

PTPL UPDATE

People To People Liaison
PO Box 751, Greensboro, NC 27402
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PTPL RAISES \$ 2.3 K IN "HUMAN RACE"

As the only participating Greensboro non-profit supporting Eastern Congo, People to People Liaison (PTPL) raised \$2,345 in this year's Human Race sponsored by Greensboro's Volunteer Center. Held Saturday, April 1st, the event attracted 67 local non-profits and marked the fourth year that PTPL Board Members, families, and friends have walked the 5 K route to raise awareness and funds for school fees, vocational training, and micro-credit loans to women starting or expanding a small business. The Volunteer Center's administrative costs, based on a percentage of funds raised, was \$400. PTPL received \$900 from individual donations sent directly to the PTPL post office. ▲



Matumaini Furaha, Katherine McKee, and Bahekelwa Imatha in the "Human Race"

INTERNATIONAL FAIR FEATURES EASTERN CONGO

Surrounded by poster-sized photos of our Congolese programs, PTPL-USA Executive Director, Bahekelwa Imatha, represented Congo at this year's Greensboro Montessori School (GMS) International Fair. In previous years PTPL Board Member, Katherine "Kassy" Mpeshe McKee, and her sister, Beth McKee-Huger, have participated in the Fair with a booth highlighting Congo (DRC). At this Fair, the booth focused on non-profits begun by Congolese and the United Nation's mission in Congo. Bahekelwa spoke with students, parents and the GMS Headmaster about PTPL programs in Eastern Congo. After he told Mimi's childhood story about the need to break pencils in pieces so that all students had a writing tool, the GMS students were eager to take PTPL pencils. ▲



Bahekelwa Imatha, at the Fair

PTPL'S MISSION

People To People Liaison empowers families in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo by providing funds for primary and secondary tuition, young adult vocational training, and micro-credit loans to women to grow small businesses.

- ▶ \$60 sends a child to primary school for a year.
- ▶ \$90 sends a teenager to secondary school for a year.
- ▶ \$100 finances a year of vocational education.
- ▶ \$150 provides funds for a small business.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE PTPL BOARD?

Contact Board Chair, Ralph Cauthen 336-299-2089 or Board Membership Chair, Dr. Goldie Wells 336-549-8712

PLEASE SUPPORT PTPL'S PROGRAMS

Mail your tax-deductible donation to:
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NEWS ABOUT PTPL-USA BOARD

In recent months, PTPL-USA welcomed two new members: Bahati Wanza and Marcia Rhodes. Bahati will serve as Webmaster and Marcia as Board Secretary.

Bahati was born in the Congo (DRC), and his family is originally from the Eastern region where PTPL programs are located. He came to the USA in 1998 and recently graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) with a Master's Degree in Information Technology & Management. He is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus.



Marcia Rhodes

Bahati Wanza

Marcia is a retired Greensboro public school media assistant and school counselor. She has been involved in the Girl Scouts, served as a Sunday School teacher and youth leader, and has two children and four grandchildren.

We are deeply grateful to Dottie Blanchard, Dr. Lea Williams, and Dr. Dorothy Merchant for their years of service and dedicated leadership. Dottie and Lea retired at the end of 2016 and in February Dorothy moved to Ohio. They will be missed. ▲

PTPL USA BOARD MEMBERS

Marcia Rhodes (Secretary), Ralph Cauthen (Chair), Matu-maini (Mimi) Furaha (Co-founder), Bahekelwa (Baim) Imatha (Co-founder & Executive Director), Dr. Adrienne Israel (Fundraiser), Katherine McKee (Public Relations), Casey Patterson (Treasurer), Dr. Goldie Wells (Membership), Bahati Wanza (Webmaster), Sally Winslow (Emerita), Helen Wolf (Emerita)

MEET PTPL-CONGO



PTPL-Congo Team. From left: Executive Secretary Wabucibwa Bwenge Waim, Administrative Assistant Nyota Mupenda, Finance Chairman Rubingu Ruharara, Education Coordinator Benjamin Auma, and far right Micro Credit Loan Officer Nestor Ngolozo

PTPL-Congo's Executive Secretary, **Wabucibwa Bwenge Waim**, (BS Political Sciences and Administration) oversees all PTPL programs in Congo. He graduated from the University of Lubumbashi and serves as Administrative Assistant for the Community Health Project of the Pentecostal Churches of Congo. In his most recent report to PTPL – USA he shared this message:

“Our work depends 100% on your current support. The country's political situation has shaken the people, but our team is staying firm. No one among us has budged. . . We thank PTPL-USA for your efforts and for the confidence you have in our association, and particularly for our team.”

Other PTPL-Congo team members in the group photo above include **Nyota Mupenda**, a graduate (BS) of the College of Rural Development in Uvira, who serves as Administrative Assistant for Microcredit. She recruits and plans interviews with new loan candidates and makes loan recommendations to the board.

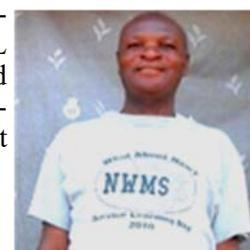
Finance Committee Chairman, **Rubingu Ruharara** (BS Social Sciences, College of Administration and Business Management) is a Not-for-Profit Agent in Uvira. He is also PTPL's Education Coordinator Assistant.

Nestor Ngolozo graduated from the College of Education -Bukavu, and is a High School teacher in Uvira. He earned a B.A. in Mathematics and Physics and is a Micro-credit loan officer

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

PTPL team member, **Benjamin Auma**, serves as Education Coordinator. He identifies the students in greatest need and makes recommendations to the board, visits the schools to monitor student progress, and disburses payment on behalf of the children. He earned a BS in Philosophy and Society from the University of Lubumbashi and is a High School Professor of Philosophy in Mboko.

Ebuela Dems Mboboci, MS, Community Development, is PTPL Training Coordinator. He graduated from the College of Rural Development, Bukavu, and is a development agent and teacher in Uvira. ▲



Ebuela Mboboci

Georgia Sprinkle was a long time and generous supporter of PTPL. She referred to it as “Mimi's project”. She supported PTPL since its founding in 1999. Georgia died in November. Her support will be missed. An anonymous gift has been received honoring her life and contributions.

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