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Dear Sandi,

I thought you'd like to see my Nyumbani coverage. I know you were at the U.N. for World Aids Day when it was broadcast. Apparently Bristol Myers Squibb is interested in taking a look at their program as a possible model for delivery of care in their southern Africa initiative. I've passed their names and contact numbers to Father D'Ag.

Happy Holidays to you!
— Kathleen

P.S. I never saw Ahmed
on his recent D.C. visit.
Did you? I was sorry to
have missed him.



Nyumbani is the realized vision of Dr. Angelo D'Agostino, S.J., M.D.

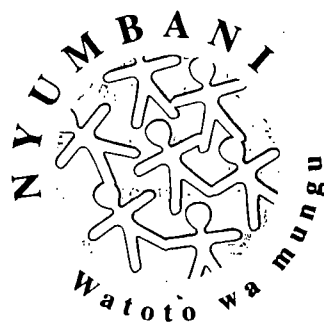
joined by many willing helpers to care for the HIV+ Orphans in Kenya.

Currently Nyumbani is a registered Kenya Charity,

(Certificate No. C72607) under the name

'Children of God Relief Institute',

with a voluntary Board of Directors.



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PURPOSE NYUMBANI was founded because of a unique need to-day: the care HIV positive abandoned infants. The WHO has predicted a population of 120,000 HIV+ children in Kenya by 2000. The tragic fact is that some HIV + mothers assume, regrettably, that their children will not live, so they often abandon the child either at the maternity hospital or elsewhere. These infants all test positive at birth because of having their mother's anti-bodies; only one out of four, however, is actually infected. It is not until several months later that their true status can be known. The situation is, however, that most of these infants die of neglect due to their HIV label or through ignorance of the possibility of their not being infected.

NYUMBANI represents an effort to remedy this situation. At NYUMBANI, we give these abandoned infants the best nutritional, medical, psycho-social and spiritual care possible so that they can and do survive until the time when a correct determination can be made. Those who do convert to a negative status are often adopted or transferred to appropriate settings. Those who remain positive stay with us for whatever span of life will be theirs. Therefore, besides providing care for all the children, we are also able to prevent the dire consequences of neglect and so save three out of four lives.

FUNDING NYUMBANI relies totally on the donations of PEOPLE OF COMPASSION, locally and abroad. We have a sister organization, the Children of God Relief Fund, in USA, which helps raise some of the cost. Several local bodies in Kenya have organized fund raising for us and we have been the beneficiaries of charity donations from a few international bodies in Kenya. As yet we have no major donor.

We welcome volunteers from all walks of life, from the friendly neighboring 'granny' who comes to visit and chat with the children, the volunteer student, local or from abroad, who offers some months of service during university vacations, to the more specialized persons, like medical persons, doctors or nurses, who give their services for a period of time or offer 'on call' availability. One such person was Dr. Therese Martin, a pediatrician sponsored by APSO, who offered her full-time services from February to early May, 1994 and again from June to August of 1995.

Our monthly budget ranges between \$8,000 to \$10,000. With no major donor to rely on, this means a constant appeal for sustaining funds. So far we have accrued a safety net to fall back on, but it



Some of the new houses with the schoolhouse being built in the background.



Some of the girls in their new house.



HISTORY At the end of October 1993, just over one year after opening, 49 children had been admitted, 22 had tested negative and been transferred to the Child Welfare Society awaiting adoption and there had been two deaths. Numbers continued to grow to the point of our having to establish a maximum of 30 children in residence at any one time. It seemed time to build.

The simulated village model with family style living had been the objective of NYUMBANI right from the beginning. Constraints of depending on voluntary contributions rendered this not feasible in the early stages: to date, we have been utilizing either rented quarters or rent-free premises. Now, for the first time, having purchased land, we are in a position to design the project on the village model lines. Thanks to three generous contributors we have built 5 duplex houses, a residence for professional staff, a schoolhouse and godown. Each of the duplexes will accommodate from 12 to 16 children in 2 family units. While the main purpose of this model is the creating of an environment for the children as close as possible to that of a family, we also believe that it has the advantage of being a model which is easy to replicate and it is affordable.

CONCLUSION The care of children with an as yet incurable disease may not seem a 'profitable enterprise' but it cannot be surpassed as humanitarian endeavor. Providing a stress-free, family life experience has been proven scientifically to mitigate the ravages of HIV infection. We believe our efforts can serve as a pilot project to be replicated whenever needed.



Sister Mary Owens and a new arrival.



Enjoying their new home.

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NYUMBANI
A CHILDREN'S HOME
FOR HIV POSITIVE CHILDREN
AND THEIR FAMILIES
IN KENYA
1993



Father A. D'Agostino poses with some of the children and members of staff

AT NYUMBANI we give the best affordable nutrition, medical and psychological loving care so that they can and do survive. Those who do convert to negative are transferred to appropriate settings and are often adopted. Therefore, by providing proper care for a newborn HIV+ child, we are able to prevent the dire consequence of neglect and,

thereby, save three or four lives.

When NYUMBANI (Swahili for "HOME") first opened in September, 1992, the rented quarters were small and crowded; later, a move to more spacious quarters was effected but much was still lacking. Currently we have our own land and some buildings and our plan is to have a small village of many cottages to give

the children a family style living. Our new location is 1.5 Km beyond the Karen roundabout on Dagoretti Road.

Our current Board of Directors are: Dr. L. Bertolli, Chairman, an East African business pioneer, Mrs. F. Gerli, Ms. C. Burns, Sr. Mary Owens, Mrs. M. Towfighi, Mrs. A. Zakhem, Dr. S. Mining, Prof. D.W. Makawiti,

Ambassador Dennis Afande, Mr. M. Duckworth, Dr. A. D'Agostino, S.J., Founder.

Our monthly budget is approximately \$5,000. Our US\$ account with the Banque Indosuez (Nairobi) is No. 11752-224-00-15 and the K.shilling account is No. 11752-203-00-78.



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that there will be over ³2,000 orphans in Nairobi alone by 1998. Tragically, an HIV+ woman will sometimes abandon her child at birth in view of her impending demise. These infants are all HIV+ at birth, but we know that only one out four is actually infected. It is not till several months later that we can tell who that is. Meanwhile, most of them will die of simple neglect because of their HIV+ label.

When the Bible says "What you have done for these least brethren, you have done to me", It surely means the forgotten, HIV+ orphans. Your reward for helping us will certainly be from God. We ourselves have already experienced His goodness to them despite many trials and obstacles. Please help and pray for us and them.



If you care to "foster" a child of your own we will make those arrangements. Any assistance to: Children of God Relief Institute P.O. Box: 21399, Nairobi
Office Tel: (2542) 716829/568937
Fax: (2542) 718711 Hospice Tel: 884303

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NYUMBANI came into being because of a unique present day need: the care of abandoned HIV+ children in Kenya.

The latest W.H.O. predictions are



The dedication ceremony of the 3 completed buildings: Monsignor Elvio Damoli, Director of Caritas Italiana, Archbishop Raphael Ndingi of Nairobi, Father Angelo D'Agostino



Anthony and Lorenzo with the Maasai Tribe at their "manta" (compound).



One of the Nyumbani children at the site of one of the cottages.



The brothers D'Ag with nephews, Mark and Michael, at the Mount Kenya Safari Club.



Angelo, Lorenzo, Anthony and Joseph at the equator.

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Religion and Psychiatry at George Washington University, and served as an adjunct faculty member on the medical school there. For his part, D'Agostino did not find the two belief systems at all difficult to reconcile—even on the trickiest subjects.

For nearly two decades, D'Agostino served two callings: psychiatry and the priesthood.

"I was thoroughly convinced of its [Freudian theory's] validity and usefulness," he said. "I still believe in some of the basic ideas—things like the unconscious and its structure, concepts like reaction formation and the sublimation of the sexual drive." Religion, to his mind, simply addressed other questions, other needs. "When one gets into the realm of the spiritual, you leave the psychological behind."

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Things began to change again for Angelo D'Agostino after he took a trip to China in the early 1980s. A group of church officials were looking into the possibility of reopening a Jesuit-run medical school in Shanghai that had been closed after the Communist revolution. Although the plan never materialized, D'Agostino came away from it with a case of wanderlust.

In the next few years, he took two short-term positions helping establish Catholic relief services in Southeast Asia and Africa. He eventually returned to practice in Washington, but found that things were different.

"The problems that were presented to me in committees, in the medical society and in the consultation room were not as all-demanding or as needful as the problems I had seen in Africa," he recalled. "It was constantly before me—the contrast."

One person who watched D'Agostino come to terms with his doubts was the Rev. Robert F. Drinan. A former congressman from Massachusetts, Drinan was teaching at Georgetown's law school and, like D'Agostino, living at the Jesuit Community, the living quarters for Jesuit priests on the campus.

"I think every Jesuit goes through a mid-life crisis. His was just more dramatic," Drinan recalled. "He had a lot to give up, and he had high-placed friends here. But he wanted new challenges."

In 1986, D'Agostino closed his practice, quit his committees, said goodbye to his friends and returned to Africa.

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Urology is a long way from psychiatry. They're both a long way from the priesthood and running an orphanage in Africa.

D'Agostino, however, finds nothing contradictory about any of his choices. They're all connected in unexpected ways in his conversation. Ask him, for example, how he could have made such a risky decision as starting his own orphanage from scratch, and he answers matter-of-factly: "My background was surgery. I was a doer."

His life, in fact, is a patchwork of shared loyalties. Every child at Nyumbani gets religious instruction. All but those from identifiably Muslim families are baptized. D'Agostino says Mass for the children every Sunday.

Six mornings a week, D'Agostino practices psychiatry. ("As a Jesuit, I have to support myself," he notes.) Twenty dollars an hour is his top fee, and often he gets the equivalent of pocket change. No one is seen for free.

Freud, after all, never allowed that.

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[The Washington Post]



Plus: A Physician's Journey From Surgeon to Psychiatrist to Missionary



This child lives in Nairobi at the Nyumbani orphanage for HIV-infected children, founded by Angelo D'Agostino, a Jesuit physician.

doctor—practicing during the day, dating and taking dancing lessons in the evening—when, one weekend, he went on a retreat led by a Jesuit priest. He says there was no conversion experience. But in the ensuing months, D'Agostino recalled, "I finally realized there was more to life than cutting up, and sewing up, people." He decided that what he really wanted was a religious vocation.

After much persuasion, the Society of Jesus permitted him to enter a center for novices in Pennsylvania after his discharge from the Air Force in 1955. There, he spent two years living a simple life of farm work and religious study. It was a world with no radios, telephones or newspapers, where the rhythm of each day was set by the ringing of bells. All conversation was in Latin except for 45 minutes after the evening meal, when English was permitted. They were, he said, "probably two of the happiest years of my life."

D'Agostino hoped he might become a medical missionary, but the priest in charge of the novice center had a different idea. He suggested that D'Agostino might better serve the church by switching to psychiatry.

"The Jesuits were always in the forefront of intellectual battles, and at the time there was a war going on between Catholicism and psychiatry," D'Agostino recalled. "The novice master thought maybe with my background in medicine I could talk to both sides. As a psychiatrist, I might be able to present to psychiatrists the validity of religious belief."

