



Empowering and improving the lives of young people in Tanzania through education



Safi Students, Arusha Tanzania

Dear Safi Members,

April 2020

We hope you are all safe and well. The Covid-19 pandemic has changed so much of what we all considered 'normal'.

For many years, Safi has had a wonderful Pig Roast fundraising event every June. It is an event that many people look forward to attending. Sadly, due to the pandemic, this year's Pig Roast needs to be canceled but we ask you to save the date: JUNE 12, 2021. Such a fun event can't be held back forever.

With the loss of one fund raiser comes the problem of not being able to schedule and hold other public fund raisers until an unknown date. But the need for student support has actually grown with the pandemic.

In March, schools in Tanzania closed. Remember, our 83 students in post-secondary education and the 13 students continuing in university education were attending schools selected for them by the government many kilometers from their home villages in the Arusha area. All of those students come from disadvantaged families who need our continued financial support. Safi provided the financial help of getting those students to their homes.

This cannot be the end of the story. Safi does not know when TZ schools will reopen but Safi plans to be ready to help our students with the costs of going back to their schools when they do.

Some of you have already asked how you may help. You can donate using the attached donation sheet; via PayPal on Safi's [Donate](#) page; through Thrivent Choice Dollars, or The Benevity Community Impact Fund, or WA Combined Fund Drive (Safi is #1465786) or through your local payroll deduction.

The Safi Board gives a big THANK YOU to those who have already sent sponsorship money in late 2019 or early 2020. Those full sponsorships (\$700) or partial sponsorships (any amount) are what keeps our students in schools.

In Swahili, Safi means clean, good, pure. The students have told us that we have a Safi Heart. They say that they too want a Safi Heart.

Asante Sana,

Marilyn Ahlf, Safi School Project Chair

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