George, 17, is a beneficiary of GPA grantee Rambira (Kenya). He has 8 siblings and was forced to quit school in 1st grade after his father died. Through Rambira's programs, he learned to produce charcoal briquettes used for cooking. He has learned a trade and is now able to help support his family.

**Our Mission: Global Philanthropy Alliance (GPA) develops young social entrepreneurs in Africa by funding youth-led or youth-engaged organizations that unleash the power of youth to advance the economic and social health of their families and communities.**

Dear Friend,

**GPA** makes small grants with a big impact. We fund ideas that engage the power of youth to learn a trade and create a business. These businesses support families and create opportunities in their communities which, in turn, bring social and economic stability.

Youth, living and working under challenging conditions in Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa, are best positioned to craft solutions to problems in their community.

We listen to them
We empower them
We support them
With your generosity, we fund their ideas
And, they make an impact!

Every dollar donated by the public is matched! And, as always, 100% of your generous donation is sent directly to Africa for the benefit our young social entrepreneurs!

GPA has made incredible strides empowering youth to solve fundamental problems in their communities. There is more work to do!

We invite you to join us.

With very best wishes,

Anne C. Petersen
Founder and President

2016 Highlights
A year of strategic growth

In 2016 GPA:

- **Funded** 4 grants in the amount of $60,000. These grants funded 8 youth-led or empowering social entrepreneurship projects.

- **Hosted** our annual Africa Advisory Board meetings in Nairobi, Kenya that included a learning session attended by all of our Kenyan grantees. This session developed new partnerships among grantees, local and international organizations to foster growth.

- **Implemented** a vital component of our strategic plan in South Africa. Our South African partners will identify promising GPA grantees and work with them through on-going intensive training workshops and individual consulting to develop their business models from idea to sustainability.

- **Supported** the GPA Kenyan Country Committee as they develop a process to identify promising young social entrepreneurs in technology-based fields. These youth, funded by GPA grants, will have the support and guidance of the iHub team, an organization dedicated to developing talent in Kenya's booming tech industry.
A new model for GPA in South Africa

Each year, GPA hosts a learning session with past grantees. After several years we learned that funding their ideas simply wasn’t enough. To support true sustainability, youth need guidance.

After careful planning, GPA made a significant grant to South African NGO, Bhanekazi Investment Group Trust (BIG), an organization with extensive experience developing the skills of young social entrepreneurs. BIG, under the leadership of youth development specialist, Thando Mpumlawana, took the lead identifying, training and developing successful young social entrepreneurs.

BIG conducted frequent and intensive training workshops for our potential grantees. These workshops focused on developing a strong, viable business plan, efficiently sourcing materials, financial literacy, marketing and sales. Five programs, funded by GPA grants, will begin operating in 2017 and all will have the ongoing mentorship and guidance of the BIG team. With this development, our grantees will have more support, expert training, personalized attention and additional grant funding so that they may effectively grow their enterprise from an idea to a sustainable business model.

We are developing a similar structure in Kenya in 2017.

Grant Activity

In 2016, GPA received over 40 grant proposals and funded 4. We are proud of these programs that have directly empowered so many youth.

BIG (South Africa): Awarded $50,000. This grant marks a departure from GPA's traditional grant making process. $25,000 in grant funds were utilized to study the successes and challenges of past South African grantees, to source potential new grantees, provide entrepreneurship training and mentorship. The second tranche, $25,000, was used as seed money to fund the 5 most promising youth-led businesses. During the entire process, BIG will offer support and training.

Imarisha (Kenya): In April, 2016 GPA awarded a $5000 grant to train community youth to develop, process and market efficient charcoal briquettes from solid waste. These briquettes are used for cooking stoves in most homes in the Nyeri region of Kenya. In addition, this product preserves the natural forestation of the area and provide a cleaner source of fuel. Four youth were trained on the production process, marketing, financial management and sales of the product. Ten additional youth earned funds by providing the solid waste for production. When faced with obstacles, youth readily reached out to experts to collaborate resulting in a well-branded, effective product that is affordable resulting in
Abbreviated Financial Statement

Income:
Donations: $100,735

Grants Paid 2016: $60,000

Expenses:
Administration: $15,799
Program: $16,463
Memberships: $1,000
All other: $4,674

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GPA is governed by a dedicated governing board in the United States and a remarkable Africa Advisory Board who live or work in the countries where we make grants.

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decreased poverty, a cleaner environment and reduced unemployment in the area. Imarisha has plans to scale up production in 2017.

Women’s Hope (Kenya): The Girl Spark program was created with a $5000 grant from GPA in March, 2016. The program trains and supports young women living in Kenyan slums to work in the hospitality industry either as employees or entrepreneurs. Each participant completed an 8 week skill accelerator program where they learned necessary "hard" and "soft" skills. After completing the program they were linked to employment or entrepreneurship opportunities, mentors, developed a savings plan and learned how to negotiate a fair wage with health care. 27 girls participated and at the conclusion of the program 90% were either employed by others, profiting from their own business ventures (and, employing others) or attending higher education programs in the field.

AAB Meeting/Grantee Learning Session
Nairobi, Kenya (June, 2016)

GPA grantees and board members attending our learning session.

In June, 2016 the GPA Africa Advisory Board met in Nairobi, Kenya to host a learning session with our Kenyan grantees. The session provides an opportunity for GPA to learn from our grantees, to connect grantees with each other and our partners. Take a moment to watch our video! Click HERE

Looking Forward

We hope you are inspired to help us fund more young social entrepreneurs to improve their lives and livelihoods. The youth and
organizations GPA have the drive, skills and creativity to develop their solutions to pressing problems in their communities. We are privileged to support those ideas.

Thank you for your support.

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