



CARING PARTNERS GLOBAL

Changing lives, one community at a time.

ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011



Year in Brief – PRESIDENT’S REPORT

2010-2011 was a year of growth and re-evaluation for CPG and the Matangwe Community Health and Development Programme (MCHDP). Thank you to our board of directors, all our volunteers, including committee members, funding and project partners and staff for your commitment to CPG and Matangwe. We pray that God will bless you with knowledge and wisdom and continue to guide CPG and Matangwe in unwavering ambition to *changing lives, one community at a time*, and with conduct that is honouring to God.






We are extremely grateful to Elena Christy, our administrative support and volunteer coordinator, for her excellent service to CPG for the past three years. Elena was instrumental in overseeing the day-to-day activities of CPG from grant writing, project monitoring and reporting, to communication with our funding partners, field staff and volunteers at Matangwe as well as throughout Canada. We will miss Elena as she returns to school to prepare for a career change. We do look forward to having her continue to be part of our recently implemented public relations and funds development committee.

The services at Matangwe have grown in ways that we never anticipated at its inception. As we take stock of the 2010-2011 fiscal year we are building foundations and forging partnerships at the Local, National and International levels, to better position ourselves toward a positive impact on the eight UN millennium development goals (MDG). The table below lists some key activities we have initiated. Our goal is to focus the next five years in building sustainable infrastructure for excellence in maternal and child health care and education.

Thank you for working with us in changing lives through healthcare, education sponsorship, life skills training and food security initiatives at Matangwe and surrounding area.

Respectfully submitted,
 Stephen and Sylvia Scott
 Co-Founders



MGDs	CPG/MCHDP Activity
 Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger	School feeding program; Agricultural improvement methods for older women caregivers and orphans; Demonstration plots using high yield seeds
 Goal 2: Achieve universal primary education	Early childhood education program implementation; School sponsorship programs (all levels); Adult literacy and job skills training
 Goal 3: Promote gender equality and empower women	Girl-child education sponsorship and literacy training and school re-entry initiative; Gender equitable committees; Women in leadership and revenue generation activities
 Goal 4: Reduce child mortality	Maternal child health clinics; Perinatal care; Health insurance sponsorship for the vulnerable families
 Goal 5: Improve maternal health	Maternal child health clinics; Perinatal care; Health Insurance sponsorship for the vulnerable families
 Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS malaria and other diseases	Free HIV counselling, testing and treatment; HIV support care; Preventive care and education
 Goal 7: Ensure environmental sustainability	Strive to use environmentally sustainable programs (such as water catchment). This is one area we are seeking to expand and are looking into partnerships for 2012.
 Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development	Partnerships: Help the Aged Canada; Rotary International; CIDA; Queens University School of Medicine; CDC; IPAC; Christian Horizons

