

# Gimme Shelter

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**A mama for a mum? Why not sponsor a mama for Mother's Day (10 May).**

## Put a smile on Mama's face this Mother's Day

Our **house-mamas** are due to move into our beautiful new shelter pretty soon, but we still need your help to raise \$100,000+ to bring the Kesho Leo project to completion. With **Mother's Day** just around the corner (**Sunday 10 May**), we've got some great options:

- buy your mum a **fws Mama Sponsorship**. For only **\$90 for 3 months**, you'll help us cover the costs of employing these amazing women – [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/sponsorships.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/sponsorships.aspx)
- email your mum one of our flash **mother's day e-cards** – drop us a \$20 donation and download from [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/eco-merchandise.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/eco-merchandise.aspx)
- ensure the mamas and children **get comfy** in their new surrounds by donating to the **Let's Kit out Kesho** shopping list. From as little as **\$5** you can buy something a mama needs – [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/letskitoutkesho.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/letskitoutkesho.aspx)



## buzz off, mozzies

Goodbye March, hello rainy season for Kesho Leo! With the rain comes our old nemesis, the malaria-carrying mosquito. No problem: **fws** nurse, Karen, has organised new long-lasting **Olyset Nets** to replace the old and holey ones. Now the house-mamas and their children (like **Bibi Frankie** pictured left with her grandchildren) can enjoy some zzz's that don't bite!



## community days?

We love 'em. On Saturday March 14, the Kesho Crew held a ripper **Community Education Day** at the Kesho Leo village. Attendance? Suitably high! Over **50** house-mamas, workers and community members listened to guest speakers (such as **village elder, Nolasco, left**) talk about **HIV/AIDS awareness and gender roles within the community**. The day was topped off by a delicious lunch and the ever-traditional...soccer match.

## good on yas!

**fws** gets a huge boost – emotional and financial – from the generosity of people and organisations donating time and money. A big **thank you** from the bottom of our hearts to:

### foodwatershelterart

Our incredible fundraising queen, **Cathy McQuade**, raised \$20,000 for **fws** at the **foodwatershelterart** exhibition this month. Our thanks to the artists, the SCA, Hattie from **Hat Trick Catering**, entertainers **Kasey Donovan** and **Lisa Schouw**, and the **20 volunteers** who gave their time on the night.

### Tract Consultants Landscape Architects Urban Designers Town Planners of Brisbane (TRACT)

Through TRACT's generous donation of \$2,700 we were able to buy 5000L and one 3000L rainwater tanks (and related plumbing). Now the entire **fws** volunteer village can collect all the domestic water we need.

### Some easy fundraising ideas?

- have a garage sale
  - **host a pizza lunch or cupcake party in your office**
  - host a movie night through your local cinema
  - **host a trivia night at your local pub**
  - sell your unwanted clothes at the markets
  - **sell your trash-or-treasure on e-bay**
- ... and donate proceeds to **fws**. Contact us at [fundraising@foodwatershelter.org.au](mailto:fundraising@foodwatershelter.org.au) for our How to Host a Fundraiser pack.
- There's lots of ways to help.** Make a donation, become a sponsor, join as a member or become a volunteer fundraiser.

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## Size up our sisal!

The Kesho Leo children's village now has a warm, homey feeling with the completion of our **new railings**. The railings not only look great but are made from home-grown **Tanzanian sisal** – the flowering stalk of an Agave plant – it's fast growing, doesn't need much water or chemical pesticides so is the perfect **sustainable** building product! A huge thanks to our fantastic **architect Rob Watson** and ingenious **fundis** (builders) for their problem-solving skills. Volunteer **carpenter Adam** and his team (**Edgar, Mudi and Ediga**) have finished the **stairs** on the accommodation block of the village, bringing us a few steps closer to **moving the mamas and children into their new home!**

With most of the construction complete we're looking for extra help to fund the fit-out of the village. [www.foodwatershelter.org.au/letskitoutkesho.aspx](http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/letskitoutkesho.aspx).



*Our new sisal railings (above) and Adam, Mudi and Ediga on the new stairs (above right).*

## member profile

Our latest FFF members, **Sarah Louise Knoll & Courtney Goes**, are the founders of Australia-based **Handprints for Humanity**. In between their University studies these two amazing Brisbane gals raise funds for projects in developing countries including Africa. Their generous donation of **\$5,000** will go towards our solar panel system in Kesho Leo.



## volunteering ops

We are looking for a super-duper fundraising expert to come on board as our **Australian-based National Fun(d)raising Manager**. Yeah – basis is on fun! And the funding will flow in thereafter we reckon! We are also recruiting for **2010 Farm Manager and teacher roles in Tanzania**. For information about these and other current volunteer vacancies visit <http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteerwithus.aspx>



## last but not least...

### what is the FFF?

Oh come on! You know what it is – and it's time to stop hiding and join us – **we are only the final founding 23** at this point! Help us get our alliteration sorted! For those who really don't know: **The Final Founding Fifty** is people who **donate \$2,000 (tax deductible)** to **fws** for the completion of the building of Kesho Leo children's village. 100% of this donation goes directly to the cause. If you'd like to become one of our FFF, drop us a line at [Mark.Bizeray@foodwatershelter.com.au](mailto:Mark.Bizeray@foodwatershelter.com.au)

### contact us

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