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The chief conflict at the time was less between psychiatry and Catholicism than between psychoanalysis and Catholicism. The reasons for the mutual suspicion were many.

Most of the original psychoanalysts were atheists. Freud himself tended to interpret religious behavior and ritual as expressions of human need and neurosis. For their part, many Catholic theologians looked askance at the lack of free will implicit in much of Freudian psychology, as well as the emphasis on sexual drives. The conflict reached a peak in 1947, when Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, perhaps the best known Catholic priest in the country, attacked the "materialism, hedonism, infantilism and eroticism" of psychoanalysis in a sermon at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

By the late 1950s, Pope Pius XII had given a limited endorsement of psychoanalysis, and certain aspects of psychoanalytic theory were being included in the training of Catholic pastoral counselors. There were organizations of Catholic psychologists and psychiatrists, as well. The rapprochement between the two belief systems, however, was still new and fragile.

D'Agostino took a residency in psychiatry at Georgetown University, and then got training as a psychoanalyst at the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute. Interspersed with this work were four more years of study for the priesthood.

He was ordained in 1966, becoming at last the hybrid the church was looking for—a member of the most scholarly order of priests and a certified practitioner of the most abstruse form of psychotherapy.

For nearly two decades, D'Agostino served the two callings. He practiced psychiatry in an office at 20th and L streets NW, doing two or three hours of psychoanalytic cases each day, and filling the rest of the time with couples therapy and short-term individual psychotherapy. He was chairman of the American Psychiatric Association's committee on religion and psychiatry, started the Center for

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and his mother periodically worked in a textile mill. Together, they had four boys and two girls. Despite the father's lack of enthusiasm for the ecclesiastical world, two of the children became priests, another a Christian brother and one a nun.

Angelo, the next to youngest, went to St. Michael's College, a Catholic institution in Vermont, and then Tufts University School of Medicine. He trained as a surgeon—a urologist, specifically—in Boston, and spent the Korean War working in a military hospital outside Washington.

He was leading a relatively ordinary life as a young

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At the Nyumbani orphanage for HIV-infected children in Nairobi, Sister Emiline Elamma carries Christy Gatwiri, 5, to class. The founder of the orphanage, doctor-priest Angelo D'Agostino, is at far left.

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At the Nyumbani orphanage for HIV-infected children in Nairobi, Sister Emiline Ellamma carries Christy Gatwiri, 5, to class. The founder of the orphanage, doctor-priest Angelo D'Agostino, is at far left.

THE HEALING SPIRIT

Angelo D'Agostino's Journey from Doctor to Priest to Missionary

BY DAVID BROWN ■ PHOTOGRAPHS BY CAROL GUZY



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
George L.J. Dalferes, President, Board of Directors

This is my third Christmas message. Your continued and generous support is the reason for the report that 1997 was our all-time best year. The Nyumbani children will benefit from your generosity for years to come. They and Father D'Ag, as well as the board, send you a heartfelt thanks.

We are not going to rest on our laurels. After extensive discussions with Father D'Ag, I have appointed a committee to look at our structure, our by-laws and the membership of our board and our committees. I have asked them to come back with their recommendations by the end of January. The committee, called the organizational and nominating committee, will be chaired by Jack Dugan and composed of Mary Lynn Qurnell, Flore Gooch and Van Van Fleet. I have asked them to look into all matters affecting our efforts on behalf of the Nyumbani children. Please convey to the committee any suggestions to further their inquiry.

In closing, I would convey the board's best wishes for the holiday season and for 1998. We and the Nyumbani children are grateful for your support. We earnestly urge you to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Treasurer's Report
Joseph S. D'Agostino, Ph.D.

While 1997 is not quite over, we have had a wonderful year in terms of mounting support for NYUMBANI. Thanks to you, this have been a record-breaking year. Let me point out the highlights:

- The September 9th Benefit Event at Union Station netted \$82,041.
- Our Endowment account (our goal is \$1 Million) totals \$267,900 -- a new high.
- This year we have sent a record grand total of \$148,700 to Nyumbani for solar panels to supply hot water to the children's cottages, solar-powered night lights for compound security where no lighting existed; installation of water lines and electrical conduits to the cottages; lab equipment to test the medical condition of the children more efficiently; a 40-foot container of medicines and medical supplies for the children and the usual costs for supporting the children and staff.
- A number of donors have provided significant gifts
 - \$10,000 - 3 donors \$2,500 - 3 donors
 - \$8,600 - 1 donor \$2,000 - 2 donors
 - \$5,000 - 4 donors \$1,0000 - 13 donors
 - \$3,000 - 1 donor \$500 - 36 donors

Finally, we recorded gifts from 368 donors. This does not include many private donations made toward a single gift received from schools, colleges, parishes and missionary organizations. 368 donors gave \$154,200. This is indeed a record!!

The Board expresses a heartfelt note of thanks to all of you wonderful friends in the name of the children, the Staff and Director of Nyumbani. Have a blessed New Year!

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Winter 1997

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to write this note and visit with you from NYUMBANI. You will receive it shortly before Christmas but as I write it here in early November my mind can visualize how bright and cheery it is for all of you in your homes and neighborhoods.

If the past is any indication, Christmas Day here at NYUMBANI will be a very festive occasion with shouts of laughter and joy coming from all the children. It is a very special day to them and for all of us.

The spirit of Christmas includes selfless giving, primarily, but much gratitude as well. That an infinite and Almighty God, for no advantage (but only selfless love) gives His only Son to bring us back to Himself, is beyond comprehension. After 2000 years, that often told message is still a source of great joy.

But, as is so often the case here at NYUMBANI, we are the recipients of overwhelming generosity from so many, near and far. So it behooves us to complement the Christmas spirit by acknowledging that great kindness by extending a prayerful word of sincerest and heartfelt thanks - - which the the children and I will offer at Mass on Christmas Day. The list is too long to itemize since it would fill 2 and 3 newsletters. But, you are known to God -- and to us -- and we leave it to Him to bless and reward you for your giving to His very special 55 HIV+ orphans at NYUMBANI.

As we face the beginning of 1998, here is a capsule look at 1997. It was a good year beyond imagining: The 10 family units are complete, the Sisters' residence and the schoolhouse are finished and in use, the warehouse construction was recently completed and is serving its purpose well, the playground in the center of our campus is almost finished and all that needs to be done is the completion of the staff quarters and the finalization of landscaping the grounds.

As word of the orphanage has spread, there has been an increase in the number of children left in our care. We have had to face a subsequent increase in funds for supplies of food, medicine and staff to keep up the quality of care that is appropriate. But we enter 1998 with hope and much courage.

Two other moments stand out during the year: In January, three of my brothers and two nephews came to NYUMBANI to visit and witness the program. In October, John and Patty Noel brought a group of distinguished tourists to NYUMBANI to witness and to work. They painted, played and partied with the children and left a generous check for our program. Both of those visits were special times for the children, for me and for the staff.

As an aside, we encourage all of you to be on the lookout for a major donor who will give us the security to endow the support program of NYUMBANI. An individual or a corporation could insure the future of NYUMBANI until a cure is found and the hospice is no longer needed. Wouldn't that be a day of prayerful thanksgiving! Until then, we still require that same Christmas spirit that will inspire you and many others to assist us as we attempt to provide joy and happiness to our children who certainly need it in their short lives.

As you know, we pray daily for all of the benefactors of NYUMBANI who do the work of the Lord through their selfless support. We are peaceful in knowing that His Providence - with you as His instruments - will never fail us.

May the Peace and Joy of Christmas that is beyond any human gift be with you and yours this season and throughout the coming 1998.

*Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year,
A. D'Agostino, S.J., M.D.
Founder & Medical Director*

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Record Breaking 1997 Fundraising Event with Mark Shields and Kathleen Matthews



Chris and Kathleen Matthews enjoy their visit with Father D'Ag.



Mark Shields dines with event attendees, Dawn Margaret Wallersted and Georgia Dalferes.

This year's annual fundraiser was the most successful ever, netting \$82,041 for the orphanage. Mark Shields and Kathleen Matthews were wonderful and their continuing support is appreciated by everyone. Over 150 people gathered to hear Mark and Kathleen and show their support for NYUMBANI. Trudy Sween of Pheonix, Arizona donated her unique artwork as gifts to our special guests. A limited number of additional signed pieces are available for donors contributing over \$500. Representatives from The Noel Group came from Chicago to tell the guests about the success of the "Make A Mark" trips to NYUMBANI.

DONOR PROFILES:

Chris Lowthian, a purser with British Airways, has been a tireless supporter of NYUMBANI encouraging others to contribute clothing, baby goods and medical supplies, as well as monetary donations. Currently, he is attempting to pool donations of the freight allowances given to British Airways crew members in order transport much needed large appliances.

A recent donor learned of the orphanage and although incarcerated at a correctional institution has offered to provide the children with his wonderful hand-drawn cartoons and despite limited resources has given a donation. He has been inspired by NYUMBANI and pledges to continue his support.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the great work of the DC Board in putting together another successful benefit reception in early September while I was in the DC area. It was a huge turnout of people with a magnificent program within a festive atmosphere. The night always goes by so quickly but it was good to say hello to so many friends and supporters who were present. From what I hear, it appears that the results will be recordbreaking. Many thanks to all the organizers and participants. You know who you are.

All of us at NYUMBANI are everlastingly grateful to the Boards of Directors both here in Nairobi and in Washington, DC. Their aid, guidance, counsel and fiscal support has been the foundation for all that is being accomplished here. We value the leadership of the two board chairs: George Dalferes in DC and Ambassador Denis Afande here in Nairobi. ---

A. D'Agostino, A.F., M.D.

Father D'Ag appointed Representative from the Vatican at the United Nations International Conference on AIDS in Nairobi. 1997 UN AIDS Awareness Campaign is "Children Living in a World with AIDS".

Dedication of New Schoolhouse

"I believe that education is one of the essential requirements of a society and every child has the right to study." - Ambassador Horiuchi

Due to the limited understanding of the transmission of AIDS, the NYUMBANI children have been prevented from attending local public or private schools. One and a half years ago, the Japanese Ambassador, Dr. Shinsuke Horiuchi, visited NYUMBANI and saw the tent that was serving as a "School House". His subsequent response and the Grassroots Project Programme of the Japanese Government resulted in the funding and construction of a four room school building with all the amenities. On October 24th, the new school was opened with a special dedication ceremony attended by the Dr. Horiuchi, the Kenyan Board, many well wishers and friends, the NYUMBANI children and members of the press.



Japanese Ambassador, Dr. Horiuchi, unveils dedication plaque



Gathered with the children for a commemorative photo. From left: Ambassador Denis Afande, Board Chair, Reverend Angelo D'Agostino, Founder and Medical Director, Dr. Shinsuke Horiuchi, the Japanese Ambassador, Jann Eastwood, Kenyan Board Member



One of the NYUMBANI children makes a presentation to the honored guest.

A MESSAGE OF LIFE & LOVE IN KENYA

Joseph S. D'Agostino, Ph.D.

It was the chance of a lifetime to visit Kenya. What hits you immediately on arrival at NYUMBANI is the joy and happiness of the children. Twenty-nine youngsters ages 10 months to 13 years laugh, giggle, play, hug you and hold your hand. While you would find children like them in any playground in the world, these children are different. This is NYUMBANI and they are HIV+ and abandoned by their families.

