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## Children helping children

Children from California, Washington and Illinois raised nearly \$3,000 to help children in schools supported by Mona Foundation.

In Los Angeles, Calif., the 12-year-old students of Afsaneh Ahooraiyan-Sarvian and Saman Iman at Thornton Chase Baha'i School raised \$231 for the Mona Foundation. Iraj Sarvian's class of 11-year-olds raised \$1,000.

In Chicago, Ill., first and second grade students from the Baha'i School of the Western Suburbs sent \$387.57 to benefit the Tierra Santa School for Abandoned Children. It began with Arman Rahman, who wanted to donate all of his birthday money to a worthy cause, inspiring his class to raise the donation.



In Washington, sixth grade students in Judy Davis's class at Maple Falls Kendall Elementary School raised more than \$1,000 to support Ngobe-Bugle schools of

Panama. Their donation provides one school with a third of its annual budget.

"It feels so good inside knowing I have helped other kids get an education. I'm really proud," said one student.

Said Mr. Merz, Kendall Elementary School Principal, "I am convinced that this experience will generate a habit of service to others."

We are also convinced that these acts of service offered with such pure hearts will "move the world one heart at a time."

## College student gives to Barli

A generous couple instills the spirit of giving in their grandchildren by allowing them to choose the recipient of an annual grant from the I & G Charitable Foundation, a private fund they set up. One of the grandchildren, a university student, chose the Mona Foundation as a recipient organization, and designated her grant to benefit the Barli Institute for Development of Rural Women in India. The family's total grant was \$3,000.

The Institute focuses on literacy training, practical knowledge of health, nutrition and sanitation, skills for income generation, and an awareness of village-level environmental conservation.

A mere \$30 per month graduates one woman from a skill-based training program.

Empowered as agents for social change, graduates have had a measurable impact on the well-being of their families and home villages.

## Our Generous Donors

Mona Foundation gratefully acknowledges the continued support of many individual contributors, as well as the generous grants made by the following corporate sponsors and organizations. Your generosity allows us to continue our work.

100 percent of earmarked contributions to Mona Foundation directly benefit their intended projects. Because we rely on professional volunteer services of many of our supporters, our 3 percent overhead is covered by contributions to our general fund.

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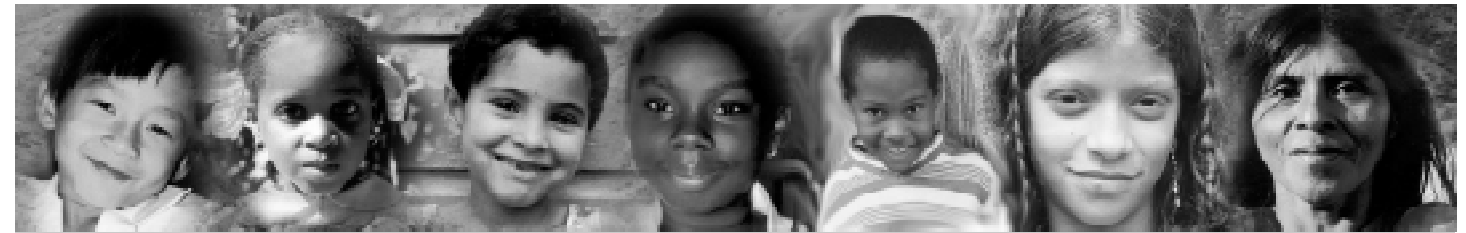
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## \$106,000 Microsoft grant awarded to Mona for tutorial school in Chiriqui, Panama

A \$106,800 Microsoft Unlimited Potential grant was made to Mona Foundation and FUNDESCU, bringing 15 solar-powered computers to the remote Chiriqui region of Panama. As a result, nearly 1,000 children will gain instruction to e-commerce, computer skills and technical training. It will also support the certification of the tutorial school teachers.

Mona Foundation partnered with FUNDESCU, the Foundation for Development and Culture of Indigenous People in Panama, a Panamanian NGO, in making the grant request for the Community Technology and Learning Center (CTLC).

Many of the Ngobe children, who only speak Ngobere, the native language, are taught in the eight tutorial schools scattered in the remote mountains of Chiriqui, Panama and supported by FUNDESCU and Mona Foundation. The

native teachers of these schools all are volunteers who often leave their own families in one village, walk long distances to another every week, sleep in the one-room school, and subsist on one meal a day given to them by the villagers just to teach their students. When asked why, Victorino, one of the teachers spoke for all of them: "for the love of the children."

Through the assistance provided by Mona Foundation and FUNDESCU, indigenous teachers who speak both Spanish and Ngobere are trained and placed in classrooms that offer K-6 education. There are plans to gradually



add high school instruction.

The CTLC will aid in the training of basic computer skills and technical training to the 13 indigenous teachers and their 430 students of the tutorial schools, as well as the 500 high school students and teachers in Soloy.

The CTLC will be inaugurated Nov. 24 in

Panama. Four Mona Foundation board members, Microsoft Panama General Manager, members of FUNDESCU, representatives of the Ministry of Education, and teachers and students of the schools will attend.

Mona Foundation is extraordinarily grateful for this substantial grant and looks forward to seeing its benefits reach the Ngobe-Bugle people.

## Family gives \$60K to Badi, Panama to develop university

We are excited to say that a very generous family, wishing to remain anonymous, has committed to contribute \$60,000 over three years to establish Badi University in San Miguelito, Panama.

The contribution honors the family's beloved late father. It will help establish Badi University by doubling the K-12 enrollment and building a library. By 2005, Badi University is expected to open.

