

Gimme Shelter

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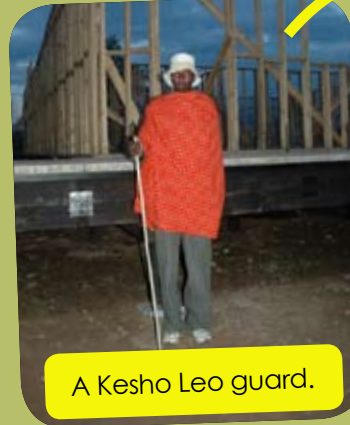
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Ready and raring to go... Our wonderful house mamas are thrilled to be part of the Kesho Leo program. We think they're going to be super mums!

12 of our 16 house mamas found!

Thanks to an **exhaustive interview and home-visit process** undertaken by Shona and Kelsey, we've finally been able to select **12 house mamas** (from the 76 women that applied) for Kesho Leo children's village. Earlier this month, we invited the successful applicants to our **fws** office and announced the beautiful news! We also advised that their **training (in health, positive parenting, nutrition, etc)** would start on January 25, 2008. Thereafter, the house mamas will meet a few times each week for their classes, which will be spread over the next three months. Anyone keen to **know these women's stories or sponsor** any of them during their training process should visit <http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/sponsorships.aspx>.



A Kesho Leo guard.

Sponsor opps

We're charging ahead with **training our Tanzanian staff** members, setting up the core staff with **basic payments** (not fully fledged wages yet) to offer some financial stability over the next few months while they train. We hope that you, our supporters, would like to **help give financial security** to these Tanzanians until Kesho Leo children's village is built and operating. **For more info**, visit <http://www.foodwatershelter.org.au/sponsorships.aspx>.



The 'mamas' meeting!

what's going on...

We've got a Rudd in power, too!

fws is thrilled to **welcome super-qualified accountant Craig Rudd** to the team and hand over **fws'** financial future to him. Phew! We pat ourselves – namely **Anne O'Donoghue, Edwina Hammond, Jamie Thwin, Owen Hammond and Mark Bizeray** – on the back for a huge contribution to **fws** bookkeeping since day one.

Xmas presents, who needs them?

Margaret Vaughan recently sent **fws** a cheque for \$500 with a note saying, "We read the article in Good Weekend last week and found it **inspiring**, so our family has decided to go without Christmas presents and **support your project.**" Nice one, Vaughan family!

Sydney's Feb/March art fundraiser

Events manager **Cathy McQuade** and PR manager **Tania Paschen**, plus a committed crew, are busily **curating an art exhibition** with works donated by some of Australia's **hottest new artists and sculptors**. For more info, contact: Cathy.Mcquade@foodwatershelter.org.au. **Date tbc.**

We'll drink to that!

A **HUGE congrats** to **fws** treasurer **Anne** and her wonderful man, **Pip**, who were **married last weekend**.

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Member profile

Wendy Agar, 38, professional mum, tourism operator, grazier and teacher.

Q: Why do you support **fws**?

A: **I love everything** about **fws** and think it is summed up beautifully by the logo, 'Developing minds in developing countries'. Our monthly donations are our way of making **a real difference little by little**, and I know that the money is used to build a facility that will indeed **achieve fws goals**, in a culturally sensitive way, and this is important. It is **exciting** to watch your progress!



Wendy with (from left) Hugh, Harry, Sam and Richard: "I love everything about **fws**: 'Developing minds in developing countries' sums it up beautifully."

So you'd be Stick and Feather then?

Meet **our first long-term volunteers**, brave souls that they are! **Heather, a qualified nurse**, is here to start health education programs for our house mamas, labourers and local community, while **Nick, an economist**, is here to handle Kesho's accounts, sponsorship programs, and help run health classes with Feather.

And you'd be Lily and Jenna?

No fancy names for these lasses – you only get a nickname if you're staying with the Kesho crew for an entire year! But that hasn't stopped them pitching in – **painting, tidying our chaotic office shelves, choosing curtains, making mango chutney**, and more. **Jenna's returning home** to continue her fundraising efforts for **fws** and **Lily's staying a little longer** to fine-tune our security policies, help take classes for the locals and write job descriptions for Kesho Leo's newer employees.



From left: **Lily** with Grandmother Frank and **Agnes** our cook.



Jenna (left) and **Corky** 'picking' mangoes.

contact us...

If you've quezzies, contact Gimme Shelter editor Anne O'Donoghue at: anne.odonoghue@foodwatershelter.org.au or on (02) 9879 3586. Meantime...

Final Founding Fifty – counting down...

To help **get Kesho Leo children's village building finished ASAP**, we've been harping on about the **Final Founding Fifty** (50 people each donate \$2,000 [tax deductible]). We've had a great response – **just 40 to go** – so if you want to get your name on our website and the Kesho Leo plaque, email Craig.Rudd@foodwatershelter.org.au pronto!

Fundraisers – join in or host your own

We still need **more dosh** to finish building. Help us get there by supporting a fundraiser, or holding a **barbie** and charging people \$10 to come, having a **trivia night** at the pub and donating funds to **fws**, or organising a **movie night** and charging people \$20 to come – **too easy** (and fun)!

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