

## YOUR CONTRIBUTION KEEPS YOU CONNECTED

By contributing to FIOH-USA you will be connected with individuals who need your help. You will see firsthand the difference your contribution makes in the lives of the many impoverished people FIOH-USA assists.

The Board of FIOH-USA communicates closely with our African partners. Together, we determine where the money you contribute makes the most difference. You will receive our FIOH-USA newsletter, *Harambee*, featuring:

- Updates on current projects
- Stories and photos from Kenya and Zambia
- Financial reports



Ellen, a FIOH-USA Board member, waters a newly planted fruit tree with help from Jim.



Linda, co-founder of FIOH-USA, checks on the functioning of a well funded through FIOH-USA.



Children start helping to collect water while very young.

## TWO WAYS TO DONATE

### 1. Mail a check of any amount to the address below

Please make your check payable to "Future In Our Hands - USA" and mail to:

FIOH-USA

88 Huntington Ct.

Williamsville, NY 14221

### 2. Donate online on our safe and secure website:

[www.FutureInOurHandsUSA.org](http://www.FutureInOurHandsUSA.org)

If you would like to sponsor a student, arrange for a presentation, join a committee, volunteer, or for any questions about FIOH-USA email: [maryellen@FutureInOurHandsUSA.org](mailto:maryellen@FutureInOurHandsUSA.org)

Or

Call 716-626-0898 for Mary Ellen Dye  
*President, FIOH-USA Board*

*You can make a difference!*

## FUTURE IN OUR HANDS - USA

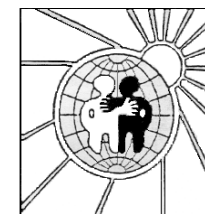
*Working together to make a difference*



Hasina and Brender, high school students, are happy to be sponsored through FIOH-USA.

*Nobody makes a greater  
mistake than one who  
does nothing because he  
can only do a little.*

*~ Edmund Burke*



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# Our story begins with their story

## WHO WE ARE

Future in Our Hands-USA (FIOH-USA) is a 501c3 organization created in 2005 in response to the dire needs of the poor in Kenya. We are a small local organization with close personal relationships with the people we assist.

FIOH-USA was founded by two Buffalo natives, Michele Sprada and Sister Linda Glaeser, SSJ, who visited Kisumu, Kenya and returned with a deep yearning to *do something* about the poverty they had witnessed.

**Through in-person visits and conversations with our African partners, FIOH-USA:**

- Builds wells to provide safe water for the people of Kenya
- Sponsors students to attend high school, college and vocational training
- Provides monthly transportation to clinics so that HIV-positive Kenyans are able to get their anti-retroviral medications
- Funds micro-loans to empower Kenyan and Zambian women's groups in income-generating activities
- Provides sanitary pads to female students at two schools in Kisumu Kenya.
- Funds agricultural projects that provide food security in Shaibila, Zambia; Kisii, Kenya; and Kisumu, Kenya

Through your generous donations FIOH-USA will continue to assist those who need our help throughout Kenya and Zambia.

FIOH was founded by Erik Daamen in Norway in 1974.  
FIOH-USA is a part of the Future in Our Hands International Network.



A student of the tailoring school, funded through FIOH-USA, in Kisumu, Kenya is grateful to have an opportunity to learn.

## WHY OUR DONORS GIVE

*"ALL of my donation goes directly to help the people through well conceived and well screened projects."*

*"I am happy to see my donations go to sponsoring three young people to middle and high school."*

*"I enjoy receiving the letters from my student and having a personal relationship with her."*

*"Because they know the people they listen to them rather than imposing ideas on them."*

*"I see the difference my donation makes through reading the newsletter and seeing the photos"*

*"I like that I can designate where my money goes and know it is REALLY used for the purpose I request."*

*"I trust FIOH-USA...Linda and other board members visit regularly and evaluate the projects sponsored."*



Pear and her baby (peeking from behind) are happy to be given seed so they can grow nutritious food in Shaibila, Zambia



Appoline (R) the principal of Usoma Primary School in Kisumu Kenya, assists students in tending a vegetable garden funded through FIOH-USA which provides lunch for the students.

## SHARING THEIR STORY

Members of FIOH-USA are happy to give informational presentations about the conditions they encounter in Africa and how you can help in the work of FIOH-USA. Your school, church, and special interest groups can make a difference. For contact information please refer to the back page.