



Nambale Magnet School

A home, a school and a future for children made destitute by the AIDS crisis

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FEATURED STUDENT



L.O. started at the Nambale Magnet School in 2009, at the age of 5. She is in Dorcas Manaali's Primary Class 3, where she excels in studies involving Kiswahili.

When it's time to play, she loves hide and seek; when it's time to eat her favorite dish is chapati and chicken, and she's mad about the color yellow!

Her hobbies are reading and scouting, and she aspires to be a tailor one day - making lots of yellow outfits!

New Haven's CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Tom Sansone, board chair of WIKS-USA, Inc., has been named as New Haven's Citizen of the Year. ([Read about it here...](#))

In addition to being a driving force for getting funds raised and the Nambale Magnet School built, Tom has long been a force for good closer to home, serving as chair of the United Way of Greater New Haven, a longtime mentor to a Waterbury student, in leadership at Christ Church Bethany, and in numerous other ways.

This much-deserved honor reminds us why we are so fortunate to have his leadership and oversight of the funding that supports the Nambale Magnet School. Tom helps to keep us all accountable and on-mission.

Congratulations!

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March, 2013

NO MORE MONDAY MORNING LAUNDRY BLUES!

I can remember hanging laundry out to dry when my two children were young. There wasn't a whole lot of laundry because we were a family of only four. And I loved the smell produced by the solar dryer, ol' Mr. Sun. Though I was practicing "green" at the time, I did not go so far as to wash the laundry by hand. I had an electric washing machine. This was the 1970s, after all!

Now fast forward to 2009, and look at what I witnessed at the Nambale Magnet School when I visited:

A local woman washing, by hand, laundry for 32 children. Uniforms, sheets and blankets, underwear, play clothes. In 2009 there were 32 children. By early 2013,

the numbers had increased to 222, seven times as many. It became apparent several years ago that something had to be done. My friend and neighbor, Jill, agreed and we embarked upon a project to buy the school a washing machine by collecting redeemable bottles and cans.

It took us about two and a half years to collect enough to raise the \$3,000 needed for a large, heavy duty machine. At five cents a can or bottle, that's 60,000 items. We let our neighbors and friends know what we were doing, and every Thursday on recycle day we were up by 6:30 a.m. to gather the bottles and cans. Some neighbors put theirs in bags for us; others allowed us to pick through their bins (yuck, but I wore gloves). Parishioners at Christ Church, Bethany brought bags full to church to our collection box, and customers of

Jill's store, Lamp Shades Plus, put donations into a jar she set aside for this purpose. When Jill would do a small lamp repair, rather than charging for it, she encouraged a donation in the jar. These ranged from \$1 to \$20.

Our school now has its machine, and the New Haven Deanery (*the Episcopal churches in the New Haven area*) has raised, through its member churches and the functions they have held, enough money for a laundry

room to house it! Jill and I will continue to redeem bottles and cans, but now our money will go to the operating expenses of Nambale Magnet School. Our school has grown by leaps and bounds in just four years, but so have operating expenses. Operating expenses include clothes for the children, food for the children, housing, classroom supplies, teachers, pots and pans, nearly everything that goes into making a school as successful as ours is.

We need all the help we can get. So when you do laundry, or even when you don't, please remember the children at Nambale Magnet School. Click [here](#) to donate, or mail a check made out to WIKS-USA, Inc. to 829 Hillcrest Road, Orange, CT 06477. Our children will be grateful. And when they are out in the world after schooling, as doctors, accountants, technicians, architects, teachers, whatever field they choose, they will remember the great opportunity so many people such as you gave them to take their lives from poverty to proud citizens. Can we count on you?

Loretta K. Smith
Vice President, WIKS-USA, Inc.

Blessings!

The WIKS-USA Team



Evalyn with Jill and Loretta.



Our new washing machine!