My brother, Angelo, has been a Nairobi resident in various capacities for more than ten years. He lives at the Loyola Jesuit Community in Nairobi and has an office on the outskirts of town.

In 1991, Angelo was serving on the Board of a Catholic orphanage in Nairobi when he suggested that they consider admitting abandoned HIV+ children. The Board members rejected his suggestion, so Angelo made arrangements to rent a small house and brought six children together to give them a stable environment.

By 1993, the number of children had grown to twelve and by 1994 there were twenty. After renting and outfitting buildings to be used as hospitals, he decided that he needed his own place. He was fortunate to find property in a suburb of Nairobi called Karen. A Board of his friends in Washington, DC held several benefits to raise the funds to purchase this property. A large, barn-like structure on the property was remodeled and made into a combination infirmary and living quarters for twenty children. He named it NYUMBANI, Swahili for "home".

An unexpected discovery was made shortly after NYUMBANI was opened. Not all babies who test HIV+ at birth will face the horrors of the disease. The child tests positive at birth because of antibodies in the mother's blood. After several months, the maternal antibodies clear out so that three of out of four babies lose their HIV+ condition.

This good news brought about certain problems. The surviving babies needed to be fed and housed to a certain age. Following the certification of their good health, a system of support and adoption had to be developed. That is why Angelo and his staff are now busy setting up an adoption or foster care bureau which, in its early stages, has been successful.

In early 1996, Angelo realized that the numbers were growing rapidly and space in the main structure was very tight. He now had 29 children to house and support. After many petitions, an architect volunteered to design cottages for the children which would be set up around a central campus.

When we arrived at NYUMBANI, construction was well underway. Three of the five buildings have been completed and are occupied. The other two, in the final stages of construction, include a convent which will house five nuns from India serving as nurses and teachers and a large, two room schoolhouse.

My brother possesses boundless energy. He is constantly on the move to find funding for NYUMBANI and bring in people to help. In addition to numerous volunteers from around the world, there are currently 25 full and part-time individuals who act as medical doctors, social workers, therapists, nurses, teachers, cooks, drivers and night watchmen. The watchmen are members of the Maasai Tribe noted for their bravery and lion hunting skills.

Reality hit us shortly after we arrived. One of the boys who had been there for two years died. His name was Felix Omondi. He was a quiet boy who enjoyed feeding his rabbits each day. We attended the funeral service where all the children sat in the front row as special guests. Felix was laid to rest at the little cemetery on the property.

Our two weeks in Kenya allowed us to see a part of the world that is very different from anything we have ever seen. Things move slowly there, all the conveniences we have come to expect are missing. The Kenyan people are courteous, pleasant and in tune with the natural beauty around them. They are not taken up with the hustle and bustle of our fast-paced everyday life. Life happens when it happens.

This brief summary cannot tell all of what we saw and appreciated about the culture of Kenya. We came away with a deep admiration for these people and their way of life. Despite the high incidence of the AIDS epidemic, it was heartening to witness a bit of a miracle at NYUMBANI. A vision to help poor, innocent children has made a difference in the lives of 29 young ones. In a short time that number will grow to 80. With God's blessing and the goodwill and financial support of friends around the world, that number will be doubled and tripled.

The recipe for success at NYUMBANI is quite simple. It is a mix of dignity, medicine, love, education, food, housing and spiritual values. It was a privilege to be a part of that mix for two weeks.

SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS

GOLD AWARD PROJECT

NYUMBANI ORPHANAGE FOR HIV POSITIVE CHILDREN

*"Serving the Children of the Nyumbani Orphanage and
Hospice for HIV Positive Orphans in
Nairobi, Kenya, Africa"*



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Press Release

**SENIOR GIRL SCOUT EARNING HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT "GOLD AWARD" BY
WORKING TO RAISE DONATIONS FOR AFRICAN ORPHANAGE AND HOSPICE
FOR HIV POSITIVE ABANDONED BABIES.**

FAIRFAX, VA - The World Health Organization reports that there are an estimated 3,000 HIV Positive infants just in 1998 alone in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa . Many of these infants are abandoned at birth because their mothers, who are mostly single, are afraid they will die and leave their children completely alone. The mothers hope that the hospital will care for the babies. But the hospitals do not have enough resources to care for these babies, so most die from neglect within a few months. Also, 3 out of 4 babies testing HIV Positive at birth turn out, about 4 - 6 months later, to be HIV *Negative* . This is due to the fact that at birth and for four months afterwards, the infants still carry their mother's antibodies which is what the test picks up on . Once the antibodies are cleared from the infant's system, then it can be determined if the infant is actually infected with the HIV virus or not.

Ever hear that every little bit helps? Most likely, yes. It's one of those sayings that everyone says, everyone knows, and one girl takes to heart. Blaire Bingham, a Senior Girl Scout from Fairfax, Virginia, learned about an organization that is doing something about this tragic problem. With help from family and business leaders, she is embarking on a little crusade that will hopefully help.

Ms. Bingham is working to earn her Girl Scout "Gold Award", which is for Girl Scouts what the Eagle Scout Award is to Boy Scouts. For her Gold Award Project, Blaire chose to help a small yet very needy orphanage located in Karen, a town just outside of Nairobi in Kenya, Africa. It is the Nyumbani Orphanage and Hospice, and it is a place for abandoned HIV Positive children to go and live out their lives in a loving family environment, receiving the best available medical, nutritional, and psychological care. For those children that are fortunate to be diagnosed HIV Negative , they are placed in foster homes.

Father Angelo D'Agostino, a medical doctor and psychiatrist who later in life joined the Catholic Jesuits, founded the orphanage in 1992. He began Nyumbani as a project of the Children of God Relief Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C.

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Since Nyumbani was first founded, 150 children, toddlers and infants, have been cared for. Today there are 50 children living at Nyumbani with 40 HIV Negative children that have been placed into foster care services. Thanks to recent donations, more housing units, a schoolhouse, and a warehouse have been built and Nyumbani now will be able to house twice as many children. But that is still not enough. Nyumbani takes in newborns who test HIV Positive at birth, and if they are found to be HIV Negative, they are sent to foster homes or back to their communities through a special adoption and foster care service that Father D'Agostino established. Nyumbani saves lives and cares for HIV Positive children. That is why it is so important for Nyumbani to expand, and that is why Ms. Bingham wishes to help the Nyumbani Orphanage.

Being Senior at Fairfax High School, Blaire obviously has no funds of her own to contribute to the Nyumbani Orphanage. So for her Gold Award Project, but more for the orphanage itself, she will be contacting local businesses and corporations, asking them for financial donations, medical supplies, baby goods, food, and any other needed items directly to the Nyumbani Orphanage. Though it may not sound like much, she hopes that any donations she does raise will help the children residing at Nyumbani and that her little bit will be a big help to these needy children.

If you would like further information about Nyumbani, visit their website at www.nyumbani.com. For donation information, you can contact Nyumbani Orphanage, c/o Barbara Boggs Associates, Inc., 1726 M Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, D.C. 20036 at 202-872-0393.

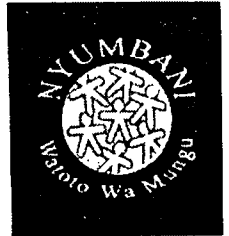
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GIRL SCOUTS GOLD AWARD PROJECT



**Nyumbani Orphanage and Hospice
(Near) Nairobi, Kenya, Africa**

SPONSORED BY
"The Children of God Relief Fund, Inc."
Nonprofit Organization
Based in Washington, D.C.

BACKGROUND
**The First Hospice for HIV Positive
Orphans In Kenya**

***PREDICATED BY THE WHOLE HEALTH ORGANIZATION THERE
WILL BE OVER 3,000 HIV POSITIVE ABANDONED BABIES IN
NAIROBI, KENYA ALONE IN 1998.***

OBJECTIVE
**To Solicit Donations of Medical Supplies
and Equipment, Food and Other Needed
Donations from Local Corporations and Businesses.**

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IN APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the following people who donated time, effort and funds to assist in Blaire Bingham's Girl Scout Gold Award:

Mary Lynn Qurnell: Nyumbani Board of Director. For suggesting Nyumbani as a Gold Award Project and providing guidance with the Board of Directors.

Dr. Joseph D'Agostino: For providing information, meeting with me to discuss my Gold Award Project and serving as a mentor and contact during this project.

ASPECT Picture Library, London, England: Appreciation to Derek Bayes of ASPECT Picture Library for contacting Mike Wells requesting permission to reprint Mr. Wells photograph, the "Hand". Thanks to Mr. Wells for permitting me to use his inspiring photograph.

Lettercomm Printers, Inc., Alexandria, VA: For donating the printing of the materials for the Nyumbani binders.

Armstrong & Associates Legislative Consultants, Fairfax, VA: For underwriting the cost of my Gold Award Project. A special thanks to the staff of Armstrong & Associates, Shari Bekar, Executive Assistant, for being a telephone contact taking calls while I am in school and serving as the press release contact. Also, Brian Turnau, Computer Specialist, for providing instruction on the use of certain computer programs to enhance my project (scanning, setting up forms, logos, etc).

My parents: Jeff and Suzanne Bingham for their encouragement, suggestions in letter writing, editing, and guidance in how to proceed with my Gold Award project.



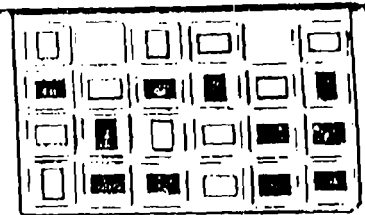
**"HAND" THE AWARD WINNING PHOTOGRAPH
BY MIKE WELLS**

1980 FAMINE IN UGANDA, AFRICA

Africa is Suffering in so Many Ways....Wars, Famine and Disease.

*Thanks to the Nyumbani Orphanage and Hospice a Small Number of Lucky Children
Do Not suffer this Way...Those "One Out of Four" Children that Do Convert to HIV Negative,
Are Adopted and Survive in a Happy, Healthy and Loving Environment!
Those Unfortunate Children that are Infected with the AIDS Virus Spend their Entire Lives
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Dear Blair,

Having spoken to Mike Wells the photographer, he has agreed seeing the nature of your project to let you use the photograph for your project. However please note that this covers a print run of up to 75 copies only. The photograph should contain the credit line Mike Wells/Aspect and the copyright symbol (c), no other reproduction rights being granted.

Good luck with your project.

Best regards

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August 31, 1998

Jennifer Minerva
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Dear Ms. Minerva:

My name is Blaire Bingham, and I am a sixteen year old Senior Girl Scout and I am submitting the Girl Scout "Gold Award" project plan to our Washington, D.C. Girl Scout Council of the Nations Capital. The Gold Award is the highest achievement awarded to a Girl Scout and is the equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle Award.

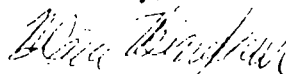
My Gold Award project must be submitted this week and I am hoping to obtain permission, as a donation, to use a photograph that was published in the "Life Classic Photographs, A Personal Interpretation" by John Loengard. The "Hand" photograph by photographer Mike Wells is printed on page 105. I will try to fax a copy to you, but it may not fax well.

