

BOARD MEMBER CORNER



Greetings to you all! Fall is upon us and we have a lot of exciting updates since our last newsletter in May! We have completed another very successful trip to Malawi. Leah Kaira, our friend and Board member who is from Malawi, accompanied Stephen and I on this trip as well. She worked with us at the Namitsitsi primary school and was instrumental in coordinating the pen pal and photo projects at the school. During this trip we also began the process of establishing a scholarship program at the University of Malawi's Chancellor College in Zomba.

All this gave us the motivation and drive to come back home and work hard on more fundraising projects to support all these exciting plans. The classroom block continues with its progress, and we are getting close to starting work on the roof!! The 2nd Annual bike-a-thon was held in June, and was a success again, despite a very hot day! We had a lot of riders who were dedicated and worked hard to complete their rides and raised money for Educate Malawi; a million thanks to all who participated in various ways! We have spoken at a couple different organizations who both have pledged to support the scholarship program; thanks to the ladies of Zonta International and the ECW, the Calvary Episcopal Church in Stonington, CT. We have 2 exciting events in October; a cut-a-thon at the DiGrigoli hair salon in West Springfield and the Jam for Malawi, concert at the Fly Wheel arts collective in Easthampton, MA. We are working on other upcoming events, so stay tuned to our website and watch for emails! Thank you again for all your support! Warmest regards, Karen

Sue Calkins is the mother of three children and six beautiful grandchildren and she lives life to the fullest. She has worked for the Department of Correction for over ten years where she works full time and has been a certified substance abuse counselor for over twenty. Her varied hobbies include fishing, fly tying, kayaking, scrap booking, dancing, reading, photography, knotting, entertaining, and cooking. She is currently writing a cookbook for her family; who she enjoys spending as much time as possible with. She has canoed through the Everglades and kayaked with sea lions. Having a BA in Sociology she has always had an interest in communities. Over the years Sue has done a considerable amount of volunteer work in different areas. She became interested in Educate Malawi because she has a belief that education can change communities and that everyone should have the opportunity to learn. Being on the board has made her very aware of the need of the children and communities of Malawi. She and her seven-year-old grandson have worked on a project to raise money to buy educational items for the Namitsitsi primary school in Malawi.

We continue to sell our various African crafts at craft fairs and markets. We are at Fly Wheel in Easthampton the 2nd Sunday of every month...come visit us there at 43 Main Street Easthampton, MA. from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

GoodSearch.com is sponsoring a contest that will give an extra \$1,000 to each of the five organizations that have the most toolbar downloads (and \$100 to each of the first 100 charities to reach 100 downloads!) With the GoodSearch toolbar, every time you search online or shop at more than 1,500 stores (from Amazon to Zazzle!), a donation will be made to Educate Malawi — all you have to do is add our toolbar to your computer. Here's how:

1. Click <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/educate-malawi>
2. Download the Educate Malawi toolbar
3. "Share With Friends" on our toolbar download page so that others can get involved!

The contest ends on Oct. 31 so please add the toolbar NOW and spread the word to as many people as you can! For more information, click <http://www.goodsearch.com/goodsearchgiveaway/>.

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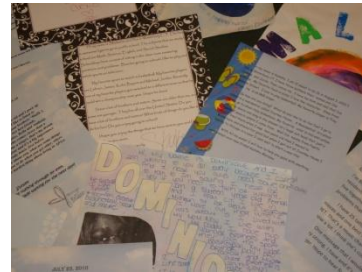
Due to mailing expenses, we will only be mailing *out* newsletters once a year. However, we will continue to email newsletters to keep folks up-to-date on our events and happenings. If you would like to continue to receive more frequent newsletters than once a year, send us your email address!! Karen@educate-malawi.org

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PEN PALS FROM MALAWI



Girls from the Journey House, at Natchaug Hospital in Mansfield, CT. participated in the first pen pal program. This is one of the participants from Malawi with her letter from the U.S. The girls at Journey House really enjoyed it and want to write more letters!



PROGRESS ON OUR PROJECT



We would love to complete this in the upcoming year...please help us reach our goal!!