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL REPORT

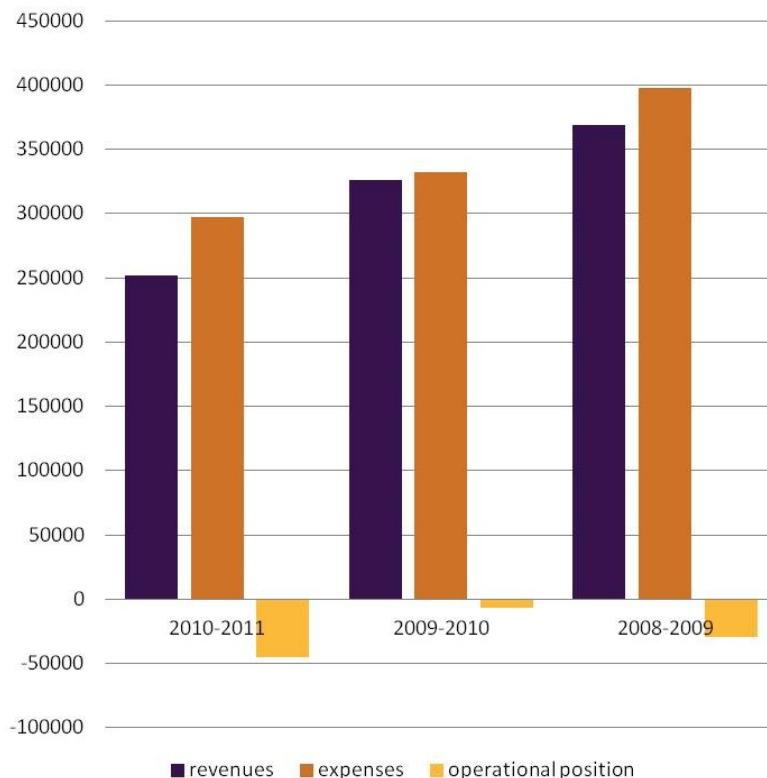
2010-2011

We are currently in the process of compiling our audited financial report, which will be available in November 2011 on our website (caringpartners.ca). Below is our current understanding of our financial situation from the past year however, based on communications we with auditor, we anticipate our operational position to be closer to \$20,000 then the current report of \$45,139.52.

REVENUE OF CPG		EXPENSES OF CPG	
TOTAL RECEIPTED	\$126,082.71	CPG	\$42,17.89
TOTAL NON-RECEIPTED	\$122,471.72	MCHDP	\$254,748.00
TOTAL OTHER	\$3,162.94		
TOAL REVENUE	\$251,717.37	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$296,856.89

OPERATIONAL POSITION OF CPG

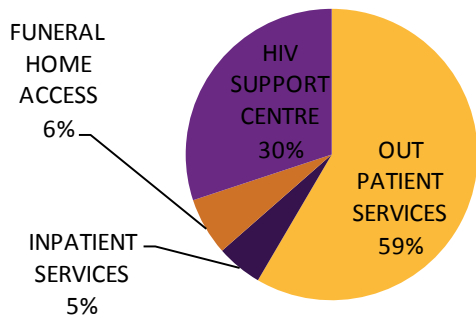
	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009
Revenue	251,717.37	\$325,617.73	\$368,660.22
Expenses	\$296,856.89	\$332,449.13	\$397,871.11
Operational Position	-\$45,139.52	-\$6,831.40	-\$29,210.89





+ HEALTH

In 2010-2011 we provided care for **10,333** patients as summarized on the chart below.



The busiest program in the past year was **outpatient** consisting of child welfare clinic, women, and children under 5 years of age using over 80% of the services. This is important to our role in advancing the millennium goal of reducing maternal child mortality rates.

Child Welfare Clinic: 26%	Family Planning: 6%
Post Natal: 23%	Under 5 Female: 5%
Over 5 Female: 17%	Under 5 Male: 4%
Over 5 Male: 10%	TB & Leprosy: 2%
Pre Natal: 9%	STD: 0%

Inpatient rates increased with the introduction of the National Health Insurance coverage for admitted

patients. It is clear that more occupied bed days were used by those without health insurance. This increases the number of patients that require subsidy by CPG for treatment. Building capacity for most community individuals will continue to be a priority until each can afford to pay for their own health care.

Occupied bed days non-NHIF: 46%	Discharge: 18%
Admissions: 21%	Normal Births (Vaginal): 4%
Occupied bed days NHIF: 10%	Death: 1%
	Well per day: 0%
	Still births: 0%

THE HEALTH DATA REALITIES OF THE MATANGWE VILLAGE AND AREA INCLUDE:

- Life expectancy: Male (48yrs), Females (51.2 yrs)
- Infant mortality rate*: 110 /1000
- Under five mortality rate: 200/1000
- Maternal mortality ratio: 620/100,000 (National ratio 590/100,000)
- HIV prevalence rate: 29.4%
- Doctor to patient ratio: 1:24,000

MCHDP's goal for 2011-2015 is to strive to be a health care facility recognized for its excellence in women and children's care. We will seek opportunities to improve maternal and child health and to reduce mortality rates to match and or exceed the national rates

*Mortality rate: deaths per 1000



EDUCATION

As the cost of food in Kenya skyrockets, we face a crisis in our feeding program. The cost of the two major ingredients in the meals we provide, beans and maize, has more than doubled since the beginning of 2011.

The money for the feeding program is raised almost exclusively from the annual fall fundraiser, which has taken place for the past four years at the Kitchener Portuguese Club. The budget for the feeding program is based on the calendar year and in 2011 we budgeted \$16,000 to support the feeding program. However, unless we spend an extra \$2 000 to \$3 000, this program will not be able to function until the end of the year.