I have selected assisting the Nyumbani Orphanage and Hospice for HIV positive abandoned babies located in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. This is a special place for these helpless children. I have attached some background information for your review.

The orphanage will be happy to write a letter indicating that you donated the cost of the photograph for tax purposes. I have enclosed also the copyright permission form or if you have a standard permission form, please fax it to me.

Thank you so much for helping with my Gold Award project.

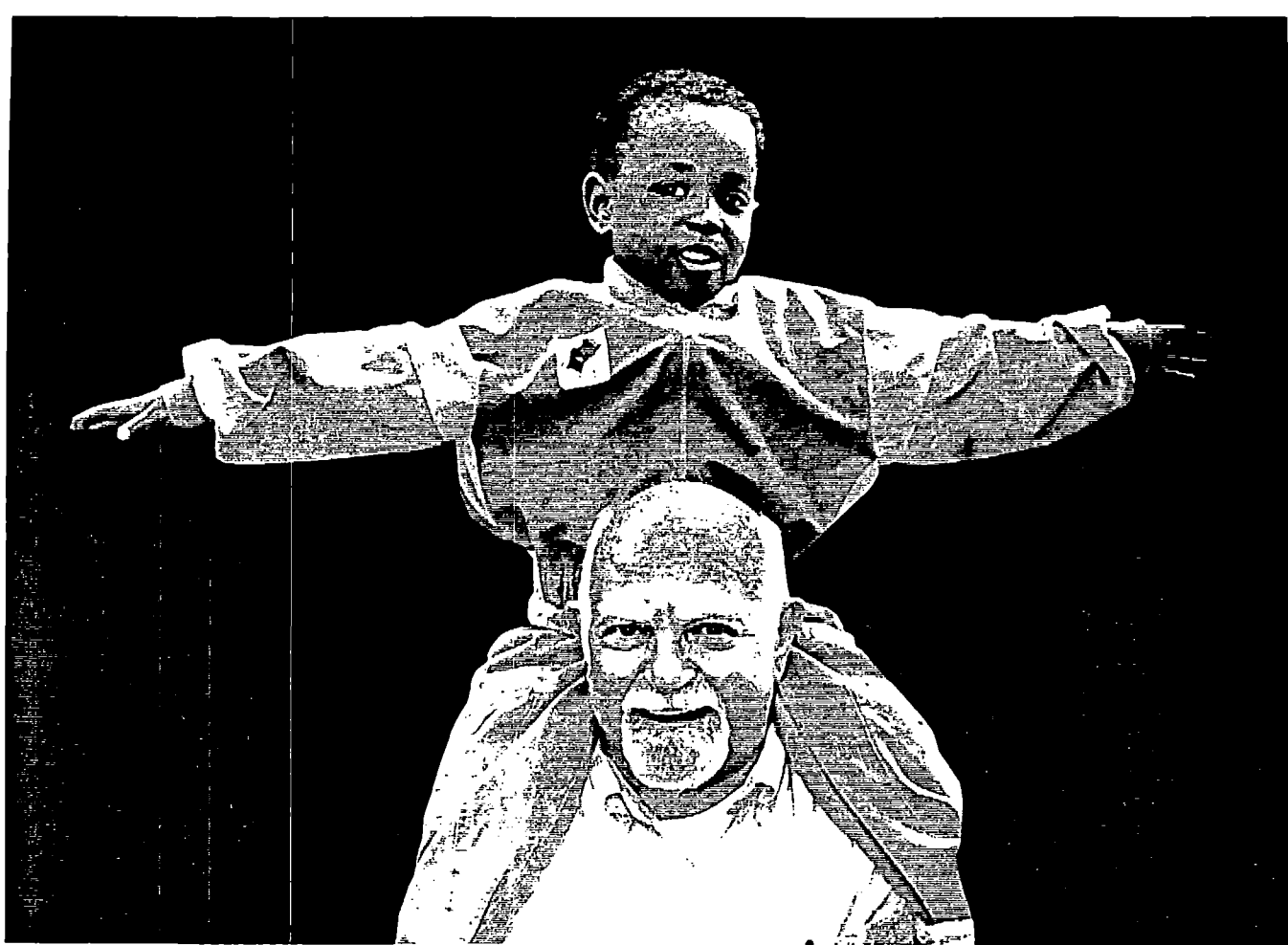
Sincerely,



Blaire Bingham
Senior Girl Scout
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NYUMBANI ORPHANAGE

FATHER ANGELO D'AGOSTINO, S.J., M.D.



Father Angelo D'Agostino, S.J., M.D.

Father D'Agostino, M.D., the *Washington Post* portrays his life in an article entitled, "Physician's Journey From Surgeon to Psychiatrist to Missionary". Father D'Agostino joined the Jesuits in 1955 following service in the U.S. Air Force which included two years specializing as a urologist surgeon in Boston and during the Korean War working in a military hospital outside Washington, D.C. He led a relatively normal life before becoming a Catholic Priest. Soon after joining the Catholic Church, D'Agostino, became a psychiatrist and served in the Church in that capacity. Years later he took two short term positions helping establish Catholic relief services in Southeast Asia and Africa. In 1986, Father D'Agostino closed his practice in Washington, D.C. and returned to Africa where he felt he was needed.

"Urology is a long way from psychiatry. They're both a long way from the priesthood and running an orphanage in Africa", according to Father D'Agostino. But at Nyumbani Orphanage six mornings a week he practices psychiatry, he notes "as a Jesuit, I have to support myself". Twenty dollars an hour is his top fee, and often he gets the equivalent of pocket change.

Father D'Agostino, Founder and driving force behind the Nyumbani Orphanage, has endorsements from political officials worldwide and the business community helps him continue to serve the needs of these helpless children. But the need is overwhelming and more help and financial support is desperately needed.

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FACTS AND DONATION HIGHLIGHTS

Nyumbani Orphanage and Hospice Nairobi, Kenya, Africa



FACTS ABOUT NYUMBANI ORPHANAGE

* "NYUMBANI" is "Swahili for "Home". The Nyumbani Orphanage, located near Nairobi, Kenya, Africa, was opened in 1992 and since that time, a total of 54 children, both infants and toddler, have been cared for. Currently, there are 29 HIV Positive children being cared for (18 girls and 11 boys) ranging in age from seven months to 13 years. The children live in duplex units of "cottages". The cottages hold a "house mother" and 6 to 8 children each and housing for professional staff. Through donations, additional duplexes, a schoolhouse and a warehouse have been recently completed. With completion Nyumbani will be able to house twice as many children, but still more is needed.

* Many children are abandoned by their HIV positive mothers while in the hospital because the mothers fear they will die after leaving the hospital and leave their child alone and totally isolated (most are single mothers). In the Kenya public hospitals, there are not enough resources to care for these babies, and most die, from neglect, with a few months.

* Many of these children born to HIV positive mothers also test positive for HIV and this is often the reason these children are neglected and allowed to die. For infants, however, the HIV positive label can be misleading. That's because all babies born of infected mothers carry some of her HIV antibodies for a while – and it's antibodies not the virus itself, that is measured in the conventional AIDS test. Not until six months after birth, when the maternal antibodies finally disappear, can the children who actually carry the virus (and making their own antibodies to it) be distinguished from children who are only transiently antibody-positive. Also, the abandoned babies are not being breastfed by the infected mother so decreasing the risk of virus infection.

* All children arrive at Nyumbani testing HIV positive. At Nyumbani, these abandoned babies are given the best nutritional, medical and psychological care available, so that these children can survive to the point of correct determination. The unexpected discovery through this testing is that three quarters (one out of four) babies test HIV negative. An adoption and foster care service was established to place these healthy babies.

* Those children who are found to be HIV Negative status (three out of four), are placed back into their communities, with other family members or with foster families.

* Father D'Agostino was appointed Vatican Representative at the United Nations International Conference on AIDS in Nairobi. The 1997 United Nations AIDS Awareness Campaign was "Children Living in a World with AIDS."

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August, 1998

EXAMPLES OF DONATIONS TO NYUMBANI ORPHANAGE

- * Japanese Ambassador, Dr. Shinsuke Horiuchi, visited Nyumbani and saw the tent that was serving as a "School House". Due to limited understanding of the transmission of AIDS, the Nyumbani children have been prevented from attending local public or private schools. Ambassador Horiuchi responded to the need for a school house and the "Grassroots Project Programme" of the Japanese Government resulted in the funding and construction of a four room school building with all the amenities. On October 4, 1997, the new school was opened with a special dedication ceremony.**
- * Since 1975, Dr. Art Ulene's health reports have appeared nationally on the "NBC Today" show. He has also authored more than 50 books and home video/audio programs designed to promote good health. Dr. Ulene supports the "Make a Mark" nonprofit secular, humanitarian project founded in 1993 by John and Patty Noel of the Noel Group. The focus of "Make a Mark" is to assist in funding the building of clinics, schools and orphanages in developing countries. Mr. Noel and Mr. Ulene sponsor opportunities to "create global relationships through international travel combined with sustainable, humanitarian projects." Sponsored and coordinated by the Noel Group, the "Make a Mark" journey offered in 1997 was a humanitarian tour of Nyumbani and nearly half the cost of the trip was donated to the orphanage. "Make a Mark" has donated over \$25,000 to Nyumbani.**
- * British Airways purser, Chris Lowthian, has been a tireless supporter of Nyumbani encouraging others to contribute clothing, baby goods and medical supplies, as well as monetary donations. Currently, he is attempting to pool donations of the freight allowances given to British Airways crew members in order to transport much needed large appliances. Crew members are also raising funds to finance a new playground.**
- * Dick McMichael, Flight Engineer, and fellow British Airways employees, arranged with British Airways World Cargo to have donated hospital equipment flown to Nairobi. The equipment was donated by Vickers Medical and came from hospitals in Shoreham and Worthing, Sussex after becoming obsolete in the United Kingdom, but still very useful in developing countries.**
- * Nyumbani is grateful also to other benefactors including the Caritas Italiana, a Italian Catholic Charities organization funded two of the five complex buildings and the Swiss Pro Victimis Foundation.**

NYUMBANI

FACT SHEET

NYUMBANI is the realized vision of Dr. Angelo D'Agostino, S.J., M.D. who while on the Board of a large orphanage in Kenya, became aware of the reluctance of this orphanage to accept HIV+ children and to provide adequate facilities for their care. Dr. D'Agostino was soon joined by other willing helpers. Currently, NYUMBANI is a non-profit company registered in Kenya under the Companies Act (Cap.486), Registration Certificate No. C.72607, under the name "Children of God Relief Institute" and is managed by a voluntary Board of Directors. It was gazetted as a Home by the Ministry of Home Affairs on October 27, 1995 and approved as a Hospice by the Director of Medical Services in the Ministry of Health.

PURPOSE

NYUMBANI was founded because of a unique need to-day: the care of HIV positive abandoned infants. The WHO has predicted a population of 120,000 such children in Kenya by 2000. The tragic fact is that some HIV+ mothers assume, regrettably, that their child will not live, so they often abandon the child either at the maternity hospital or elsewhere. These infants all test positive at birth because of having their mother's anti-bodies; only one out of four, however, is actually infected. It is not until several months later that their true status can be known. Sadly, however, most of these infants die of neglect due to their HIV label and through ignorance of the possibility of their not being infected.

