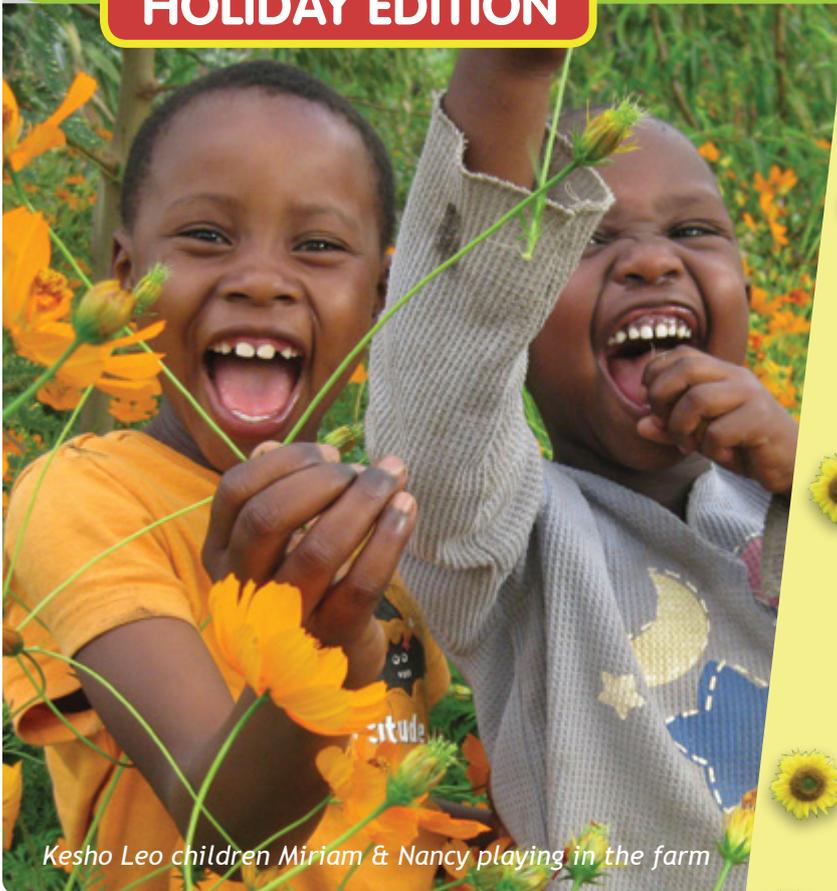


HOLIDAY EDITION



Kesho Leo children Miriam & Nancy playing in the farm

Reflecting on 2013

Happy 2014, everyone! As we look forward to a bright new year, we also look back on some of our fabulous **foodwatershelter** achievements in 2013:

- We welcomed 8 new orphans and 2 new Kesho Leo House mamas (to look after these children) into Kesho Leo Children's Village.
- We implemented a new micro finance program for residents and staff at Kesho Leo.
- Establishment of the Children's Parliament by the fabulous children at Kesho Leo.
- We hosted an official opening of the community health centre.
- We commenced our permaculture consultancy work throughout Tanzania and wider Africa.
- We delivered the world's first Permaculture and Design Certificate (PDC) course in Kiswahili, which we believe is vital to the sustainability of Kesho Leo and the wider community.

Thankyou everyone for your tireless work, your passion, your donations and support in all ways imaginable. Here's to 2014!

this month's smileys...

Please join us on Saturday Feb 22nd for the Melbourne launch of our **mia kwa mia** program - with live music by Clare Bowditch! To find out more information go to page 3 or [visit the website](#)

Sending some kubwa sana (very big) foodwatershelter love to the fab Tess Egan who hosted a morning tea last month in Montmorency, Victoria and raised \$500-odd. Tess found out about foodwatershelter through her son and his girlfriend who volunteered at Edmund Rice School, just down the road from Kesho Leo in Tanzania. A big thank you to Tess for the huge amount of time that goes into preparing such an event and for promoting fws among her networks. We are extremely grateful!

