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November 2016 Newsletter

Malaika10: Our Incredible Journey Save the Date - May 17, 2017



Save the date! On **May 17, 2017**, Malaika celebrates 10 years of providing free, quality education to girls in the Democratic Republic of Congo with a cocktail reception in New York City. On this important day, we will look back at some of our remarkable achievements over the last decade, not only in educating girls but also building safe, healthy and self-sustaining communities in the DRC. We will also share with you exciting plans for Malaika's future and honor two of our most generous and committed donors, **Tina Buchan** and **Barry Segal**. The evening's host will be distinguished television personality and philanthropist **June Sarpong**. Speakers include **Khaliah Ali**, who laid the first stone of the Malaika School, and musical guests are Grammy Award-winning musician **Eve**, MTV Africa's "Best Francophone Artist" **Fally Ipupa**, African dance group **Batoto Yetu** and **DJ Martin2Smooove**. We are also thrilled to be welcoming **three of our students!** Proceeds go towards finishing the Malaika School, and particularly the Student

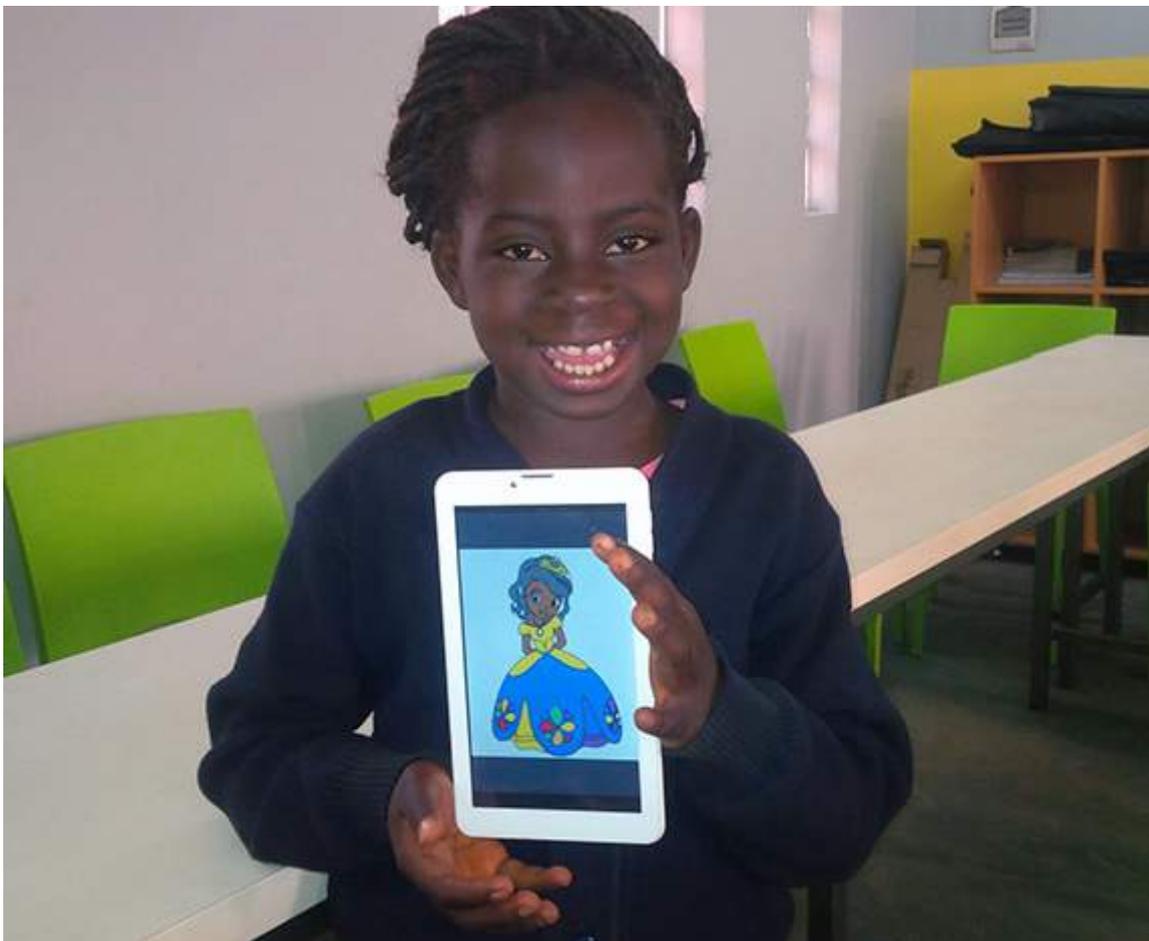
Health Center, being built in honor of beloved Miriam, who passed away last year due to a lack of treatment. Please join us in celebrating this momentous occasion—you can purchase tickets by clicking [here](#). If you can't attend but still want to be a part of this milestone event, donate [here](#)!