NYUMBANI represents an effort to remedy this situation. At NYUMBANI, we give these abandoned infants the best nutritional, medical, psychosocial and spiritual care possible so that they can and do survive until the time when a correct determination can be made. Those who do convert to a negative status are often adopted or transferred to appropriate settings. Those who remain positive stay with us for whatever span of life will be theirs. Therefore, besides providing care for all the children, we are also able to prevent the dire consequences of neglect and also so save three out of four lives of newborns. We keep open house all the time so that the children can interact with a wider population than the community of those who care for them. We see this as integral to their healthy emotional development. In this way, too, we are able to educate others both by example and by providing information concerning the status and care of children who are born HIV+. It is also our aim to invite others to replicate our project through a modelling process.

FUNDING

NYUMBANI relies totally on the donations of PEOPLE OF COMPASSION, locally and abroad. We have a sister organization, the Children of God Relief Fund, in USA, which helps raise some of the cost and hope to have a similar organization in England. Several local bodies in Kenya have organized fund raising for us and we have been the beneficiaries of charity donations from a few international bodies in Kenya. As yet we have no major donor.

We welcome volunteers from all walks of life from the friendly neighboring 'granny' who comes to visit and chat with the children, the volunteer student, local or from abroad, who offers some months of service during university vacations to the more specialized persons, such as doctors or nurses, who give their services for a period of time or offer 'on call' availability. One such person was Dr. Therese Martin, a pediatrician sponsored by APSO, who offered her full-time services from February to early May, 1994 and again from June to August of 1995.

Our monthly budget ranges between \$13,000 to \$15,000. With no major donor to rely on, this means a constant appeal for sustaining funds. So far we have accrued a safety net to fall back on but it requires re-implementation. Our annual auditor is Peat Marwick.

HISTORY

The first NYUMBANI opened on September 8, 1992 in rented quarters. Six months later, March 1, 1993, we moved to a more spacious structure in a healthy suburban area of Nairobi, and remained there until acquiring the present site on Karen.

A plot of approximately 2 acres was identified in October 1994, on which were some offices and a large shed. It was offered to COGRI by a well-wisher at a marked-down price. Renovations were made to

existing buildings and, the new NYUMBANI was officially opened on March 25, 1995. At present there are 50 children in residence.

The model of simulating a village-style living had been the objective of NYUMBANI right from the beginning. Constraints of depending on voluntary contributions rendered this not feasible in the early stages: to date, we have been utilizing either rented quarters or rent-free premises. Now, for the first time, having purchased land, we have eight buildings on the village model lines. Thanks to three generous contributors we have completed 5 duplex houses, a residence for professional staff, a schoolhouse and godown. Each of the duplexes will accommodate from 12 to 16 children in 2 family units. While the main purpose of this model is the creating of an environment for the children as close as possible to that of a family, we also believe that it has the advantage of being a model which is easy to replicate and affordable.

The latest development for the Children of God Relief Institute is the initiation of a Foster Care Program. NYUMBANI is quite unable to satisfy the growing demands upon it, so another means has been devised in which the HIV+ orphan is cared for by an extended family member. After inspection and approval by the Children's Department, a foster Carer is given an appropriate stipend (up to \$ 40 a month) as well as clothes, medicines etc. as needed. Seed money for this project has been awarded by the Global Alliance for Africa but it is growing so fast more support will be needed soon.

CONCLUSION

The care of children with an as yet incurable disease may not seem a 'profitable enterprise' but it cannot be surpassed as a humanitarian endeavor. Providing a stress-free, family life experience has been proven scientifically to mitigate the ravages of HIV infection. We believe our efforts can serve as a pilot project to be replicated whenever needed.

A. D'Agostino, S.J., M.D.
Founder & Medical Director.

1st May, 1998

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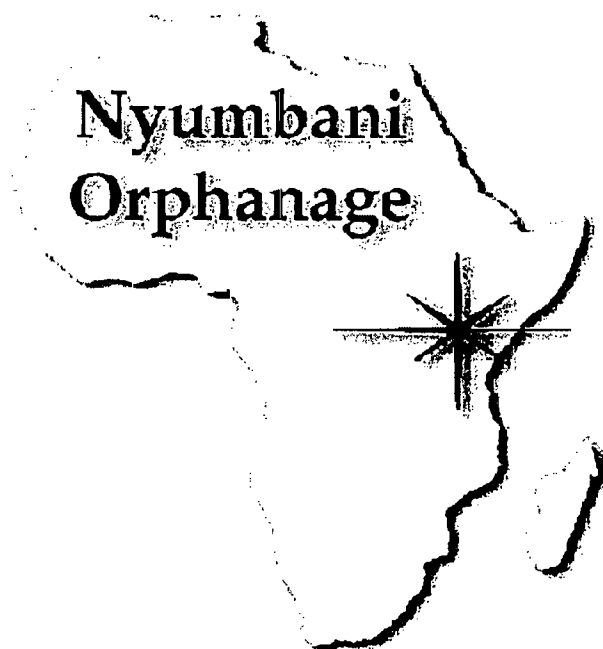


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We can now accept On-Line Donations! Now, it's even easier to help the children of Nyumbani Orphanage. The number of visitors to our web site has continued to grow and we thank all of you for your kindness and support.

"**Nyumbani**" (Swahili for "Home"), was opened in September 1992 to care for abandoned children who are HIV +. Located in the town of Karen, very near **Nairobi, Kenya**, Nyumbani provides much needed medical help, food, clothing and of course love to children who would be otherwise homeless. With the ever increasing number of HIV infected children, Nyumbani has become a beacon of hope in an area that desperately needs one.



At present, Nyumbani has captured the hearts of many across the world, in large part due to the tireless efforts of Nyumbani's founder, Fr. Angelo D'Agostino. Please take the time to explore our website. We know that you, like so many others, will be deeply affected by this story of love, courage and faith. Thank you for visiting and if you would like to become a friend of Nyumbani, visit our "[How You Can Help](#)" page.

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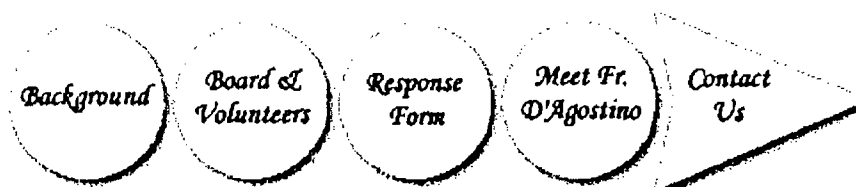
Many HIV Positive women in Kenya abandon their children in the hospital, because they fear they will die and leave their HIV Positive child alone and totally isolated (most are single mothers). In the public hospitals, there are not enough resources to care for these babies, and most die, from neglect, within a few months.

The facts are that not all infants born to AIDS-infected mothers actually carry the virus. Some infants are born free of infection; unfortunately, these healthy infants still test HIV Positive because they carry their mothers antibodies (the test is designed to pick-up the antibodies, and not the virus itself).

At Nyumbani, these abandoned babies are given the best nutritional, medical and psychological care available, so that these children can survive to the point of correct determination.

Those children who do convert to HIV Negative status (three out of four children), are placed back into their communities, with other family members, or foster families.

With the ever increasing rise of HIV-infected children (The World Health Organization has predicted 3,000 HIV Positive children in Nairobi alone), Nyumbani is desperately trying to expand its facilities to provide comprehensive care to more HIV Positive children. To that end, the Washington D.C. based organization, **Children of God Relief Fund**, is enthusiastically and actively fundraising to help Nyumbani be able to increase its physical space to accept the children who are already on a waiting list.



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- As of June 1, there are 49 HIV+ orphans resident in Nyumbani. Cecelia who is 11 months old has turned negative and has been asked for in adoption. Joseph Angelo who is 6 months old has recently turned negative and has been spoken for in adoption. There have been two deaths since January 1, 1998: Lillian and Adrian. We now have at least 17 "Heavenly Helpers Alumnae of NYUMBANI" who are relieved of their suffering and now have eternal joy.
 - The laboratory equipment finally arrived and began functioning early in February. We can now accurately calibrate the status of the children's health but keeping it operating will require additional resources.
 - We have a remarkable group of volunteers:
 - **Dr. Lorin Mimless**, a Providence, R.I. psychiatrist from University of Mass. He has written two articles for submission to medical journals and meetings. He has also greatly assisted in the day to day care of the children and his avocation as a photographer has resulted in a benefit: "NYUMBANI: A photo essay," which is presented at the American Club, Nairobi, on March 7.
 - **Dr. (Mathematics-Harvard) Megan Jewett** who, together with Carla Imperial, a computer expert, have founded a much needed pre-school nursery for 10 very happy children who would otherwise be "unoccupied" since they are too young for school.
 - **Jim Freeman**, a Dartmouth graduate who has been interviewed at Harvard, Duke, Yale and John Hopkins Medical School
 - **Rhondee Benjamin-Johnson**, a graduate of Spellman College and awaiting her beginning of her first year at Harvard Medical School
- Jim and Rhondee are actively involved in laboratory procedures as well as "hands on" care of the children.
- One important note: The contributions of the volunteers cannot possibly be underestimated. The enthusiasm, expertise, the American "can do" spirit, humor and caring all contribute greatly to the "NYUMBANI" ethos and morale. Volunteers worldwide are welcome.
- The British Airways boosters, Chris Lowthian and Richard McMichael, have convened the first meeting of a nascent "NYUMBANI" in U.K. group. Those attending at the home of Keith & Clare Norman were Advocate Lindsey Boswell of Nairobi, Count L.R. Machiavelli, Mr. R. Doyle, Helen Mann. A plan of action for registration of the group was initiated and other relevant topics discussed. NYUMBANI now seems on the verge of making the European scene.
 - Fr, D'Agostino was invited to present a paper at a conference on "Women's Health Issues" at the 2000 bed Catholic University Hospital/Medical School in Rome. The conference,

sponsored by the Pontifical Academy for Life, heard from speakers worldwide on wide ranging aspects of women's health. Fr. D'Agostino's paper was the only one from a developing country and as such was well received. While in Rome, he met with three groups of NYUMBANI supporters who made generous contributions. At the same time he solidified the association with Dr. Paulo Rossi and his group interested in HIV/AIDS at the famous Bambino Gesù Hospital in Rome. Collaborative studies will be carried out now that our laboratory is operative.

- The Foster Care Program (FCP) got underway on Feb. 1 - thanks to the initiative and support of Global Alliance for Africa headed by Tom Derdak (of Chicago) who visited NYUMBANI in December. The Coordinator of the FCP is Caroline Matsalia who has been our senior social worker. Her administrator for the program is Kathleen Kisia who has a strong background in counseling and community action. Within the first month 7 children were "placed" - an auspicious start. A mobile clinic will be required before long and funding is being sought.
- NYUMBANI has been nominated and named one of the finalists in the annual Hilton Humanitarian Award, to be announced in September 1998. The winning organization is granted one million dollars (U.S.).

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An African Mission Odyssey

by: Fr. Angelo D'Agostino, S.J., M.D.

