Quarterly Newsletter

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Amazing Love Development Organization









We are grateful to you our supporters for what you are doing for the Amazing Love School Community.

Robotics

In July, Michelle Massaro provided a new set of robotics program and trained the students in how it works to prepare them for the March 2024 competitions. This was exciting for the students as they are working extra hard to retain their championship titles which they acquired in 2023.

Teachers

They were very grateful for the continued support given to the Amazing Love School and for their salaries. They asked us to pass on their gratitude and thank you for the sacrifices made for the wellbeing of the community. We now have 14 teachers and five support staff. Children are mastering the curriculum content and language skills. Most of the upper-grade students can express themselves in English and comprehend simple books.

Parent Teacher Meeting

On July 28, we met with many parents to encourage them to support their children's education and to show interest in the performance of the children. The school staff educated the parents about the value of visiting the class teachers and the importance of providing scholastic materials to help the children learn. It was a great meeting and parents appreciated the information provided.



Please mark your calendars for our annual fundraising.
Enjoy a night of entertainment, silent auction AND meet the children.
Our free virtual event will showcase African food, dances, inspiring speeches, and reports about the Amazing Love School project.



Storymoja Reading and Writing Program:

The Rotary Club of Ajax donated \$1,650 money that helped us to partner with the Storymoja publisher to provide books and help guide the teachers and children with reading, editing, writing workshops, storytelling, spelling bee and writing competitions.

Storymoja publishes a wide range of African children's books including fiction, textbooks, revision books, reading trackers, workbooks, and activity books. We bought 10 copies of 10 different readers, 40 student manuals, nine reading diaries and other books, and some curriculum books.



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Our current projects at a glance ...



ALDO Nutrition Program:

School feeding is part of ALDO's strategy to address children's hunger. Children's health and nutrition when combined with quality education can increase cognition, improve attendance, ability to learn, and overall education attainment.

Our goals are:

- Provide food from the six-group food groups including carbohydrates, legumes, fortified oils, vegetables, fruits, and proteins.
- Work with partners to sponsor meals for children at a of cost about \$305 per child per year.
- Build a granary to store food during harvest seasons when food is affordable.

Better Educational Opportunities

ALDO provides access to education and hands-on skills training to children who would otherwise go without, due to harsh living conditions. Our school benefits 400+ students, 20 teachers and support staff and a community of 3,500 people.

Teachers' salaries, are on average \$1,800 per teacher per year.

Our Students:

Students have overcome tremendous obstacles to be in school including: distance to school, pressure to support family, lack of school fees and hunger. Investing in teachers is investing in students and the whole community. If you deprive a child of an education, you deprive the world of their potential.



Please Donate Now:

We ask you to support these projects and our staff members:

You can donate by E-transfer to: <u>amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com</u> or by using Pay-Pal on our website: <u>Amazing Love Development Organization</u>

Thank you so much for your generous donations that support the work at Amazing Love School.

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Thanks to Sheilagh and Shawn Clifton for hosting the ALDO board. It was a wonderful get together to enjoy some relaxation.



Thanks to Gilma and David Simon for hosting the ALDO garage sale. We got a lot of support from friends and family. Thanks to all who donated the items for the garage sale. We raised \$1,100.

Prince Ghoddoussi and Shyam Ranganathan

ALDO is so grateful to Shyam and Prince for their selfless service and labor of love to the children of the Amazing Love School. Shyam was President while Prince headed the Fundraising Committee.

This power couple funded the rabbit project to improve the nutritional improvement of the children, supported teachers, provided money for meals and several other things. Though they have relocated to Israel, they are still continuing their effort to support the school project.

In appreciation to their great contribution to ALDO in Canada, the ALDO board created a scholarship fund for 5 years to be given to the best grade seven student who excels in the National Primary Leaving Examinations at the end of the school year. We miss Prince and Shyam already, but they are just a phone call away. We wish them all the best in their new location.



Be part of a creative board and change lives

Consider joining the ALDO's Board of Directors for a rewarding opportunity to change the lives of the children of the Amazing Love School. The Board is working to improve the outcomes for generations to come by developing the potential of the underprivileged children. We are looking for additional volunteer members with one (or more) of the following skills:

- Information Technology to help with our website and online fundraising projects.
- Leadership and Strategy to help with the strategic planning and direction.
- **Charity Lawyer** to help with legal issues.
- Public Relations, Marketing, and Administration.

Aldo Board of Directors

Sheilagh Clifton: Program Supervisor, Ministry of Children, Community & Social Services (President)

Dr. Lydia Kapiriri Mahadeo: Associate Professor, McMaster University (Vice President)

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