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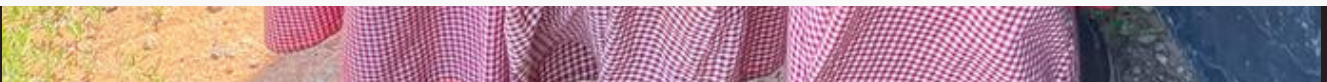


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2021 Board Members

Founding Boardmembers

Muuxi Adam

Abdikheir Ahmed

Abdirizak Adam

Boardmembers

Jen Glenright - Chair

Lauren Reeves

Janet Racz

Margaret Proven

Alyssa Etsell

Kayla Buehler

Jackson Grier

Kari McCluskey





MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Although 2021 began with such hope, belief that things were going to change and conviction that the world would be in a much different place than it is now, a year later, there are still many things to celebrate. With the continued support of our invaluable donors, Humankind International has been able to provide our 150 students with a quality education and food security.

New additions to the school this year include a beautiful playground for the academy and the installation of two pit latrines for the staff and students. In the past two years, two of our board members- Abdirizak Mohamed and Abdi Ahmed were able to visit the school and meet the families of the students who attend. Both attested how genuine and heartfelt the gratitude they received from the parents was.

One of our greatest achievements we have learned this year from our fellow board in Kenya is that once our students graduate, they go on to be in the top 10% of the primary school they attend. Our students are greatly desired by other schools. We continue to be a model school other schools in Dadaab strive to emulate.

The past two years have been challenging, but Humankind Academy continues to be a bright light during dark times. Our warmest appreciation to all who make the success of the school possible.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been a year to remember with 2021 sharing many triumphs and challenges as we continued to navigate a global pandemic. Enrollment at HumanKind Academy continues to run at full capacity, offering quality early years education. Attention to safety protocols regarding Covid 19 such as sanitizing, physical distancing, temperature scans and wash stations allowed the school to remain open for more than a year. Rising concerns led to a brief six week closure in April but the school safely reopened with all safety protocols in place. Student, staff and community safety were at the forefront of this decision.

Capital projects at the school included the construction of a playground for the children as well as the installation of additional latrines. The playground has been well received by children attending the school as well as others in the community. HumanKind Academy continues to find safe ways to allow all children access to the play equipment during appropriate hours.

Last year's gardens continue to grow and thrive, producing a variety of fruits and vegetables. This year's harvests have included tomatoes, corn, and beans used to supplement school lunches. We look forward to the maturity of fruit trees that will provide additional nourishment.

The annual HumanKind International fundraising dinner was a great success despite being held as a virtual event. We learned some new skills and are forever grateful for our tech-savvy board members Kayla and Alyssa for flawlessly navigating us all through the online event.



ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER



Not to be deterred by a global pandemic, this year we rose to the challenge (and there were many!) and got creative. We are thrilled to report that the 2021 HumanKind International Annual Dinner was a great success raising more than \$11,000 for the school!

Due to ongoing gathering concerns and restrictions, this year's dinner was held online with the use of Hopin, a virtual conference-hosting platform. The event was hosted by the talented and engaging Marci Makusa who flawlessly guided us through the evening.

We are grateful to Charisma for providing dinner and especially appreciative of the many volunteers who delivered meals to the doors of our generous guests. The online space provided opportunities for attendees to share a dinner table with friends in virtual rooms. After dinner, guests were entertained with the comedic stylings of Ben Walker.

While we appreciate the opportunity to continue this important event, we do hope to see everyone's smiles in-person in 2022.



THANK YOU!

MARGARET PROVEN

We would like to express a sincere *thank you* to Margaret Proven who has retired from the HKI Board. Margaret joined the board in 2014 and was integral to the planning and coordination of our annual dinner.

Margaret's skills and knowledge supplied the financial analysis that supported the growth of HumanKind Academy from 75 to 150 students.

We are grateful for her friendship and contributions and wish her all the best in her next adventures.



IN MEMORIAM



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of HumanKind Kenya teacher, Hassan Sanweyne. Hassan was one of the Academy's first and longest serving teachers. Hassan leaves behind a wife and six children in addition to his many students and colleagues at HumanKind Academy.



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