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Joining the Jesuits

Before joining the Jesuits in 1955, I spent two years as a surgeon with the U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C. It was during this time that having made a retreat with the Knights of Columbus under Fr. Dave Madden, S.J., the thought of a vocation arose. After some efforts at convincing the Jesuits at Georgetown that I was serious, I was allowed to take Latin classes in the evenings and finally was accepted. During the novitiate, it soon became obvious that the society was not particularly interested in a surgeon, but thanks to the creative foresight and sensitivity of Fr. Tom Gavigan, S.J., Novice Master, I became convinced that psychiatry would be more useful.

Refugee Service

Many years later, after having completed training, I began to practice and teach psychiatry in Washington, D.C. Later, I setup the Center for Religion and Psychiatry and taught at the Washington Theological Union. I visited mainland China in 1978, with a group of medical men, where there were rumors that the Society might be invited to reopen the Medical School in Shanghai, thus, I volunteered for such a post. After a year, I received word from the Provincial that Fr. Arrupe, who was Superior General of the Society of Jesus at the time, was calling for volunteers to work in Thailand with Indochinese refugees. The Provincial then said that this territory was not too far from China and asked that I consider this assignment. I suspended the practice and teaching obligations for one year and I set off for Thailand as a director of a medical facility at a refugee camp there. After one year when I was about to return to the United States, Fr. Arrupe chanced to come through Bangkok and spent a couple of days with us.

I shall never forget his August 6th homily, the anniversary of the Hiroshima atom bomb drop. After Mass, he had dinner with us and revealed that he was considering starting the Jesuit Refugee Service in Africa and asked if I would consider coordinating that effort. I responded by saying that my leave and professional obligations ran for one year and that I was obliged to return. But he suggested that it would be only for a few months.

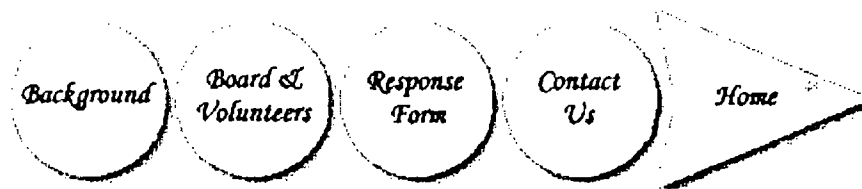
Well, it is now twelve years later and the Refugee Service is well developed and in good hands while I moved on to other fields. The two years spent as Coordinator of the Jesuit Refugee Service were frantic, challenging and very rewarding. The sum total of it was that programs were established in Sudan, Ethiopia, Zaire and Tanzania. Coordinating the efforts of wonderfully generous Jesuits from Belgium, India and Canada, while using Nairobi as a base, I was able to establish programs in these various countries only because they were manned by Jesuits who volunteered their services living in extremely difficult and trying situations.

The Idea Was Conceived

Returning to the U.S. for some time, I was able to resume practice and teaching. I found the

experience sterile compared to the work that I left in Africa. So in 1987, I returned to the Eastern African Region and was given the work as a Superior of a Retreat House which was in need of expansion and refurbishment. When that was concluded, I resumed the general practice of Psychiatry with some teachings of Pastoral Psychology. It was during this time that I served on the Board of Governors of a large orphanage. The orphanage was receiving abandoned children who were testing HIV+, so I suggested that a special facility be made available because of their needs. Unfortunately, the Board did not agree. When I did some research, I found that there were no such facilities in the country. The Minister of Health was very encouraging and strongly suggested that something be done.

The World Health Organization predicted that in Nairobi there will be 3,000 children born HIV+ by 1996. With such a stimulus and encouragement from a variety of well wishers, we did embark on a program which, ultimately, resulted in the opening of a home for HIV+ abandoned children on September 8, 1992.



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World Cargo delivers a gift of hope

By Bruce Tobin

NEW HOPE is on its way to a Kenyan orphanage with the arrival of four incubators — thanks to British Airways World Cargo.

The machines, donated to Nairobi's Nyumbani orphanage by Vickers Medical, came from hospitals in Shoreham and Worthing, Sussex after becoming obsolete in the UK.

Vital oxygen head boxes, similar to an oxygen tent, have also been donated by Electro Medical Equipment Ltd.

The orphanage caters for about 60 children, ranging in age from new-born babies to 14-year-olds.

Dick McMichael, Flight Engineer, and fellow staff members, arranged with World Cargo to have the equipment flown to Nairobi last week.

In the past, British Airways staff at Heathrow and Gatwick

have donated clothing, medicine, books and toys to the orphanage and crews often visited the centre when in Nairobi.

Crews are also trying to raise £10,000 for a new playground to be built at the orphanage, by selling specially designed T-shirts and also three simulator sessions donated by Flight Crew Training.

Pictured with one of the incubators are (from left): Geoff Hill, Cargo Agent; Carol-Ann Saul, Business Manager Neonatal and Paediatric at Vickers Medical; Richard Baker, Reception Co-ordinator, World Cargo Gatwick; Gill McPate, Service Delivery Controller, World Cargo Gatwick; and Dick McMichael.

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GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD INITIAL PROJECT PLAN

STOP! Read the information on pages 167-173 in A Resource Guide for Senior Girl Scouts before completing this application.

This completed application must be submitted at least 6 weeks prior to putting your plan into action. Monthly deadlines are published in "Through the Grapevine." You may not start work on your Girl Scout Gold Award project until you have received approval from the GSCNC Gold Award Panel. Please type or print neatly in black ink.

Part I: Personal Data

Date: AUGUST 27, 1998		Planned project date: Begin Sept. 1998	
Name: BLAIRE E. BINGHAM		Date of Birth: (b)(6)	Age: 16
Street: 3604 COLONY RD.			
City: FAIRFAX		State: VA	Zip Code: 22030
Phone: 703-273-3588 H		Assoc/SU: 12	Troop #: 1194
Current Grade: 11th JUNIOR		Class of 2000	
Month/Year started as a Senior GS: 9/96		ID # BB-00485	
Project Title: SERVING NYUMBANI ORPHANAGE AND HOSPICE, KENYA, AFRICA			
Adult who will be advising your Gold Award Project:			
Name: JOSEPH S. D'AGOSTINO, Ph.D			
Street: c/o Barbara Boggs Associates 1920 L Street, N.W., Ste. 600			
City: WASHINGTON, DC		State:	Zip Code: 20036
Phone No. Day: 703-934-9698		Evening: same	
Troop Leader: (if different from above) LEIGH SEXTON			
Street: 4800 Village Dr.			
City: FAIRFAX		State: VA	Zip Code: 22030
Phone No. Day: 703-273-1630		Evening: same	

PLEASE follow the project guidelines listed in Kaleidoscope. Remember that Gold Award workshops, your troop leader, and the Cadette/Senior Program Specialist are available to help you.

Part II: Requirements 1 through 4

1. Interest Project Patches:	Date Completed	Leader/Consultant Signature
Photography	JUNE 1997	Cindy Pease
Computers in Everyday Life	JUNE, 1998	Cindy Pease
Fashion Design	JUNE, 1997	Cindy Pease
Cookies and dough	JUNE, 1998	Cindy Pease

2. Career Exploration Pin:	Date Completed	Leader/Consultant Signature
	JUNE, 1997	Cindy Pease

3. Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award:	Date Completed	Leader/Consultant Signature
	OCT., 1997	Cindy Pease

4. Senior Girl Scout Challenge:	Date Completed	Leader/Consultant Signature
	JUNE, 1998	Cindy Pease

Part III: Gold Award Project Plan. Answer these questions on up to three additional sheets.

- What community needs does your project address? What do you hope to achieve? Who will benefit?
- Why did you select this project?
- What organizations will you work with?
- Outline how you plan to spend your 50+ hours. How much time will each step take?
- How will you put your plan into action, including facilities and/or equipment you will need?
- How will you evaluate your project?
- List the people who will help you and the resources you plan to use. Include helpers' titles or positions.
- Estimate overall project expenses and how you plan to meet these costs.

Blaire Bingham
Your signature

BLAIRE E. BINGHAM

8/30/98
date

Joseph D'Agostino, Ph.D.
Signature of the adult who will advise your project

DR. JOSEPH D'AGOSTINO, Ph.D

8/31/98
date

Cindy Pease
Troop leader's signature

CINDY Pease for Leigh Sexton

8/30/98
date

GOLD AWARD PROJECT – PART III

**By: Blaire Bingham, Troop 1194
Fairfax, Va – August, 1998
703-273-3588 home**

A. *What community needs does your project address?*

1. The Girl Scouts of America are now an international organization. We celebrate each new country that participates in the Girl Scout programs. With that in mind, I wanted to assist in meeting the needs of the Nyumbani Orphanage, in Kenya, Africa. I was touched by the desperate need of the abandoned HIV positive children cared for by the orphanage. Also, the number of children who actually turn out to be HIV Negative really struck me and I knew I wanted to help this organization that gives abandoned children a chance to live. I felt the need was great to select my Gold Award Project in assisting the Nyumbani Orphanage in obtaining donations to the charity.

2. *What do you hope to achieve?*

I hope to contact various businesses and corporations to solicit donations of medical supplies and equipment, food, baby goods and other needed items from local corporations and businesses. I will create solicitation packages to distribute to these businesses, arrange appointments with designated contacts and ask representatives from the Nyumbani Orphanage located in the Washington, D.C. area to attend these appointments with me.

3. *Who will benefit?*

The HIV positive abandoned children of the Nyumbani Orphanage and Hospice in Kenya, Africa will benefit from additional donations. Business leaders also will benefit as they feel good that they have contributed to the need of these helpless children. I will benefit knowing I was able to assist in helping to serve these children.

B. *Why did you select this project?*

I selected this project as I learned more about the Nyumbani Orphanage from a friend of my family, Mary Lynn Qurnell, a member of the orphanage Board of Directors, who works for U.S. Senator Jesse Helms. I know I can only do so much to help, but I believe strongly that the orphanage is saving the lives of these helpless children.

C. *What organizations will you work with?*

I have chosen several companies, with the guidance of officials representing the orphanage, that produce materials and goods needed by the organization. I am also going through the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Directory to identify additional companies to contact. A few examples include:

AAA Potomac; AT&T; Crestar Bank; AETNA Life and Casualty; AETNA Health Plans; Airbus Industrie of North America, Inc.; Allied Research Corporation; Allstate Financial Corp.; American Commodity & Shipping; American Medical Laboratories Inc.;

American Red Cross; Arthur Anderson LLP; BDO Seidman LLP; Bell Atlantic; The Boeing Company; Ted Britt Ford Sales, Inc.; Citibank Fairfax; Cooper & Lybrand LLP; Days Inn; Deloitte & Touche LLP; Giant Food; IBM Corp.; Mobil Oil; FANNIE MAE, and other companies.

D. *Outline how you plan to spend your 50+ hours.*

I will: write and develop a solicitation package with information and background given to me by the Nyumbani Orphanage; draft a press release to fax to various Washington newspapers including the *Washington Post*, *Washington Times* and local Fairfax papers; write a letter to request permission for use of the a photograph in the solicitation packages; set up discussions with board members of the organization to discuss what groups I should try to arrange meetings with; draft a letter of introduction about myself and with an explanation of the Girl Scout Gold Award to be given to each company; develop a telephone list to start making calls inquiring what companies offer donations to charities; upon approval of solicitation packages, begin calls; schedule appointments and coordinate time with a local representative of the orphanage to attend; follow up on appointments; keep a log of what was said at each meeting; follow up calls to encourage donations; keep the designated orphanage contact, Barbara Boggs Associates, informed of the status of the project; keep a log of those that commit to making donations and what type of donation committed to, follow up by the orphanage board of directors.