Due to these rising costs, the budget for the 39 weeks each year that school is in session, would increase to at least \$22,000 in 2012, an amount well above what we are currently able to supply.

Another factor affecting our budget is that we are feeding more people in 2011 than in previous years. Previously, we supplied a lunch-time meal each school day for about 450 students and about 8 teachers at Matangwe Primary School. However, in 2011 we are also feeding 70 children attending Early Childhood Education at the Matangwe Community Centre and about 35 adult staff at the Matangwe Health Clinic.

Feeding the adults at the clinic and the Matangwe school tends to positively influence the overall morale. However, unless we receive financial support from them and the surrounding community, we may need to focus on feeding the children only from a projected annual budget of \$18,000.

UNIFORM PROVISION

Prior to 2011 the uniforms we supplied to the students at Matangwe Primary School were bought from an outside supplier, at a cost of nearly \$8 per uniform. The uniforms supplied in 2011 were sewed by local ladies and students

The Seventh Annual Education Initiatives Fundraiser

Date: Saturday, November 19th, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Kitchener Portuguese Club,
1545 Fischer-Hallman Rd.

As always you can expect a great night out! The evening will include music and D.J, cash bar, silent auction, fish pond, and excellent food. Kenyan items will be available for purchase with many of them produced at the Matangwe Community Centre!! Tickets are \$25 per person and available in advance. Money raised on this night will go toward supporting all educational initiatives of Caring Partners Global in Kenya.

Contact Ron Bell at 12.bells@sympatico.ca for more information.

attending sewing classes at the Matangwe Community Centre. CPG buys the material and pays wages to those doing the sewing. As a result the cost per uniform is expected to be drastically reduced.

Prior to 2010 we supplied uniforms for 450 students attending Matangwe Primary School. Beginning in 2010, we also supplied uniforms for about 70 children attending Early Childhood Education at the Matangwe Community Centre. Money has already been collected and is in CPG's Canadian account for the supply of uniforms for these students at a projected annual cost of \$3,500.

STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

During the past year, the student sponsorship program continued to grow with more and more students entering post-secondary institutions. In 2010 we sponsored 94 students, 6 in primary school, 70 in secondary school, 18 in college and 5 in university.

Graduation

We are proud to announce that in 2011, 5 of our sponsored students graduated from college. Their certifications include tour guide, auto mechanics, catering

(2) and primary school teacher. One graduated from university with a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

New Students

We were able to recruit sponsors to support 17 new students beginning secondary school in 2011, bringing our total to 102 sponsored students. Those include six in primary school, 66 in secondary school, 24 at college and 6 in university.

In addition, 2 girls not previously sponsored by CPG are awaiting acceptance for university scholarships funded by the Kitchener/Conestoga Rotary Clubs. One hopes to earn a Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, and the other, a Bachelor of Science (Chemistry). We hope in the future to identify many deserving girls from the Bondo region for these scholarships.

