



# Mid-Year UPDATE

## Tanzanian Children's Project (TCP)

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*The Mission of the Tanzanian Children's Project (TCP) is to raise funds to develop and support medical, educational, and orphan facilities and activities in Tanzania. . It is through works of charity that TCP seeks to improve the lives of the marginalized, bringing hope to the poor especially orphaned children. TCP is a 501(c) (3) organization powered by volunteers.*

### **Web Sites:**

[www.Tanzaniakids.org](http://www.Tanzaniakids.org)  
**"Through works of charity, TCP seeks to improve the lives of the marginalized"**

[ssvmusa.org/](http://ssvmusa.org/)  
**"An institute of Catholic missionary sisters dedicated to prolonging the Incarnation of the Word through the evangelization of culture"**

[www.stjohnscolumbiamd.org](http://www.stjohnscolumbiamd.org)  
**St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Columbia Maryland**

## TCP Tanzania Activity January to June 2017

TCP thanks its donors for the funds raised in late 2016 and early 2017. The funds were used to support 2 projects in Tanzania:

- \$4,000 for salaries for teachers at the Stella Matutnia elementary school operated by the Order of Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara. These funds were raised as part of Alternative Giving Program sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Columbia, MD.
- \$8,000 for the Rainbow Centre Project which helped 8 orphans with vocational training as well as cover administrative costs of the program. The Rainbow Centre is an institution owned by the Catholic Diocese of Moshi, Tanzania. Activities of the Rainbow Centre include provision of health care information to the community, supporting orphans and vulnerable children and people living with HIV.

In addition to the Alternative Giving Program, TCP was able to raise the following funds to support our mission

- \$3,898.21 from the St. Patrick's Day celebration,
- \$804.03 from the St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church's social action box, and
- \$585.47 from St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church's Lenten religious education program.

## Future Activities

On **September 23, 2017**, TCP in conjunction with the Clermont Foundation and Columbia Council 7559 of the Knights of Columbus, will sponsor a Wine Tasting activity and fund raiser. The Clermont Foundation supports activities to address the needs of homeless children in Jacmel, Haiti. Please plan to attend.

Stella Matutina school in Ushetu Tanzania is operated by the Order of Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara, a religious organization based in Argentina with sisters based in North America, South America, Africa, Europe, and the Holy Land.

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Fr. Gerry (Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church), TCP President Tim Lynch, and Fr. Gene (Chaplain of Columbia Council 7559 of the Knights of Columbus and Associate Pastor of St. John's Parish) pose for a picture at the St. Patrick's Day Celebration held on March 25, 2017. The second picture shows some of the attendees and workers at the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Brothers from Columbia Council and ladies from the Ancient Order of Hibernians arranged and worked the event. The Celebration was a fund raiser for TCP. It was a great activity and over 100 people attended. Over \$3,800 was donated to TCP. Thank you for your generous support!

## Bishop Speaks at St. Patrick's Day Celebration



Newly installed Auxiliary Bishop Mark Brennan of the Archdiocese of Baltimore addressed the crowd at the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Bishop Brennan reminded us of the need to support our less fortunate brothers and sisters. He was greatly impressed by the support shown to TCP activities by the parish of St. John the Evangelist and urged us to keep up the good work! Knights of Columbus District Deputy and TCP Director Nick Clemens presents Fr. Gerry with several mementos thanking him for all the support he has given TCP over the past several years.