

Gimme Shelter

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You did it - \$250,000 big ones!

Give yourselves a huge African animal hug – for two years you've been supporting **fws** to raise \$250,000 – the magic figure that covers the construction of Kesho Leo children's village.

Well, you've done it – we've just received thrilling news of a final contribution that sees our website fundraiser-tallying giraffe, colour up to his horns.

A fantastic team effort by a fantastic team. We urge every one of you to take a moment and thank yourselves on our behalf – take it from the team on the ground – you are creating a very special place for the community of Sinon, Tanzania.

Tanzania says no to gender violence

Something to celebrate – on the 24 May this year, Tanzanian president Kikwete, signed UNIFEM's "Say No To Violence Against Women" campaign. No biggy? He's just the second African head of state (after Senegal's president) to sign. Small steps, a long walk, but it's a start...

Odd jobs and vol roles

We've new volunteer vacancies to fill and odd jobs for you to sign up for at www.foodwatershelter.org.au/get-involved.aspx



Everyone's a winner!

When winning bidders for the 2007 Sydney Kujenga safari prize, Stephanie and Geoff, landed on Kesho's doorstep after a luxurious tour of Tanzania, there was whirlwind activity. Stephanie, a passionate knitter for Wrap With Love Inc, got the mamas hooked on knitting, and hand-sewed sumptuous cushions for the volunteer village. Geoff fashioned a wonderful windproof candle holder for the village by night, and laboured on site by day. Stephanie has now joined the **fws** team in Australia to help kit out Kesho Leo children's village...more below.



what's going on...

Let's kit out Kesho!

We've raised the funds to build it – we're now keen to fill it with goodies for the mamas and children. Stuff like: beds, mozzie nets, pillows, sheets, kitchen utensils, tables, filing cabinets, bookshelves...the Kesho crew will buy most of it locally, use our newly trained farmers to build it, or ask the mamas to bring their own gear, to save costs and support the local economy. We are launching our "Let's Kit Out Kesho!" campaign today, so check out what we're after at www.foodwatershelter.org.au/letskitoutkesho.aspx or email Stephanie.Molloy@foodwatershelter.org.au for more info!

Families For Families Sponsorships

Thank you to our first-in Mama Sponsors – you've done a great job of ensuring the Kesho Leo house mamas and their children were kept well through this first month of June. We're offering you the chance to support Kesho mamas and kids for another 3-month period and will be emailing you individually soon. Meantime, **fws** is beginning to design the Families For Families sponsorships that will take the place of Mama Sponsorships in Sept/October 08 when the first influx of mamas and their kids move into Kesho. Stay tuned.

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A hero's return!

You'll recall reading about Aussies For Orphan's Janelle Gibson in an earlier edition. As a volunteer, Janelle gave a lioness' portion to the Kesho project – in time, energy and passion – and even managed to send AFO founders Sue, Steven and their children (pictured) our way to boot! This month Janelle returned to **fws'** volunteer village with another gift - the news that the wonderfully warm and inspiring team at **Aussies For Orphans have agreed to grant fws \$38,000** towards the building of the Kesho Leo sleeping bomas. Spirit-soaring news that will ensure many restful nights for Kesho families. You're A-okay, AFO!



The Wheeler Deal

Q "Dear Planet Wheeler Foundation. Can **fw** please have **\$37,500** for the **permaculture** element of the Kesho Leo children's village project?"

A "Yes".

Jubilation and joy erupt! We are still buzzing - fantastic sustainable living eco-farm coming right up! Thanks so much to the team at Planet Wheeler!

contact us...

If you've any quezzies, please don't hesitate to contact *Gimme Shelter* editor, Rebecka Delforce at Rebecka.Delforce@foodwatershelter.org.au Meantime...

Dress for fws – complete success!

"So much love in the room" is how **fws** secretary Shona Arneil describes Brizzy's recent fundraiser. Others reckon there must have also been a bit of cash in the room – the event **raised a gorgeous \$20,000!** Thank you to all who styled up, attended and gave heartily. A special thanks to organiser Tracey Hartmann.

Born to burse?

The long-term volunteer crew for Kesho 2009 is filling out. We've recently welcomed Eve as our environmental volunteer and Helen as our education programming volunteer, but we still seek a bursar. For more details, visit www.foodwatershelter.org.au/volunteerwithus.aspx

Chippies ahoy...

Celebrations abound as the Kesho crew gears up for those long-awaited handyman types to arrive – get on the plane, Tom, Don, and Adam!

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