MAASAI WOMEN'S MWEEP Education & Empowerment Program

Providing educational opportunities to empower girls and women in Kenya

EDUCATION/ EMPOWERMENT

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Dear Friend of **M**aasai **W**omen's **E**ducation and **E**mpowerment **P**rogram,

Once again, I begin this letter with thankfulness for those of you who have been supporting **MWEEP** so faithfully over the years. Some of you have been supporting us from the beginning more than 18 years ago; others have more recently learned about our mission, but all of you have chosen to make a difference in the lives of young girls and women whom you have never met. **MWEEP** has provided more than a thousand years of school! Your support proves that there is still kindness and caring in our world.

Education has opened up the world so that these young women are now becoming teachers, medical personnel, accountants, and entrepreneurs. This is a sustainable change that allows them to contribute to their community and be self-sufficient.

One of the goals we set for ourselves as we began this mission was to manage our expenses so that at least 90% of every donation went directly to Kenya. All the board members of **MWEEP** USA are volunteers. Our mission would not have gone anywhere without the dedication and support of **MWEEP** Kenya women. Every one of those women are also volunteers. We have no salaried employees. We do send funds for operation costs such as bank fees, transportation, computer usage, etc. For many years we have had a Fall Fundraiser, but this year because of rising costs we felt we simply could not afford to pay venue and other costs and still meet our 90% goal. With that in mind, we are hoping that you will consider this both a Fall Fundraiser donation and a **special year-end tax-deductible donation** to help us plan for the future and to assist more girls going to secondary and post-secondary school.

EMPOWERMENT, EDUCATION, YOU can make a change and can make our world a better place.

Education provides the light of hope that penetrates the darkness of poverty.

Sincerely,

Barbara Stark

Barbara Stark, President**, MWEEP USA**
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Average yearly scholarships per girl: $300 secondary school, $600 college/vocational training.
(These are general averages as **MWEEP** is a cost-share program and the amount a girl/woman receives depends on need.)

There are several ways you can continue to support this life-changing, *world-changing* opportunity.

*Make a year-end tax-deductible contribution to **MWEEP**
*Set up monthly auto-pay donations via your checking account
*Contribute through United Way payroll deduction

$25 per month supports one year of secondary school, $50 per month supports one year college/vocational training



As the holiday season begins, and you are thinking about your gift list, please consider making a donation to MWEEP in a loved one's name.

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