If you could like to consider making an especially impactful donation prior to the event, please consider donating your **unused air miles** to help us fly 3 students and staff members from the DRC to New York. Please contact info@malaika.org.

News from our School!

Over the past few weeks, our students have been busy with a number of exciting activities and engaging visitors. Some highlights include:



Using tablets, the young and talented Congolese IT expert [Ruddy Kielo](#) introduced students in Grades 5 and 6 to a basic programming application called “Scratch Jr”. Younger pupils were also able to use the tablets for simpler activities such as drawing and painting.



Belgian mineralogist and gem collector [Valère Berlage](#), a longtime supporter of Malaika, came to teach the girls a lesson on precious rocks, volcanoes, and the geological history of eastern DRC.



Grade 1 students embarked on an informative fieldtrip to a local zoo where they were able to view—and learn about—local fauna such as gorillas, baboons, lions, crocodiles and antelope.



Lastly, we are thrilled to unveil our brand new playground: complete with a swing set, jungle gym and even bicycles! It is due to generous donations that we are able to provide this kind of recreational infrastructure to our students. Play is an essential part of any healthy childhood. Special thanks to [Portage Freight Forwarding](#), who transported all these goods to the DRC.

Make a Difference!



Give a girl an imagination
\$5 provides school books
for one month



Give a girl a full tummy
\$20 provides two meals a
day for one month



Give a girl knowledge
\$77.50 provides one month
of education

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News from our Center!



We are thrilled to report that our new organic farm in Kalebuka is a blossoming success! Food security and proper nutrition are persistent problems in the DRC and sustainable methods of farming are scarce, even though there is a huge untapped agricultural potential. Since Malaika's reach expands beyond our students and into the surrounding community, a sustainable, organic agricultural project—one that will educate and ultimately employ members of the community, particularly those who are young but not currently in school—was a natural progression. The result? **Sustainable Pathways**: a vocational program for young people who wish to learn about conservation farming, permaculture, entrepreneurship and enterprise development. Our farm has created not only a local food source but employment opportunities that directly benefit some of the most at-risk members of the community. Under the skilled guidance of head agronomist **Dominique Kalembwe**, the farm recently yielded its first crop of cabbages. Future crops will include potatoes, beans, carrots, and many more.



The Center hosted a community celebration in honor of **International Day of Peace**. During the gathering, which was attended by students, family and friends, participants gave speeches, performed songs, presented art works and wrote poems all imbued with messages of peace, unity and compassion—critical sentiments in a country too often marred by violence.

Malaika in the Media



Noella and Malaika were recently [featured](#) on the [Canal Plus](#) segment “Glam Africa”.



Read [WeAreTheCity's](#) interview with Noella [here](#).

Bits and Bytes



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, this month's Bits & Bytes is focused on a number of modest but impactful fundraising initiatives. A small event or gathering can make a huge difference: inviting friends to dinner, presenting to classmates or seeking donations prior to a sporting event. During the upcoming holiday season, if you would like to show your support for Malaika in a personalized, meaningful way, please don't hesitate to contact us at info@malaika.org.



Congratulations to the **Spartan Mamas** who reached two impressive goals: completing a grueling 5-mile obstacle course AND raising \$8,559 for the Malaika School!



Corsetiere **Deborah Brand** hosted a phenomenal fashion show in London that brought couture and charity together to benefit the Malaika School.



Noella's son JJ showed that passion runs in the family when he gave a slideshow presentation to his English classmates introducing them to the DRC and to Malaika. Well done to our young ambassador!



Andrew Marshall organized another successful fundraising concert at Gloucester Cathedral, this time featuring **Vonda Shepard**. Thank you to all the supporters who came out, including our volunteer DRC Development Coordinator, **Sandrine Longolongo**, and Marketing Coordinator **Louise Bartlett**!



Louise Monga hosted a dinner to benefit Malaika at her university. Louise's wonderful gesture reminds us that no fundraising event is too modest to make an impact, and we are extremely grateful that she gathered her friends together for a worthy cause!



Adriana Henriquez, Malaika CFO, was chosen as a Cordes Fellow for this year's Opportunity Collaboration - a multi-disciplinary conference in Mexico that brings together individuals who share the common goal of finding sustainable solutions to poverty. Thank you to the Segal Family Foundation for supporting this gathering of humanitarians.



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