We would also like to say asante (thank you) to Doms Burger Bar in Mildura who recently hosted a Charity Tuesday for foodwatershelter. A wonderful \$125 was raised. A special thanks to the legends in the creative industries team at Sunitafe Mildura who ordered a take away lunch as well as Mildura Rural City Council who got a group together and went along for the day. We appreciate it very much!

Hosting a fundraising event is simple and can be as small or as large as you like. To find out information on hosting your own go to the [fundraising section](#) of our website.

We (and all the residents at Kesho Leo) would love to send a very big thank you to Golder Trust for Orphans who also donated some very cherished Christmas memories and gifts over Christmas 2013. Not only did the Children's Parliament love the opportunity to go on a safari for their very own Christmas party at Lake Manyara, they are all sporting Safi (cool) new clothes that Golder Trust for Orphans were good enough to buy as Christmas gifts for them. There were smiles all round on Christmas morning at Kesho Leo! Thank you so much Golder. We hope you all had a fabulous Christmas, wherever you spent the festive season.

foodwatershelter calendar 2014

The **foodwatershelter** calendar for 2014 is here! Featuring beautiful, vibrant photography from Kesho Leo Children's Village, the **fws** calendar will make a stunning addition to your wall. All profits go straight to **fws**.

Order yours now here



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We build early learning, eco-friendly children's villages and big, bright futures

new orphans



Kesho Leo welcomes the new children

Our family is growing again! **foodwatershelter's** children's village, Kesho Leo, is home to vulnerable women and children including orphans. Since receiving our License to House Children in 2012, **fws** has worked closely with the Department of Social Welfare to provide a home and family for orphaned children. When the authorities shut down a local orphanage a few months ago, Kesho Leo was happy to open its doors to four of the children in need of a new home and loving family.

It's been great to see the newest members of Kesho Leo settle in: 5-year-old Matthias is as energetic as they come, always quick to give a cheeky smile; 9-year-old Elizabeth aspires to teach and is enjoying the educational support at Kesho Leo, and their 11-year brother Juma has been making great use of the story-books in the library as well as the KL football pitch. 11-year-old Mary has become great friends with Gladys's daughter Miriam, and the two 'twins', as they're now known, have become an inseparable pair. To make sure they are all well loved and cared for, **foodwatershelter** also welcomes our newest Kesho Leo house mama, Jubilette, who will head the family of five.

Karibuni sana! (Welcome!)



Jubilette with the new orphans

sports day

Our chekechea and pre-primary kids got a chance to show off their prowess on the sports field in a joint sports day with Engo Sengiu Primary School. Children from both schools were split into teams and assigned a pair of "coaches" - one helpful older student from Edmund Rice Secondary School, and one fws volunteer. They were challenged to a range of games like sack races and skittles (made with recycled batteries!), culminating with a giant race. Gold, silver and bronze certificates were awarded, and everyone went home pleasantly exhausted and happy to have strengthened the bond between Kesho Leo and the local community.

rainwater harvesting system at Olomoyani Nursery school

"a collaboration between
fws Arusha and COCO UK"

foodwatershelter recently partnered with the British organisation, COCO (Comrades of Children Overseas) to help provide a local Monduli nursery school with year round access to rain water. COCO approached **foodwatershelter** to provide some consultancy support in collaboration with the local community.

Monduli is a very arid, remote district an hour southeast of Arusha. In this area, women and children walk over 10kms one-way to fetch water from a dam that supplies a large catchment area. The water is a dirty brown from sediment and shared with numerous livestock. Community members purchase salt to 'clean' the water, which helps the sediment drop to the bottom, although the water is a constant source of disease, especially typhoid.

Just before the hint of the first short rain in late October Mudi, Lucie and Moses made the final preparations, purchasing materials for the installation of a rainwater harvesting system at the school. Mudi and Moses worked hard for 4 days installing the gutters, pipes and tanks, only just managing to leave Monduli before getting completely stuck in the heavy mud and needing to dig themselves out!

