THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our donors, partners, and board members past and present for making the last 20 years possible. Here’s what they are saying about FoTZC:

All of us – Grammy, Poppa, and grandkids – were off to Tanzania with Thomson, chosen because we could support the Tanzanian people by donating to FoTZC. We applaud and support the investment in schools, dispensaries, education for women, and digging wells! Clean water is a must! FoTZC focuses on giving back to the people of Tanzania, and with happy hearts we encourage generous donations to this organization.

Larry and Pam Wear
Chico, California

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**First year of COCOBA complete** 2017

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**First BELA (Babson Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy) seminar conducted at Ganako Secondary School**

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**We finished the initial construction at the School of St. Jude, an excellent need-based private school in Arusha**

**We delivered food to drought-stricken villages**

**We constructed teachers’ housing at three separate schools**

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**EDUCATION**

- School attendance is 12% higher among Tanzanian girls who live no more than 15 minutes from a clean water source
- Overall absenteeism drops with access to clean water. At Sukunya Primary School, the number of students absent on a given day dropped 36% after water was piped to the school from a nearby borehole

**WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT**

- 95% of water collection is done by women and girls, who sometimes walk eight hours a day to collect water for their families
- Women who spend long hours looking for water are vulnerable to sexual assault along the way
- Women are spending time looking for water instead of on childcare, business pursuits, and medical care
- Girls are more likely to drop out of school to help their mothers collect water and do housework

**HEALTH**

- Drinking, eating, and bathing in contaminated water can cause waterborne diseases - cholera, botulism, diarrhea, dysentery, and typhoid
- At the FoTZC-built Sukunya medical dispensary, clean water is essential for treating patients safely and effectively
We helped start a women’s group about ten years ago. The women wanted to make and sell beaded jewelry and handicrafts to Thomson Safaris’ guests staying at a camp nearby. What started as a handful of women multiplied to be close to 200! The women began to request help in diversifying their businesses. Enter COCOBA.

COCOBA: COMMUNITY CONSERVATION BANKING

It is a microfinance program in which women learn to open small, environmentally-friendly businesses, using startup funds from their self-funded lending groups. Four groups of 40 are over a year old, and four more groups have just begun their COCOBA training. Many of these women have little to no formal education; COCOBA teaches them basic bookkeeping and business skills.

New businesses include:

- Beekeeping
- Beading
- Leather tanning
- Owning and operating maize mills
- Gray-water gardening (Bonus: Gray-water gardening allows Maasai to grow vegetables and supplement their diets and incomes during difficult times)
- Raising chickens

The women spend their profits on school fees, school uniforms, textbooks and supplies, food, and medical care.
EducaTion: The CoRe of ouR MISSION

- The government of Tanzania is committed to improving the quality of education, but it can’t always afford to construct the buildings that are needed.
- Our partner communities consistently name education as their number one priority.
- When we build teachers’ housing, the government will send additional teachers to remote areas.
- Construction of teachers’ housing and classrooms lowers the student-to-teacher ratio, which improves the quality of education.
- Constructing dormitories at secondary schools allows more young Tanzanians to further their education.
- We have the ability to fund buildings, which can be expensive. We leave the school administration to the government, and local communities usually support their schools with smaller things, such as food for school lunches and school supplies.

ReCenTly CoMpleteD PrOjecTs:

- Soit Sambu Secondary School – Boys’ Dormitory
- Sukunya Primary School – 2-in-1 Teachers’ House
- Robanda Secondary School – 3 Teachers’ Houses
- Haymu Primary School – 2 Classrooms

UpCoMIng PrOjecTs:

- Orkuyene Primary School – 2-in-1 Teachers’ House

In our two decades, we’ve completed projects at 21 schools in northern Tanzania, including classrooms, teachers’ housing, dormitories, latrines, kitchens with high-efficiency stoves, and access to clean water.
Focus on Tanzanian Communities is led by a volunteer board whose members periodically visit Tanzania at their own expense to assess the efficacy of past projects and meet with local officials, village elders, and community groups to identify sustainable future projects based on local priorities.

In addition to giving their time, 100% of our board members are also donors.

HOW DOES FOTZC DECIDE ON A PROJECT?

It’s simple – we ask the village leaders who have met with their village assemblies.

In 2015, FoTZC completed construction on a medical dispensary in Sukenya Village. This small, local healthcare provider with only three staff at any given time has been extremely successful in the short time that it has been open.

- Women are delivering their babies in the dispensary instead of at home – the staff have safely delivered over 400 infants
- There have been over 13,000 patient-visits
- The staff continue to see an average of 500 patients each month

Demand at the dispensary is so high that we plan to build additional staff housing in the next few years.
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Focus on Tanzanian Communities and our Tanzanian partners are deeply grateful to these generous people who make our work possible.

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  Bev Wainwright

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