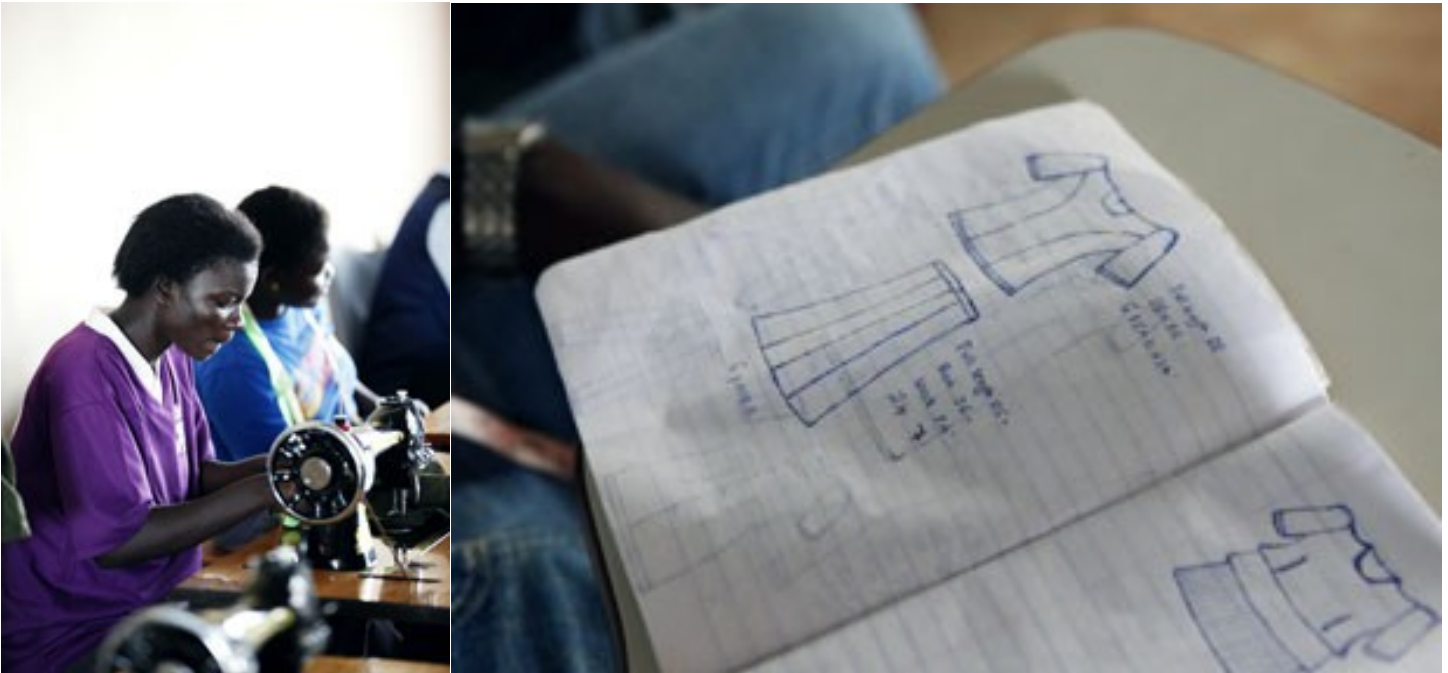
The challenge is to continue finding new sponsors for students in the future. There is no doubt that education of Kenyan youth is paramount for positive, long-term, progress to occur in this developing country.

Ron Bell

Education Coordinator



Above: The entire Matangwe Primary School and the Benton Street Team, 2011



LIFE SKILLS

The Matangwe Community Centre (MCC) began operating in January of 2010 as the newest component of Matangwe Community Health and Development Programme (MCHDP). The MCC was created through a partnership between the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Caring Partners Global (CPG) and the MCHDP and is financially sustained through student fees and funding from CPG. MCC's main objective is to assist the members of the community that are less able to achieve self-reliance in life by creating opportunities for skills development as well as social and economic integration. At this point in time the programs offered at the MCC are in high demand and producing successful graduates.

The two year MCC partnership initiative with CIDA has come to an end and the community has begun to forge local partnerships to continue the implemented programs.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Principal: Felix Omondi Nyakuna
 Teachers: Beatrice Ouma and Jocinter Ouma.
 Students: 66 (37 boys, 29 girls)
 Graduates: 22
 Upcoming Graduates: 25
 Details: Students join the school at three-to-six years of age and pay a fee of 150 Kenyan shillings per month (approx. \$1.60 CAD) plus 300 Kenyan shillings (approx.

\$3.20 CAD) per child for a uniform. Fee payment for all life skills programs is subsidized for orphans and poor families. Those participants who are able to pay enable the MCC to begin building capacity for future sustainability.

TAILORING

Instructor: Benjamin Bambla.
 Students: 25 female students, 2 male.

Graduate updates: The first graduate of the tailoring class is now gainfully employed in Kisumu. Besides making dresses for sale, she also mentors other tailoring students in Kisumu.

Upcoming Graduates: Three more students will graduate in February of 2012. The current class is sewing uniforms for the more than 60 pupils of the Early Childhood Education class as part of their experiential and practical-based learning.

Demand is so high we need more tools and supplies, and potentially another instructor!

Goals: to register as an educational institution in the near future to enable students to enrol for trade tests. This would not only attract more students, it would also enable them to get government trade certificates.

WELDING AND CARPENTRY

New program as of April 2011. Currently seeking students!



Garden Demonstration plots: Five hectares of land within the MCHD project site have been ploughed and corn and beans have been planted as demonstration plots. If enough rainfall is achieved over the first two months, the community should realize a high yield harvest to supplement patient feeding program.