The installation of the 20,000L rain-water system at the nursery school will provide enough clean drinking water for the 52 children and two teachers, plus water for cooking and washing, for a whole year when managed well. This exciting project was funded by our good friends at COCO, who share **foodwatershelter's** passion for sustainable solutions. We give these guys a big thumbs up for their great work.

Melbourne mia kwa mia launch

foodwatershelter invites you to be 'ukarimu' (Generous or Generosity in Ki Swahili) and join us for a magical summer evening in Melbourne.

Indulge in sumptuous food and wine by Gary Mehigan's Big Kitchen Events and enjoy the unique and beautiful music of Aria Award winning singer songwriter Clare Bowditch. This exclusive dinner experience is one not to be missed.

To find out more information and to purchase tickets [click here](#) or email megan.jacobs@foodwatershelter.org.au

Venue: Two Ton Max, 124 Langford St, North Melbourne, 3051

Date: Saturday February 22nd, 2014

Time: 7.30pm – Midnight

Dress code: Evening

Tickets: \$199 per person

RSVP: by Friday 14th February 2014

Clare Bowditch will provide entertainment

Brisbane mia kwa mia launch success

Saturday November 16th saw the official launch of **foodwatershelter's** mia kwa mia program in Brisbane. The night was a huge success with amazing live music provided by Sue Ray and having 612 ABC Brisbane Drive Presenter Tim Cox to host the evening.

We had founding members Kelsey Schwabe (nee Wilson), Shona Arneil and Edwinna Hammond all together for the night which was a special treat. We also loved the opportunity to catch up with all our Brisbane supporters for the first time in a long time.

A big shout out to the Banner Brothers, who brought their staff along as a work Christmas party- it was a fantastic way to contribute to a good cause and have some fun at the same time!

We are very grateful to the two newest Mia Kwa Mia members who joined on the night as well: Banner Brothers and Lawrence Wray.

It was a busy weekend for the volunteer board and management team members who also spent the rest of the weekend in planning meetings including the Annual General Meeting.



Valentines day is fast approaching. Want to send some love to Kesho Leo? Go to our [shopping list](#) to find a meaningful gift for that someone special that will also assist our fabulous programs over in Tanzania!

Kwaheri (goodbye)

- Goodbye to Fran Stevens who has done a fabulous job on the Australian board over the last two years and to Sandeep Rastogis who has been the treasurer on the Australian board. A massive thank you to both of you for the long volunteer hours after work that you put into foodwatershelter. You have both contributed substantially to the development of foodwatershelter. Whilst they are no longer on the board, Fran and Sandeep will remain good friends of the organisation.

MC for the evening Tim Cox and foodwatershelter volunteers Karen Horne, Shona Arneil, Carolyn Nickson & President Loretta Crombie



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volunteer vacancies

Events Volunteers

time: 1 - 2 hours per week, 3 month term

where: work from home

salary package: \$zilch

perks: warm-fuzzies

fws plans to host fundraisers in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane each year. For these events to be successful we need dedicated volunteers who are able to commit themselves to supporting the Events Fun(d)raising Manager in their state leading up to the event. Your responsibilities may include:

locating potential prize donors, entertainers, caterers, MC staff or following up on RSVPs

Sound like a job for you? Please email

volunteers@foodwatershelter.org.au

volunteer vacancies

Funding Coordinator

time: 4-6 hours per week, 12 month minimum

where: online based role

salary package: \$zilch

perks: warm fuzzies

The fws Funding Coordinator has the responsibility of overseeing the funding generation activities of fws within Australia. In this role you will ensure that fws's Kesho Leo programs in Tanzania are funded in a forward-planned, sustainable manner.

Some of your responsibilities will include:

- Liaising with fws fundraising team members and driving the team to generate fundraising ideas
- Providing a monthly report to fws board, fws programs manager and all program leaders
- Working with the fws Program Manager to balance program-specific funds.

Email volunteers@foodwatershelter.org.au

volunteer vacancies

IT Manager

time: 3 - 4 hours per week

where: Australian based role

salary package: \$zilch

perks: warm-fuzzies!

