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Malawi Childrens Village

Felix Semu

**[EXTRA SUPPORT PROJECTS:
AN UPDATE]**

Seneca Falls and Clifton Springs Rotary extra support project

The local communities around the MCV catchment have been privileged with the support from both Clifton springs and Seneca Falls despite the global economic hardships. Some people have good hearts and still believe that despite everything we are going through there will be light at the end of the tunnel and hopes for a better place for everyone. Such kinds of people are from Seneca Falls and Clifton Springs Rotary. The director (of MCV), the irrigation supervisor, MCV community and all the beneficiaries would like to express heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the following supporters: **Tim Ryan (Seneca Falls), Audie Gillon (Seneca Falls), Phil Dressing (Seneca Falls), Jeff Graff (Clifton Springs), Bob Woodhouse (Clifton Springs) and Linda and Bill Lindner (Clifton Springs)** for the maize project of 2022 and special thanks should go to **Dave Swenson (Seneca Falls)** for the MCV soccer support. Aida and her family says thank you **Jeff Graff (Clifton Springs), Cindy Ortego (Seneca Falls) and David and Melissa (Seneca Falls)** for the education support. Koche Healthy center expressed their thanks to the **anonymous donor from Seneca Falls Rotary**. The soap and Vaseline beneficiaries say thank you **Doug Bingler** for the support because with the recent devaluation in our country the items they received it is unaffordable to them.

Maize project 2022

It is the perfect timing to implement the project in year **2022** due to the poor harvest faced by the communities because of the effects of cyclones and erratic rainfall. On average farmers harvested 3-6 (50kg) sacks of maize. The harvest cannot last three months due to the extended families (an average of 8) and poor post harvest handling in the communities. Coupled with the rising costs of basic needs in our country, it is projected that most of the communities will experience the greatest hunger ever. Many thanks to Tim Ryan (Seneca Falls), Audie Gillon (Seneca Falls), Phil Dressing (Seneca Falls), Jeff Graff (Clifton Springs), Bob Woodhouse (Clifton Springs) and Linda and Bill Lindner (Clifton Springs) for the maize project of 2022 which will help alleviate the anticipated problem.

Expected number of beneficiaries

We expect to distribute one hundred and fifty (150) bags to 150 direct beneficiaries in different villages around the catchment. With the help of the village volunteers and the outreach department we will be able to identify the neediest (Very old and other categories). The distribution will be during the most critical time of this year 2022.

Number of bags/ total pounds of maize purchased

We have purchased 150 bags of 50kg of maize. A total of 7500kg (16537 pounds) of maize has been purchased from local vendors at MK15, 000 per bag. We purchased chemicals to treat the maize for storage. The purchase has been done in two phases: The first yellow truck carried one hundred bags and delivered it MCV as shown in the pictures below. The maize was offloaded with the help of MCV staff. We purchased fifty bags (50) using the green truck shown in the pictures. A total of 150 bags weighing 16537 pounds of maize were stored in our food stores at MCV.



Pictures above show the first phase of the purchase: 1. Felix standing with the offloaded maize ready for storage.



Pictures above shows the second phase purchase: Loading of 50 bags of maize from a local vendor at a trading centre

Dave Swenson soccer support

The soccer team highly appreciates your yearly support. The 2022 support has helped the team to buy a new soccer ball, keeper's gloves and training materials. The team has become vibrant and motivated because of your support. We are forever grateful for the support. The team captain expressed his remarks. *'It is an honor to receive such a donation. It's a boost to our confidence and a motivation factor. To buy such items (gloves, soccer ball and training materials) is very expensive and unaffordable to local teams. However we would like Dave, in future, to consider putting a trophy (soccer competition) in his name. We would love to win a trophy in his name and for the memories. Thank you for the support'*



Dave,

The soccer program helps the kids to stay focused on good activities.