E. *How will you put your plan into action, including facilities and/or equipment you will need?*

Armstrong & Associates, a Legislative Consulting firm, has agreed to provide funding for production of the solicitation package, any long distance calls, printing and mailing of materials and will provide an email address for my use. The firm has also provided me with use of their computer equipment at any time, although I do have a computer at home. Armstrong & Associates agreed to allow my calls to come to their office, since I will be in school most of the day. I will collect the messages and return calls.

F. *How will you evaluate your project?*

I will give myself an "A" if I am successful in finding businesses that will agree to make donations. I will give myself a "B" if I try hard cold calling these companies and learn to accept rejection as companies may reject my requests for hold. I will give myself a "C" for trying. I will give myself an "F" if I fail to bring in any commitments for donations, although I have never made an "F" grade, and I really don't plan to get an "F" in my Gold Award project.

G. *List the people who will help you and the resources you plan to use. Include helpers' titles or positions.*

The Legislative Consulting firm of Armstrong & Associates, has agreed to cover the cost of printing and mailing materials for the solicitation manuals, telephone calls that may

be long distance, usage of their email address, and accepting daytime telephone inquiries. Shari Bedker, Executive Assistant, will be my contact with Armstrong & Associates. Rev. Angelo D'Agostino and Dr. Joseph D'Agostino stated they would assist in anyway they can by providing information and attending meetings, and board members will provide assistance when I schedule appointments. I am requesting that someone from the Board of Directors attend the meetings with me or I will have my parents attend with me (my mother does not want me to go alone). For day to day questions that arise, I will stay in contact with Barbara Boggs Associates in Washington, D.C., the headquarters contact for donations. Beth Egan will be my contact. My parents are helping also with editing, suggestions for my manuals and guidance in letter writing.

I also hope to write a press release about the orphanage, and Armstrong & Associates said they would provide their press list to contact press and fax the release about my Gold Award Project. I wish to inform the public more about the Girl Scout Gold Award. People seem to understand what the Boy Scout Eagle Award is, but not the Girl Scout Gold Award which is the equivalent. Also, any publicity for Nyumbani would be great!

I would like to contact the *Washington Post* Style section, the *Washington Times* and local press such as the *Connection* and the *Fairfax Journal*.

H. *Estimate overall project expenses and how you plan to meet these costs.*

Armstrong & Associates has agreed to cover all printing, telephone, faxing, transportation and miscellaneous costs. Most calls will be local, no cost for email services. The printing costs for the production of 35 manuals to begin with should cost an estimated \$200 or less. Mailing and other supplies estimate at another \$100. If I am successful and need more manuals, Armstrong & Associates agreed to pay for additional printed manuals and other expenses. I hope to solicit Lettercomm Printers to donate package printing costs.

BLAIRE BINGHAM'S RESUME

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Date of Birth:

(b)(6)

Attending Fairfax High School: Senior - Graduation June, 2000 .
Fairfax City, Virginia

Achievement Highlights:

- * ***National and Junior Honor Society***
- * ***Honor Roll - 11th, 10th, 9th, 8th, 7th, 6th, 5th***
- * ***SAT exam: 11th grade. Scored: Verbal 700; Math 630.***
- * ***Spanish Honor Society***
- * ***Lettered in Academics - 11th, 10th, 9th***
- * ***Senior class, Advanced Placement (AP) classes. (english, calculus & spanish)***
- * ***Gifted and Talented Classes: 11th, 10th, 9th, 8th, 7th, 6th - Math and English.***
- * ***Language: Fourth Year Spanish. Visited Spain on school trip, June, 1998.***
- * ***Girl Scouts 1988 to Present. Currently working toward Gold Ward (Eagle Award equivalent). Project: To solicit donations for the Nyumbani Orphanage and Hospice for abandoned HIV positive babies in Kenya, Africa.***
- * ***Published: Congressional Record (1994) "International Cooperation in Space".***
- * ***Published: The National Library of Poetry (1997) "Bees".***
- * ***Orchestra, Cello: 11th, 10th, 9th /2nd & 3rd chair - Fairfax HS.***
- * ***Orchestra, Cello: 8th, 7th (Lanier JHS/2nd chair & 6th grade) . Selected for Area orchestra 8th, 7th & 6th.***
- * ***Thespians: Drama - 11th: Extra "A Gap in Generations"; 10th: Understudy and extra - Shakespeare play: "Much Ado About Nothing"; 9th: Assisted as stage crew member for Fairfax HS plays.***
- * ***U.S. Space Camp: Scholarship sponsored by Lockheed Missile and Space Company for article on the need for continued NASA funding during budget cuts - 1994 (article published in Congressional Record). Attended Space Camp (AL) again in 1996.***
- * ***Sailing: July, 1999 crewed from New York to Bar Harbor, Maine; Jan. 1998 crewed within the Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands; July 1998 ocean sailing from NY to New London, Ct. (permission to dock and overnight at Coast Guard Academy aboard the 40' Escape), visited Martha's Vineyard, Boston and small ports in between.***
- * ***Softball Junior Varsity Team. Selected for 1998 Varsity team but choose another sport (Kung Fu). Play on Fairfax County Police Youth Team, 1998/1999. 5 years, All Star softball teams.***
- * ***Matrix Literary Arts Magazine - 11th, 10th & 9th, Fairfax HS (Publish students poetry and artwork).***
- * ***Lanier JR.HS Literary Magazine Club. 8th.***
- * ***Lanier JR.HS Power Team - Anti-drug, positive peer support for students in area schools. 8th***

Internships - United States Senate

- * Volunteer intern for Senator Robert Bennett, United States Senate - July, 1999
- * Volunteer intern for Senator Jesse Helms, United States Senate - July, 1998
(Played on Helms' softball team, at request of staff continued to play through summer)

Blaire E. Bingham

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Girl Scouts: 1988 to present:

Senior Girl Scout, Troop 1194 & Cadette Scouts, Troop 1016 , Fairfax, VA

Highlights:

- * Currently working toward Gold Award (equivalent to Boy Scout Eagle Award).**
- * Camping and more camping.**
- * Special Service 1998, 1997, 1996 - Delivering to members of Congress the National Girl Scouts Annual Report door-to-door in the House and Senate. Required of the G.S. National Charter.**
- * Volunteered to assist in Presidential Inaugural Parade VIP seating (assigned seats). Jan. 20, 1997.**
- * Volunteer Pledge Drive fundraiser for Public T.V. station, WNVN, "Wishbone Marathon" (children's show). Answered telephones from callers making pledges. Dec. 1997 & 96.**
- * Salvation Army Christmas stockings prepared and delivered. Dec. 1997.**
- * Project toward Silver Award: Arranged appointments and met with seven members of Congress inviting them to participate in the National Capital Area Girl Scouts "Congressional Aide" program. All seven members agreed to participate in the 1996 program. The local Girl Scouts program lost many Congressman participants due to the change over in 104th Congress.**
- * Cadette Girl Scouts (8th & 9th grades) - Participates in T.A.P.I.C.O - Washington, D.C. area skit performances on contemporary issues affecting girls (teen pregnancy, AIDS, children and women abuse, etc.)**

Scholarship:

- * 1994: United States Space Camp (U.S. Space & Rocket Center) - Scholarship sponsor Lockheed Missile and Space Company. Article: "International Efforts in Space". (Attended Space Camp 1995 (AL) and 1996 (FL).**

Award:

- * 6th Grade: John Hopkins University Center of Talented Youth 1994 PLUS exam. Ranked in the 20 percentile in mathematic in the State of Virginia. Awarded in the Commonwealth of Virginia the John Hopkins University Mathematics and Verbal Talent Search State award.**

Published:

- * Congressional Record, August 4, 1994, U.S. Senate. Senator Robert Bennett (R-UT) during difficult NASA budget authorizations submitted, for the record, Blaire's article "*International Efforts in Space*".**
- * The National Library of Poetry (1997) "*Bees*".**

Examinations:

- * *SAT exam: 11th grade. Verbal 700; Math 630.*
- * *6th Grade: John Hopkins University Center of Talented Youth 1994 PLUS exam. Ranked in the 20 percentile in mathematic in the State of Virginia.*

Instruments:

- * Piano - Superior rating
Cello - 2nd, 3rd Chair, Fairfax HS; Cello, 2nd Chair, Lanier Intermediate;
and guitar for fun.

Hobbies:

- * Music (piano, guitar, cello), writing short stories and poetry, drawing, softball, sailing, hiking and Kung Fu marshall arts.

Other Activities:

- * Formerly member of the Sidney Lanier Orchestra - Instrument cello, 2nd Chair - 7th, 8th grades. Selected as a member of the Fairfax Area Orchestra, cello - 5th, 6th grades. Fairfax Villa Elementary School orchestra, cello - 5th, 6th grades.
- * *Lanier Power Team* - Selected group of 24 students that visited other schools discouraging the use of drugs and providing a positive peer example. 8th grade.



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Lend a Helping Hand...



to benefit
NYUMBANI

*The first house for
HIV positive orphans in Kenya*

and

To honor
"The House of William" (Oct. 1991)

Reception and Dinner

Monday, September 10, 1996

East Hall at Union Station
Washington, D.C.

in honor of William and
Elizabeth Matthews

Invitation to Follow



Letter from the President

Since visiting Nyumbani last August, I have gained a deeper appreciation and insight into what Father D'Agostino and his crew accomplish on a daily basis at the orphanage. He, Protus and the Sisters are indeed an energetic and devoted group, who have dedicated themselves to ensuring that each and every child at Nyumbani has a much better quality of life every day of their lives. It is easier after one has seen the orphanage to explain to groups and individuals here in the US what a great feat is being accomplished in that little compound in the village of Karin just outside of Nairobi. I consider the short time I spent there as one of the true highlights of my entire life. I would hope that each and every one of you might try to make that trip. It is an experience you will never forget. In addition, as we get closer to our annual event in September, it is clearly an advantage to have seen the orphanage as we ask others to contribute to our extremely worthwhile cause. This year we would like to make our event the biggest ever. It will take the combined efforts of all the friends of Nyumbani to accomplish that. Lets start the new millennium out with a bang and have 300 plus guests attend our annual fundraiser in Union Station on the 18th of September.

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet
President, Board of Directors



Photo of Father D'Ag was taken by Greg LaFreniere of [The Long Island Catholic](#)

Save the date &
Lend a helping hand...
**Nyumbani annual
fundraiser**
and
to honor
**The Reverend
William L. George, S.J.**
September 18, 2000
East Hall at Union Station
Washington, DC

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NYUMBANI NEWS

Spring 2000

Dearest Friends of Nyumbani,

The month of May was more mournful than merry because during the course of one week three children passed away. Rose was 9 years old and had been with us a year when she succumbed to HIV encephalitis for which there is no cure. She was in a coma for several days and many of the older children came by her bedside to pray. From her eulogy we found that her "parents were unknown". Yet she had a wonderful turnout of friends at her burial. The next was little Samson who had suffered from an as yet undiagnosed epidemic which passed through and affected 30 children but no staff. We are doing an extensive study with the help of the CDC in Atlanta as well as labs in London, hoping to find the cause. It may be that we have come across a "new" disease which complicates only HIV compromised children. Finally, Lisa was 4 years old and sickly for some time. Her only surviving relative is her father who brought her as a "gift" to Nyumbani. Our Heavenly helpers are becoming an all too numerous celestial cohort. During this time we have heard that some large drug companies, urged by the US administration, are about to make their anti-retroviral medications more affordable. If that happens, we may be able to prolong the lives of most of our children until the day when a cure does emerge. Please pray for that to happen and help to push it along.