We are seeking a volunteer to help us oversee the running and maintenance of all things technology based at foodwatershelter.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Overseeing current website and assisting with updates
- Construction of new web pages as needed
- Update and manage shopping list pages
- Update and manage run for fws pages
- Create and manage online forms

If you have previous experience in the running and maintenance of websites and think you can contribute your skills or would like more information please email

volunteers@foodwatershelter.org.au

volunteer vacancies

Shopping List Program Coordinator

time: approx 4 hours per week

where: online based role

salary package: \$zilch

perks: warm-fuzzies!

The Shopping List Program Coordinator will oversee the fws Shopping List: (see www.foodwatershelter.org.au/shoppinglist.aspx). You need to be a team player who will work across fws teams and be ready to think differently and contribute to driving fws funding programs.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Monitor shopping list sales and report on income
- Oversee and update the shopping list online content
- Be a point of contact for shopping list sales and respond to enquiries
- Identify new ways to promote the shopping list and increase funding

For more information please email

volunteers@foodwatershelter.org.au

For information about these and other current fws volunteer opportunities in Australia and Tanzania, visit www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteerwithus.aspx

our project sponsors



fws proudly enjoys the support of the following organisations. Each contributes big, gorgeous dollarage to the various projects at Kesho Leo children's village in Tanzania, East Africa

Golder Trust For Orphans



Golder Associates Corporation is a global ground-engineering and environmental services group. As part of its commitment to sustainability, it formed [Golder Trust for Orphans](#) in 2003, which supports sustainable development projects with a focus on services for orphaned or displaced children and families in Africa.

This makes it a perfect match with **fws**! In August 2009, Golder Trust generously contributed \$26,800 that enabled **fws** to install a solar power system at Kesho Leo. Thank you!

solar!

Goldman Sachs JBWere Foundation



In June 2009, the [Goldman Sachs JBWere Foundation](#) awarded a grant of \$19,329 to **fws** for the fit-out of Kesho Leo's bathroom, laundry, kitchen and sewing room. This enabled **fws** to deliver rainwater to the kitchen and buy cookware, benches, cupboards and even four kitchen sinks! Other items covered

included sewing machines to support a new small business, buckets, toilets, doors, a stepladder and a clothes line.

sewing!

Aussies For Orphans



In 2007, [Aussies For Orphans](#) provided **fws** with grant funding to the tune of \$36,000 to cover the costs of building accommodation for Kesho Leo's families. And in late 2009, AFO contributed another \$1045 towards medical equipment and supplies for the health clinic. Thank you AFO!!

bomas!

Francis Kealy Fund

Read all about it! In 2010 the Francis Kealy Fund generously donated 9 years of funding to enable Kesho Leo to set up and run a library! The library is initially supporting Kesho Leo residents, students and workers and in time it will go mobile (yes, mobile!) into the local community.

library!

planet wheeler



The [Planet Wheeler Foundation](#) has been incredibly generous to **fws**, providing the set-up costs for the Kesho Leo permaculture systems and grounds through a \$36,000 grant that paid for things like the biogas system, sheds, livestock and irrigation systems that now provide food for our mamas and kids, and organic produce now sold to bring direct income to Kesho Leo. In 2010 Planet Wheeler again shone with kindness by donating a further \$20,000 to purchase a Land Rover 4WD for safely transporting the Kesho Leo residents. Planet Wheeler was also incredibly supportive in covering many of **fws**'s expenses relating to security upgrades in 2008, for which **fws** is deeply and eternally grateful.

permaculture!

Cotton On Foundation



The [Cotton On Foundation](#) has been donating to charities since 1991 and has now formed a relationship with **fws**. They have kindly contributed USD\$7,490 to help **fws** expand the solar power system, USD\$15,000 for a new generator and AUD\$15,000 towards Kesho Leo infrastructure and maintenance costs. Thank you, Cotton On!

solar!

we're after more friends...

Yep, there's room for you. If you're liking the sound of the work **fws** does and the innovative, professional and fun way in which we do it, and want to become part of it by becoming a project sponsor, please contact us! Email carolyn.nickson@foodwatershelter.org.au.