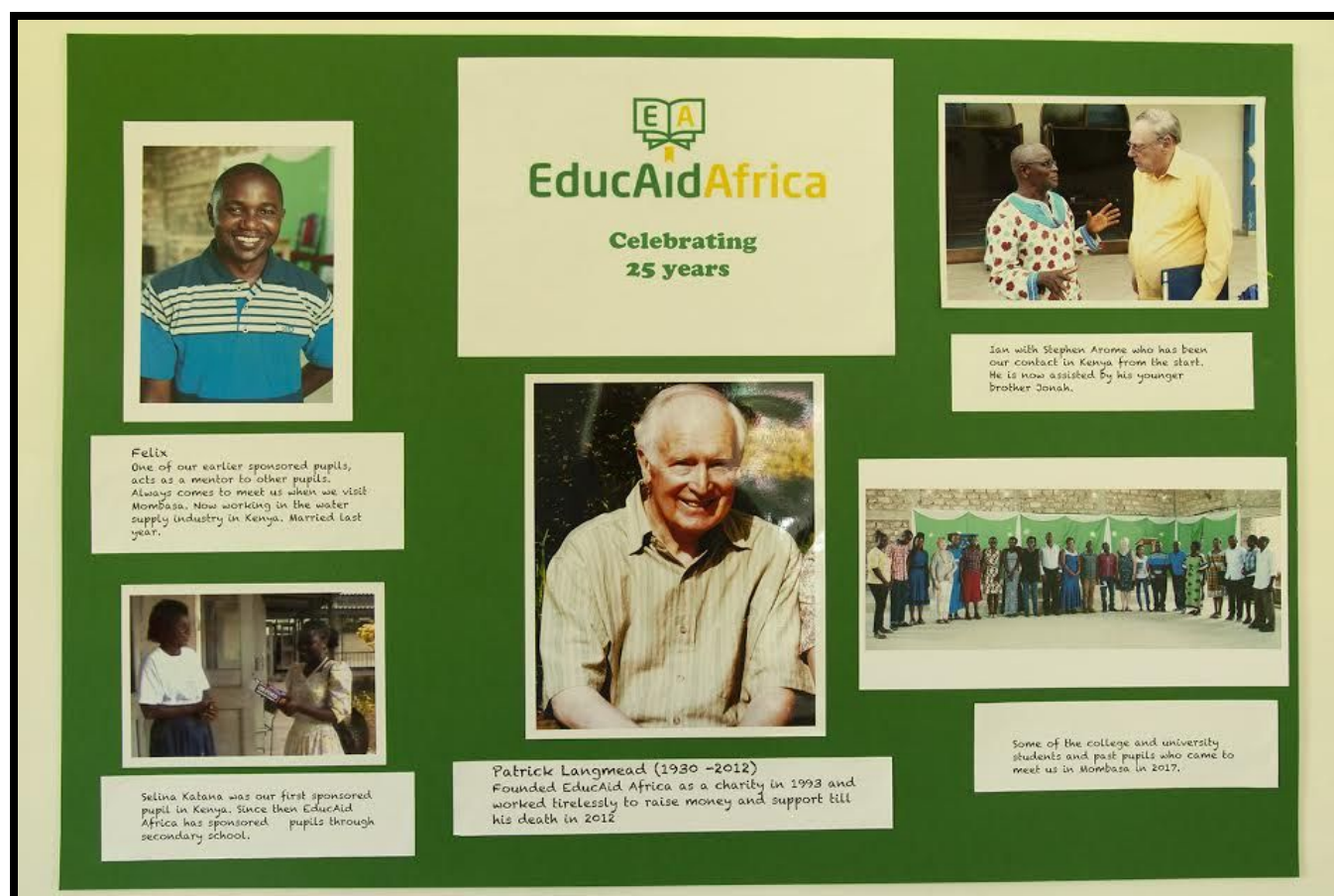




EducAidAfrica

Celebrating 25 Years 2018



EducAid Africa was started in 1993 by Patrick Langmead a retired teacher from Solihull in the West Midlands who visited Mombasa in Kenya. He learnt of a child who could not afford fees for Secondary School and realised that there were many others in the same predicament.

From this small beginning EducAid Africa currently sponsors over 50 students, in addition to a number of Primary and Nursery Schools. Over the years hundreds of young people have benefited from donations to the organisation.



On a gloriously sunny Sunday the trustees held a garden party in Barston West Midlands to thank our generous supporters for their unfailing efforts.



All guests enjoyed a lavish spread and were able to talk to the trustees about current projects and how the charity works. For many it was the first opportunity they had to meet all trustees at the same time!



The video footage shown throughout the afternoon gave guests the opportunity to gain a real insight into the lives of the young people we are supporting. The content shown is a record of visits made by trustees to Kenya, some whom have visited at their own expense eleven times! These personal visits are vital to ensure appropriate use of funds, understand challenges faced by students and anticipate future need.

Educaid are not only proud to sponsor secondary pupils but also young people in further education. Selina Katana one of the first sponsored students continued her education at teacher training college and returned to teach in her local community.

Beatrice Sharu was sponsored to become a nurse, the lovely news is that she is now happily married, just had a daughter of her own and returned to nursing.

Dennis Wali was sponsored through school and university and after working in jobs supporting Kenyan people moved to CARE International in Nairobi, they are a global leader in a worldwide movement dedicated to saving lives, ending poverty and achieving social justice.

We continue to be proud of Felix Mwachinga who after his university sponsorship is working in the water industry and recently married Sally. Felix joined the committee of a self help group to encourage Kenyan people to share responsibility for the education of young people in addition to mentoring existing students.

These are just a few of our successful students who now positively help Kenyan people to have a better outcome in life.



Of course all the best celebrations have to have a special cake and our 25th silver anniversary was no exception!.



After a speech by our chairman Ian Carnell, he cut the cake and everyone raised a glass and made a toast to Educaid. However after a wonderful afternoon it is still important to remember that it was due to Patrick Langmead's vision and implementation of Educaid Africa that so many young people in Kenya have had their lives dramatically changed for the better.

A lovely way to close is with a special poem written by Margaret Kombe a teacher at Malau Primary School for our trustees who visited in 2017. In this she speaks of porridge, Kenyan Uji, a nutritious breakfast made from fermented grains, many pupils come from very poor families with little food and nutrition so they are given Uji at school.

POEM for EDUCAID AFRICA

So weak I was,
Ignorant and hungry
No books to read
No desks to sit at,
No porridge to take
No balls to play in the field

Strong now I am,
Intelligent and healthy,
The porridge every term
The books I read and write
The balls I play in the field
All from Educaid

Not forgetting my teachers
A stack of milk for tea
Not just a privilege,
But a favour to Malau village
Thanks be to Educaid!

The giving hand is always up,
God bless the giving hand
God bless Educaid
God bless our sponsors!

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