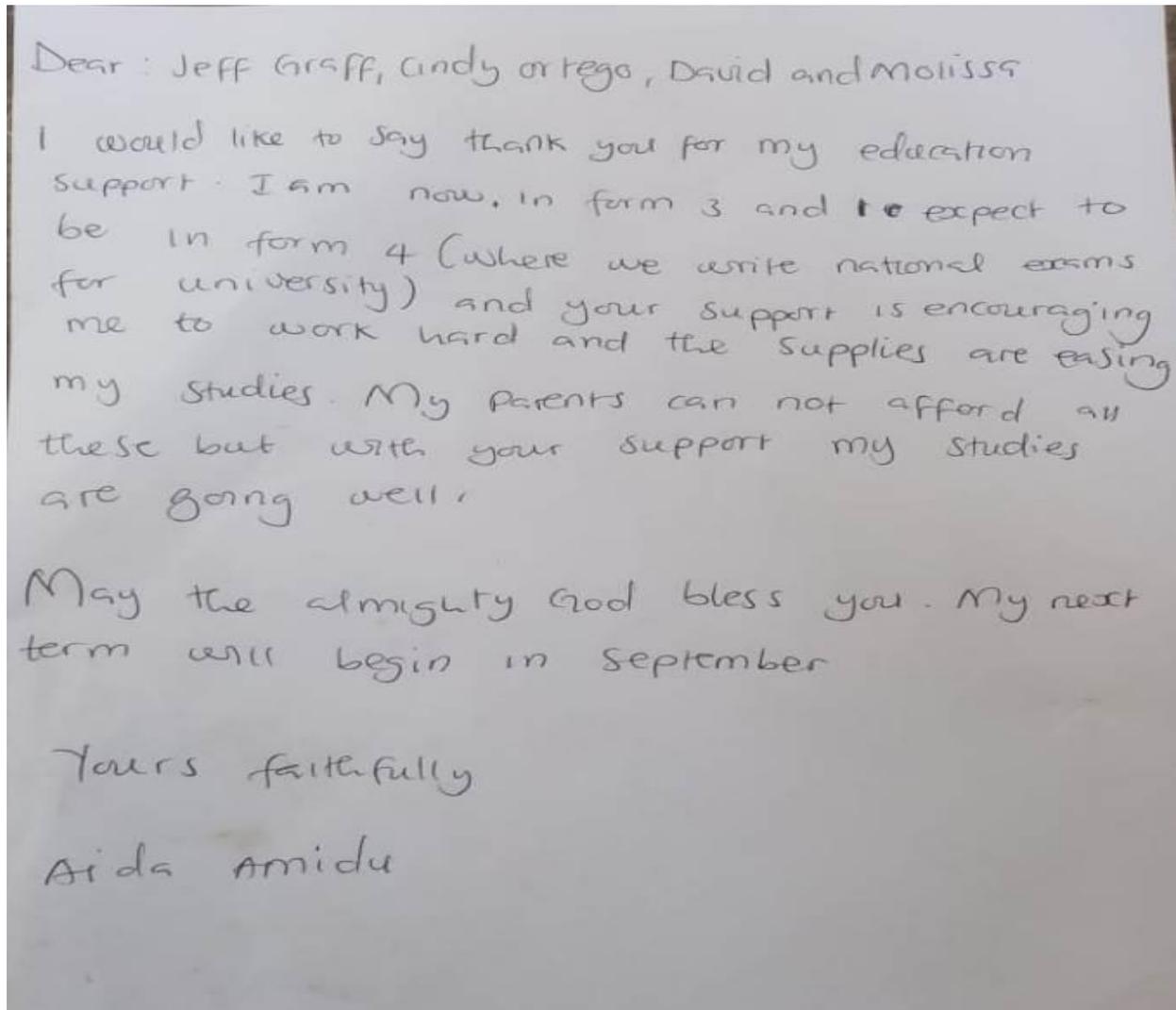
Goalkeeper wearing new gloves holding soccer ball ready for the game. "Thank you Dave for the support, the gloves will help me to stop shots and improve goalkeeping skills"



Aida education support

Having a good education is a key to prosperity and success in our country. However to access such it is not easy due to its expenses. Thanks to **Jeff Graff (Clifton Springs)**, **Cindy Ortego (Seneca Falls)** and **David and Melissa (Seneca Falls)** for covering the costs for Aida to attain good and quality education. Aida Amidu is now in form three at gracious secondary school and she is progressing very well in her studies. The support has covered her tuition fee and school supplies (including notebooks, school bag,

school shoe, school uniform and other basic school needs). While presenting the supplies to her she wrote a thank you note which is attached in the picture below.



Koche Health center

A donation was delivered to Koche community hospital from the anonymous donor. The sister from Koche asked an email address of David R Markel to send the acknowledgement letter which I believe was sent to David.

Bucket, salt and soap distribution

Thanks to Doug Bingler, a long time supporter of MCV, for the contribution towards the farm festival. However due to other reasons we could not conduct the festival and instead we purchased the basic needs and distributed them to the families. The recent devaluation has caused devastating effects to the poor families. The families are unable to purchase basic needs like groceries and other needs. Through observation and consultations, we purchased soap, salts and buckets which were distributed to the local

families using the help of our village volunteers. Below are the pictures showing the distribution at MCV. The Director of MCV presenting the bucket to Felix Semu (irrigation supervisor) during the distribution.



Remarks from the Director and irrigation Supervisor

The Director,

I would very much like to thank all the supporters for the extra project of the year 2022. The support has been tremendous and comes during the time we are going through a lot in our country and the world as a whole. As MCV this support has given the communities the hope and continues to serve its purpose of helping the needy and vulnerable. I believe together we can make the world a better place for everyone and in our communities.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Irrigation Supervisor,

It is such an honor to receive such wonderful donations and serve the communities for the better and improving their livelihoods. On behalf of all the beneficiaries I would like to say thank you for the unconditional and continuous support towards the improvements of the vulnerable and other categories in our communities.

We are proud of you.