



HOPE HAVEN
RWANDA

January 2019

HOPE Fulfilled!

As Susan Hollern, Nate Kempton and Liz Ingabire watched the first classes of Hope Haven gathering under the acacia tree seven years ago, they could hardly imagine that those kids and their parents would be able to lift themselves out of the desperation of poverty. In a vulnerable community without a school, a dream was unfolding and a school was birthed.



Was it even possible for students from the poorest families in the nation, attending a Christian school in their very own neighborhood, to grow into some of the most distinguished scholars in the entire nation of Rwanda? No one knew for sure if it was possible, but Susan was committed to praying hard, enlisting the help of everyone she knew and giving it her best shot! And, by God's grace, it worked!

We are filled with joy and gratitude to God, and to all of those who have journeyed with us, to report that Hope Haven Rwanda has been validated as one of the premier schools in Rwanda!



Weeks ago, 247,763 students sat for the Rwandan national examination. Out of the 247,763 students who completed the examination, 8,271 scored in Division 1 - the top 3.3% of students in the entire country of Rwanda. **Today, we are thrilled to share that ALL of our Hope Haven Rwanda students scored among the top 3.3% in the nation!** Incredible! Every single student in the Primary 6 class, many of whom started studying under a tree seven years ago while living in one of the most vulnerable communities in Rwanda, earned a spot in the highest division - **the category of the most distinguished scholars in Rwanda!**

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This is a significant validation of all of the effort that our entire team has invested over the years to help make Hope Haven one of the best schools in Rwanda - while serving one of the most vulnerable communities in Rwanda! This achievement is a rare and remarkable combination for any school in the world. **We humbly acknowledge that these students would not have landed in Division 1 without the tireless efforts of so many - their teachers, parents, administrators, board members and many, many champions in the United States.** We also express our gratitude to the Rwanda Ministry of Education. We especially honor Dr. Isaac Munyakazi, the Minister of State for all Primary and Secondary Education, for his continued efforts to help Rwanda lead the way educationally throughout the continent of Africa.

Africa is rising, and Rwanda is at the forefront of this educational transformation. **To God be the glory - great things He has done! Our hope has been fulfilled, and this is just the beginning of what we believe God has in store for this special place in the heart of Africa!**

Dr. Jason Peters, CEO

***This is the confidence we have in approaching God:
that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.***

1 John 5:14

Save the Date

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

6:00–9:00 PM

Hyatt Regency

Denver Tech Center

Experience Hope Haven Rwanda first-hand with a performance from a renowned international children's choir featuring six Hope Haven students and Sylvia, one of our preschool teachers.



You will also be treated to an inspirational message from Priscillah Kembabazi, our Director of Families. Priscillah is also a successful Christian entrepreneur and lived as a Rwandan refugee in Uganda and was affected both by Ugandan tribal fighting and the Rwandan genocide. You will be deeply encouraged and challenged by her amazing story!

Ms. Kembabazi has served at Hope Haven since 2012. Her passion for our families and students is extraordinary and her bright smile is certain to warm your heart. You won't want to miss her incredible story of transformation!

Table registration will open January 28!



KUGABA *Korner*



This spring we are launching our highly anticipated relational investment program, The Kugaba Initiative. The word “Kugaba,” means “to invest” in Rwanda's native tongue, Kinyarwanda. **We believe that every child, as an image bearer of God, is worth investing in and developing a relationship with.** Many of you have asked about a sponsorship program in the past and we are very excited to now be able to invite you to be a part of this new initiative!

Keep your eye on this new section of the newsletter, *Kugaba Korner* for program updates, student spotlights, and featured sponsorship stories.

For more information or on how to join The Kugaba Initiative, please email us at invest@hopehavenrwanda.org.

2018 Tax Receipt

We are honored by the financial support so many of you provide to Hope Haven Rwanda. Tax receipts for donations received in 2018 will be mailed by January 31, 2019. If you have questions please contact Sarah Damour at 720.900.1328 or sarah@hopehavenrwanda.org.



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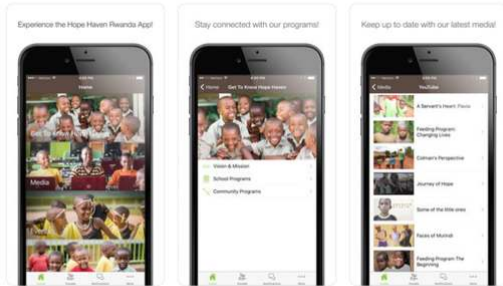
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