equipment to make it self sufficient. We need 100 foundation members to each contribute \$20 each week for 1 year only. It takes a fairly small change in someone's shopping /lifestyle habits to cover the \$20.That small effort will have a massive positive impact on someone else's life. Rather than looking for a spare \$20 each week ,try considering giving something up for these kids in need. Satisfaction guaranteed(and it is fully tax deductible!).Many thanks to the more than 40 people who have joined already. Contact chris@african-equity.com for a membership form.

CONTAINER

SHIPMENTS



For some months we have been collecting goods for shipment to Africa. The second container(which we have actually purchased to use as a permanent maize storage facility on site),will be sent in early May. We have received a massive amount of items at the collection centre(51 King st, Thornlands).



We are always after good used clothing items/household equipment and educational resources. A number of local schools have donated loads of teaching resources/equipment and old school uniforms. Old tools and implements are of particular value. If it's just lying around doing nothing -send it where it will be used!



WEBSITE

Things are progressing well with the development of the website. www.african-equity.com

We expect to have the basic site up and running by 20th April. Getting the message out there is a critical factor in our future success. We will have informative content with regular updates and photographs of progress at the orphanage.

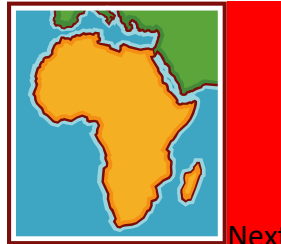
FRASER ISLAND GETAWAY



We have been generously donated the use of a luxury house on Fraser island for 10

weeks in total this year(and the same next year).This property is in a prime location and can accommodate up to 12 people. The cost is \$1300 per week-all of which will go to the children of Nyaharuru. Please contact chris@african-equity.com for details. Hurry!

COMING UP...



Next month we will start planning the next African Equity trip. This is an amazing opportunity to go on a fully supervised trip of a lifetime. Getting to see Africa @ ground level as well as the whole safari experience is a life changing event. Up to the challenge? Call Chris on 0412 159 202 for more info....

Gala/fundraiser night-We are currently planning our first annual night out.Last week in November has been circled and we would welcome input from anyone interested in helping out. Ph [Virginia](tel:0400881845) 0400 881 845 virginia@javica.com.au

"When society needs to be rebuilt, there is no use in attempting to do it on the old plan"

John Stuart Mill (1806-1873)

English Philosopher, Economist, Reformer