For the first week of May, I was the guest of John Noel and his group of managers who traveled to Durban and Cape Town, South Africa. My purpose was to speak at the launching of a unique facility for HIV+ children sponsored by the Noel Group through the Mandela children's fund. Very creatively, they have constructed a compound to cater not only for HIV+ orphans but also the equally needy elderly who are also increasing in numbers because of HIV/AIDS. The problems in South Africa are in some ways, more pressing than Kenya. But it has inspired the idea of doing something similar in Kenya and perhaps even in Tanzania where some favorable developments have occurred. The First Lady of Tanzania has agreed to be the patron of Nyumbani Tanzania and a large island in the harbor of Dar Es Salaam has been offered for our use.

Recently, a German lady physician visited Nyumbani before leaving Kenya after 10 years of service. She was given the tour and left a very generous check but when she saw the chicken house she asked if we wanted her 3 geese. When we accepted she added that she also had 11 sheep to offer. Well, we accepted them too and have asked our neighbor, benefactor, Board member, Casey Burns, to give us her border collie pup to train as a sheep handler - with the children's help of course. Perhaps the most noticeable physical feature these days is the very functional and even beautiful "Roman road" which has almost seen completion. Thanks to the Italian contractor, a very sturdy stone paved road and parking area has been laid down. In the centre of the parking areas he has included a simple but attractive design in bricks and stone. Finally, no more dust, no more mud and no more trucks stuck off the roadway. The kitchen is not complete as yet but some locally made metal tables and equipment have arrived so that the construction can go forward.

Sara who came to us only 2 weeks of age has happily turned negative and a very devoted KLM hostess has started adoption proceedings to bring her to Holland. That makes two Nyumbani "graduates" in the Netherlands, so far.

Once again we thank all our supporters and pray that the joy and peace of Easter will be visited upon you all.

Angelo D'Agostino, SJ, MD
Founder and Medical Director



The Reverend Lorenzo D’Agostino, SSE, PhD, passed away on January 5, 2000. He was diagnosed with a brain tumor in February 1999, and underwent medical treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Fairfax Hospital. He passed away at the residence of the Fathers of Saint Edmund in Selma, Alabama. Known by so many members of our Nyumbani Family, we wanted all to stop a moment to remember him.

Lorenzo was one of the founding members of COGRF Board when it came together in 1993 and served on the board until 1998. He attended every single Nyumbani benefit each fall.

In January 1997, he surprised everyone by announcing that he wished to spend his 80th birthday with the children of Nyumbani. His two other brothers (Anthony and Joe) traveled with him so that with Angelo, all four could be together at this milestone celebration

The visit to Nyumbani touched him very much. Noting that once the sun went down, the compound was in total darkness, Lorenzo came back home and researched until he found a firm that manufactured solar panel lights that could be shipped overseas. He ordered four light poles that were installed within a few months. The children and especially the staff today think of him often as they travel the well lit paths of Nyumbani each day.

Father D’Ag and the Kenyan Board wish to remeber Lorenzo in a special way. They have decided to dedicate the Sisters’ Convent in his memory. Soon a plaque will be placed by the front entrance stating: “Saint Lawrence Hall-In Honor of Lorenzo D’Agostino, SSE, PhD”.

The Board invites friends to contribute to the Lorenzo Memorial for the upkeep and support of the convent and the Sisters.

Please send donations to:

NYUMBANI Orphanage c/o Barbara Boggs Associates Inc. , 1726 M Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036
NOT to Father D’Ag in Kenya, due to foreign bank charges and problems with theft at the central post office.

Treasurer's Report

Nyumbani, USA (C.O.G.R.F.) has just completed the best financial year in our young history. Our annual fund raising event, held this past September of 1999, at the Columbus Club in Union Station was a huge success and raised over \$128,000. This was a 30% increase over the previous September of 1998 fund raising affair.

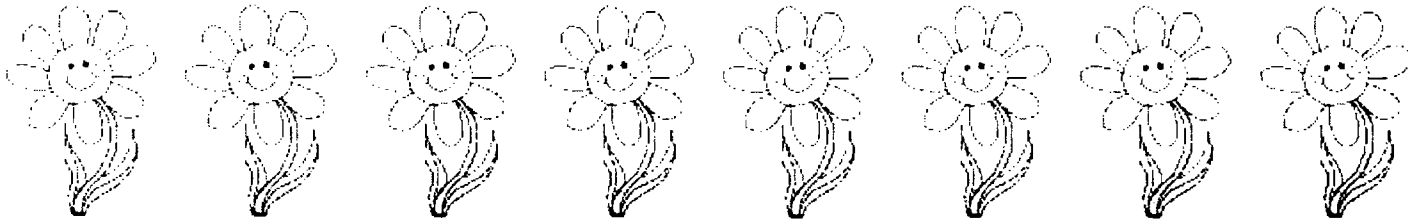
There are so many people to thank, too numerous to mention in this article. However, we would be remiss not to thank, in particular, our chairwoman, MaryLynn Qurnell and her cochairman, Joseph D’Agostino. In addition, kudos to President "Van" VanFleet, Father Bill George, and Jim Desmond.

We sometimes forget to give a heartfelt thanks to our lovable friend, our Jesuit of the Nyumbani, the man who made all things happen – Father Angelo D’Agostino. His tireless fundraising efforts, which take him from coast to coast each year, are mind-boggling to all of us. What began in Africa as his personal dream has become an unbelievable reality, a mission that continues to grow by leaps and bounds. God bless you, Padre!

After all is said and done, each of us is doing our very best to help save the children of the Nyumbani. All of Father’s efforts are to this end, and his voice has been heard loud and clear in the United States Congress. It now appears that the U.S. government has elected to encourage pharmaceutical companies to lower their prices and provide the needed HIV anti-viral medications for the children, women, and men of Africa.

Finally, to all our gracious and generous supporters, know how very thankful we are to you for making all of this possible. And we pray that you will support us in our drive to make this year’s fundraising event, scheduled for September 18, 2000 (Monday), at the East Hall in Union Station. Our goal for this year is \$250,000! Please mark your calendars now to join us in support of the children of Nyumbani.

Robert J. Burke, Sr., Treasurer
C.O.G.R.F. USA



Congressman George Miller (CA-7) recently visited Nyumbani while in Kenya as part of the U.S. delegation to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. Since his return, he has taken steps to make sure that pandemic of HIV/AIDS in Africa is brought to the direct attention of key government officials. He personally wrote a letter to The Honorable Brady Anderson, Director of US AID, and described how the programs of Nyumbani are helping the children and families in Kenya. In addition to his letter writing campaign, Congressman Miller has written an article entitled “Outpost Against AIDS in Africa,” which he is currently marketing to raise the attention level of Nyumbani here in the United States.

A special thanks goes out to Congressman Miller for all that he has done and all that he will continue to do in the name of Nyumbani.



“But sympathy doesn’t produce what the children need: medicine, food, and a chance at surviving childhood.”

Congressman George Miller with the children of Nyumbani

We are updating our records

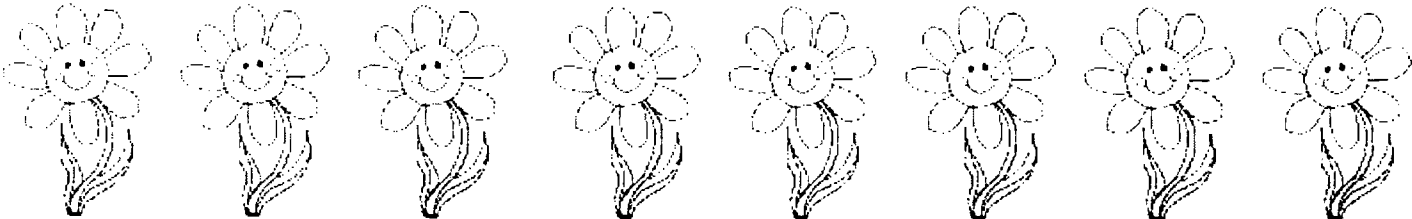
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The COGRF Board of Nyumbani is pleased to announce that The Reverend William L. George, SJ, is the honoree of this year’s annual Nyumbani fundraising dinner. He is one of the founding members of the COGRF Board and has served on the Board in the capacity of Treasurer as well as Treasurer and President.

As Treasurer, he recognized the necessity of financial support in order that Nyumbani could grow and further develop. He was responsible for organizing the first fundraising event in 1994. Since 1994, he has generously and consistently worked to increase funding each year, and the Board of Directors and Father D’Agostino are pleased to honor his dedication and hard work.

As some of you may know, Father George is leaving Georgetown University where, for the past 25 years, he has been the Assistant to the President for Federal Relations to become the President of Georgetown Preparatory School in suburban Montgomery County, MD. We wish him well in his new position.



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US official at orphans' home



Visiting White House official in charge of the Aids battle, Ms Sandra Thurman (left), cuts a cake assisted by Knight Atieno and Beatrice Kagai during the official opening of the Lea-Toto Home for HIV-positive children in Kangemi, Nairobi, yesterday. At right is the founder of the home, Fr Angelo D'Agostino. Story on Page 4. (Picture by PETER KARURI)

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NATIONAL NEWS

Home for children with HIV opened

By SUNDAY NATION Correspondent

A home that will offer free medical services to children with HIV/Aids and counselling services to their families was yesterday opened in Nairobi's Kangemi area.

The Sh1.4 million home, called Lea-Toto, was officially opened by the visiting White House Director for Aids, Ms Sandra Thurman.

She was accompanied by the US ambassador, Mr Johnnie Carson, and officials from USAid.

The home, to be funded to the tune of \$250,000 (about Sh1.7 million) for two years by USAid through the Catholic Relief Agency, will be run by the Children of God Relief Institute, popularly known as Nyumbani.

Speaking during the occasion, the founder of Nyumbani, Fr Angelo D'Agostino, said the new home will initially accommodate 30 HIV-positive children from the

Our target will be to offer community-based care to between 200 and 300 children suffering from HIV/Aids by training their families on ways of giving them appropriate care at home, he said.

The home, Fr D'Agostino said, will also endeavour to raise awareness on HIV/Aids and promote behavioural change among slum dwellers.

In his remarks, the chairman of Nyumbani, Mr Dennis Afande, appealed to the US government to consider providing cheaper palliative drugs for people with Aids.

Mr Afande urged Kenyans to stop abandoning children born with the Aids.

Ms Thurman said the US government was committed to assisting African countries, including Kenya, to fight the pandemic through additional funding.

On Thursday, Ms Thurman announced an additional \$7 million (Sh500 million) funding by her government to help fight HIV/Aids in Kenya.

I'd rather be golfing.

Hi Sandy - You and
Fr D'Ag make a
very handsome
couple!

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