

The Godparents for Tanzania Board of Directors and Staff

"Why I serve with G4TZ ..."



Wayne Westermann, President and Director—Roanoke, VA
Nelson Mandela said, *"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."* We believe nothing is more vital or more enduring than to help young people raise themselves and their families from poverty by supporting them to attain an education.

Niane Szalwinski, Secretary and Director—Lexington, SC
For years I was haunted by the AIDS devastation to children in Africa. One Safari with Godparents for Tanzania answered my prayers to be up close and personal with truly needy and beautiful children. My personal relationships with my fellow Board Members and our students in Tanzania keep me engaged, encouraged and blessed beyond words.



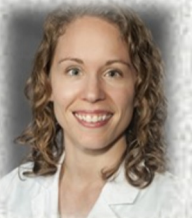
Bruce Swanson, Treasurer and Director—Roanoke, VA
Godparents for Tanzania offers the effect of "presence." Presence matters because it signals authenticity, believability, and genuineness. Whoever is touching the lives of these young students manifests confidence and enthusiasm. All of these attributes allows them to be winners!

Pidge Morgan, Photographer and Director—Moneta, VA
As a member of the Board, I believe I am saving lives! We now have graduated electricians, auto mechanics, teachers, doctors, lawyers, accountants and clinical officers whose determination, confidence and new skills are helping to end the downward spiral of poverty.



Anne Schulte, Director—Ellicott City, MD
It became very evident that every dollar has the capability of doing an exponential amount of good. Just one person, given an educational opportunity has a positive impact on so many. G4TZ is small but so very mighty in it's mission.

Jim Utt, Director—Mineral, VA
I will never forget listening to Tanzanian high school students sing, "Without an education, we cannot build our nation." I'm very proud to be part of an organization that provides the poorest of these students an opportunity to become the richest of resources to their family, community and country.



Jessica Utt, Director—Richmond, VA
I believe that education is freedom and that all children of the world deserve the chance to be free. I also believe that by educating healthcare providers we can improve the lives of an entire country.

Goodluck Maro, G4TZ Graduate and Director—African location undisclosed
As I am in a military camp which has more that 10,000 people, and I am the only medical doctor M.D., how many patients will I see at the end of year? Thanks so much to Godparents for Tanzania for making my dream of becoming a doctor come true!



Eunice Maringo, Director—Moshi, TZ
Surely children are from God. Seeing children being sponsored and becoming better and more successful citizens has always been my dream. Our children are very intelligent, in spite of their differing backgrounds. So, it makes me excited for the future, for I believe there will be a great and positive change in our student's lives and in our country.

Kristin Westermann, Executive Director—Raleigh, NC
I love watching our students grow and develop a passion for service. They are grateful for the opportunity to finish their education, and their gratitude translates into a desire to make life better for others. Seeing our graduates 'pay it forward' makes our work truly rewarding.



Yotham Baha, Tanzania Program Coordinator—Karatu, TZ
When we got our independence in 1964, we had three enemies: poverty, disease and ignorance. If we can send kids to school and lift them from ignorance, then those same young people can fight the other two enemies. Education is the most important gift we can give to our kids and to our nation.