AGRICULTURE

Chirp, Chirp, Chirp, was the beautiful sound we heard as we rode with a load of chicks in the back of the Matangwe Community Health and Development Programme (MCHDP) truck from Kisumu to Matangwe on February 25, 2011. Upon arrival we were greeted by Richard and Amos who are responsible for the chicken coop operation at MCHDP.

The next few days were very encouraging as Richard and Amos took full responsibility of the chicks; feeding, watering, and even sleeping in the coop the first few nights to ensure the chicks had a constant supply of heat. We also spent time with Richard and Amos discussing the business and marketing details to ensure the chicken coop becomes a sustainable project.

Our involvement with the re-introduction of the chicken coop to MCHDP started in October 2010 when I learned about the agricultural projects happening in Matangwe. I invited my father Walter to come to Matangwe with me, as I knew his agricultural knowledge would be invaluable. People from Kitchener-Waterloo and area quickly embraced the project. They purchased chicks on behalf of loved ones during the *Empower A Community* fundraiser, raising enough money for the first phase of the chicken coop. The Tavistock and Stratford communities also showed great support with a dinner and silent auction to raise funds for the second and third phase of the chicken coop.

Prior to our trip to Matangwe we e-mailed KenChick, the hatchery in Kenya, from whom we planned to purchase the chicks. Communicating across the ocean proved to be difficult and we were unable to secure an order of chicks to arrive during our time in Matangwe. Upon arriving in Kisumu, we went directly to the hatchery to inquire about chicks. Through an array of events and God's intervention, the vet at KenChick offered to come to Matangwe the following Wednesday to lead a full-day seminar about raising and caring for chickens. It was overwhelming to see 40 people from the surrounding villages engage in this seminar, eager to learn about the new opportunities in agriculture. The vet was very impressed with the knowledge of Richard and Amos and advised that our order of chicks would arrive on Friday.

It was inspiring to work alongside Richard and Amos, and witness how thankful they were for the opportunity to earn a living while providing the community with nutritious eggs and chickens. Upon leaving, we were very confident that Richard and Amos would continue to raise the chickens, purchase the next phases of chicks, and make informed management decisions based on Kenyan conditions that as Canadians, we could not anticipate.

Thank you for supporting this project,

Melissa & Walter Kropf
CPG International Volunteers



Interested in volunteering?

E-mail: volunteer@caringpartners.ca or check out our website at caringpartners.ca to view our most recent newsletter and learn more about local and international opportunities.

International

Trips to Kenya occur once per season and require an online application and \$20 fee.

Local

We have several opportunities to become involved with CPG in Kitchener-Waterloo.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

In many ways, it felt like coming home after an extended absence. We had worked at the Matangwe Community Health and Development Program (MCHDP) in the Fall of 2009 and now we were returning in April 2011 to do some follow up for our previous activities. It was great to see people we had worked with and renew friendships. Some personnel had moved on and were replaced by new faces. This provided us with an opportunity to get to know even more wonderful people.

We met with two students that we sponsor in their high school programs. They were quite shy and very respectful of their sponsors. We eventually got them talking, showed them some photos on our laptop and of course took pictures of them. The schools were on holiday, but students sponsored through MCHDP were attending a session at Matangwe where they helped with some of the yard work and listened to lectures on a number of topics, including HIV/AIDS. Jean had taught English to some of these students in 2009 and it was encouraging to see them continuing on to high school.

As with any return home, we noticed things that had changed. The Community Centre is now up and running with a very active early childhood development program and several courses are in progress. The health centre now has hospital status and different wards, and it is much busier than our first visit. A health insurance program is available to pay for some of the hospital services.

And there is electricity! For any individuals that have volunteered at Matangwe, you will know that electricity had been promised for a long time. Without it, many diagnostic tests could not be performed and patients had to be taken into the town of Bondo for tests and blood transfusions. Activities such as reporting, accounting and taking inventory were all done manually. Now there were computers and staff wanting to know more about how to use them.

Rox, a new volunteer that came with us this time, was in great demand as she sorted out computer problems, set up databases and taught staff how to use them. Even with the occasional black outs and internet difficulties, we could see that increased use of computer technology would allow staff to work more efficiently and effectively.

We also had a fascinating experience teaching four people how to interview community members and enter the information into a computer spreadsheet. They not only had to get used to the key board, but they needed to learn to manoeuvre a mouse. In Canada, we pretty well take for granted that individuals have such skills. As we watched them reaching further and further with the mouse trying to get the cursor in the desired position, we were reminded of our own initial experiences with such devices. We had to restrain ourselves from taking over in order to input the data faster. All four of our helpers did learn the necessary computer skills. In just over two weeks, they interviewed 85 people from 17 villages, input all the data

Below: Trained interviewers hard at work



and sent us a descriptive summary of the results. Not bad for 4 people who had not previously used a computer!

When our trainees were first learning how to interview, we went with them to the villages to help them select people for interview, administer the questionnaires and interpret the responses. It was a great experience for us to meet more villagers, see how they lived and worked on their farms, and note the differences between villages. And we were often met by a group of smiling children, curious about the mazungu!

On our first visit to MCHDP, Leslie met several of the older ladies in the village of Matangwe and learned what a struggle life was for many of them. She had the opportunity to learn how to use mud and dung to plaster the walls in the home of one of these elderly ladies. On our return visit, the lady was still enjoying her refurbished

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house, but she was much frailer.

A few things had not changed. There are still bats in the residence – great for combating mosquitoes, but they do leave ‘souvenirs’ everywhere. The bike that we restored to ‘rideable’ condition last time was again in disrepair. We went through the process of buying tubes, tires and spokes to repair the bike. The ambulance was still not working, although we understand that it was functional for a period of time before breaking again.

One enterprise that continues to thrive is the mortuary (see picture below). We have always found it rather ironic that death is profitable. However, the local people would prefer to bring their deceased family members to Matangwe than to other mortuaries in Bondo and surrounding area. The whole community contributes to the cost of funerals. Although we appreciate the local traditions around death, we have thought that the community could benefit from diverting some of this investment of time and money to activities of the living.

All in all, we considered our experiences with Caring Partners Global to be enjoyable, educational and rewarding. The second visit gave us an opportunity to note progress, but also to evaluate next possible steps. We worked with people eager to learn and change their lives and the lives of others. We hope that we were able to contribute in a small way to the ongoing struggle to improve conditions for the citizens of Bar Kowino.

Leslie and Jean
International Volunteers



Above: The funeral home services are a main revenue generating service that is self sustaining and subsidizes 30% of the clinic operations.

PARTNERSHIPS



GO YE AFRICA

The four core values of CPG (Education, Health, Agriculture and Life Skills) are the building blocks of a society. CPG in partnership with MCHDP, strives to advance these four areas of operation.

As a spiritual leader at Matangwe, I provide counseling services at the Matangwe Hospital, MCC, the funeral home and the primary school. I also engage in community mobilization by building relationships throughout the region, emphasizing the need to integrate children who experience physical or mental challenges. As spiritual leader I emphasize social and spiritual transformation to the community and to vulnerable groups in society.

Prepared by Pastor Martin Oyugi.
Go Ye Africa

NATIONWARES

NationWares builds partnerships around the world seeking exceptionally abled individuals and creating opportunities for them to build a sustainable lifestyle. CPG recently started working with NationWares as a means of creating a Canadian market for the items made at the Matangwe Community Centre (MCC). So far NationWares is selling necklaces, scarves and bags.

Amie Sider is the director of NationWares and her goal is to overcome international boundaries to connect people at the most powerful level, the heart. Because sometimes it's okay to wear your heart on your sleeve.

Please visit the website at nationwares.com to view our items and others!

AN EXCERPT FROM ONE OF SPONSORED STUDENT'S LETTERS

Dear Mrs. Beth Renaud:

Thanks to the kind angels at Doon Public School, I have achieved my dream of graduating from university. Without your kindness and generosity I would never have made it. I am currently seeking an internship or volunteer position at an organization which helps the needy.

You are always in my thoughts and I pray for you daily. My husband Fred, son Kerry and family members also send their gratitude.

Your always grateful friend,

Elizabeth Atieno Omondi



THANK YOU FOR ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO CPG AND MATANGWE

Caring Partners Global would like to acknowledge and give thanks to all of our donors, partners and individuals who support CPG and our initiatives. Your support is greatly appreciated.

2010-2011 International Volunteers

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