The Badi School was founded by the Torrez family 17 years ago in one room of their small home. The love they have for the children and their vision to make a difference in the lives of the children in their area has brought significant public recognition to the school. Its

current enrollment now stands at 285 students, with a waiting list of 1,500.

The Embera and Kuna ethnic groups make up the town of San Miguelito. The advancing of their academic and virtues-based education will have a profound impact, since four out of 10 families do not have homes, eight out of 10 live on \$200 per month; four out of 10 children have no access to education; and two out of five young girls are mothers.

We sincerely thank this generous family on behalf of the Badi School students.





## Inspiration

### Daughter honors late father with scholarship

When Texas Instruments wanted to honor the first woman to reach the rank of Senior Vice President of Technology and Senior Fellow at the company, she wanted instead to honor her father. Mrs. Duy-Loan Le created with the company's generous grant the Dao-Le Scholarship Fund, honoring her father. This year's scholarship fund, benefiting Mona Foundation, was \$15,000.

One of Duy-Loan's sister's married a doctor and another retired early after achieving rank of Chief Financial Officer at a chain of restaurants.

"The remarkable thing is not that they accomplished these milestones, but that they achieved them while starting life all over in a new land called America where language is a barrier (they did not speak the language), where money was a problem (they did not have any), and where they had to struggle for many years without him because he was imprisoned in Vietnam," said Duy-Loan Le.

Mona Foundation is honored to be the recipient of this scholarship fund. Duy-Loan Le is a member of the Mona Foundation Board of Directors.

### Sale of art collection for Amazon school

Ruth Moen, attorney by day and artist by night, donated all of her artwork to benefit ADCAM, a school that serves over 520 students and 200 street children in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil.

She made this commitment after she heard the incredible story of the self-sacrificing founders of ADCAM and the children they serve. (See the website, [www.monafoundation.org](http://www.monafoundation.org) for more details.)

ArtFest, sponsored by Rush Hour

Rotary Club, featured several volunteer professional musicians, and a Persian dinner. Ruth donated her entire art collection – all 300 items, which raised nearly \$8,000. The proceeds will be matched 100 percent by Rotary International, and Microsoft matched the portion of the proceeds contributed by its employees who participated in ArtFest.

It is the example of generosity of such people as Ruth and others who helped with this function, as well as those who contributed, that inspires us to do more every day.



### Couples' weddings honor, benefit Foundation

Judy and Robert Rector didn't need any material gifts when they married last November, but they did want to help the Mona Foundation. That's why they requested any guests wishing to honor their wedding with a gift to make a contribution to the Foundation.

Judy's daughter, Kira Person, followed in her mother's footsteps. When she and Jensen Mauseth married last month, instead of providing wedding favors, they gave \$1 on behalf of each guest to the Mona Foundation. They mentioned this gift in the placecards at the reception tables.

"In my opinion, this kind of sharing is one small way that cultures in our world will be brought together as we seek to understand one another," said Judy.

## How you can help

Our work in communities around the world depends on you. Here are some of the ways to make a difference. For details on all our projects, or to give on-line, please visit our website, [www.monafoundation.org](http://www.monafoundation.org).

### Provide an annual scholarship:

- ADCAM, Brazil: \$500
- Nur University, Bolivia: \$2,000
- Setsembiso Sebunye H.S., Swaziland: \$500
- Zunuzi School, Haiti: \$240
- Ruaha Secondary School, Tanzania: \$340, includes food and board

### Other opportunities:

- Ngobe-Bugle Tutorial School, Panama: \$3,000 sponsors an entire school of 100 students; \$3,400 per year for teacher certification program
- Tierra Santa Home for Abandoned Children, Honduras: \$2,400 for a year of teacher's salary; \$50 per month for education, food, medical care
- Ruaha Secondary School, Tanzania: \$80,000 per year for 5 years to achieve development plan
- Badi School, Panama: \$15,000 to build a science lab

### How to contribute

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## A note from Mona scholarship recipient

By Raimunda Souza Aguiar  
ADCAM, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil

My name is Raimunda. I am from Careiro da Varzea, a small town in the interior of the Amazon. I am the daughter of Antonio and Francisca Aguiar. I am from humble origins. My father always worked as a fruit seller down by the riverside, in the rain and sun, to sustain my family. My mother worked as a domestic, and like my father had no formal education.

...Along with my three siblings, I started to study at the public school. It took a lot of sacrifice. Often we wouldn't

have anything to take to school for lunch, and that was before they started offering school lunches. After a few years, when I was thirteen, I left school to go to work to help my parents and my brothers and sisters.

Today I am 38 and married. My husband has been unemployed for three years and during this difficult time, he takes work wherever he can find it to pay our expenses.

I work in the Masrou School at ADCAM as a teacher's aide helping children five to six years old with reading and writing. I feel that I do a professional job.... To realize my dream of education, I

need financial help. Our current income barely sustains us and I try to help my mother who has been ill with an incurable disease and whose medicines are very expensive.

It is with a lot of faith and belief in God that I know I will rise above the difficult situation I am in, because nothing lasts forever. One day I will win this battle. I thank you for your help.

Mona Foundation's \$1,000 scholarship covers this year's educational expenses for Raimunda.

## Raising human resources

The Mona Foundation was asked by the University of Washington Honors Program to offer a course on the Principles of Sustainable Social and Economic Development. Students can now take a three-credit course taught by Dr. Mahnaz Javid, Dr. Randie Gottlieb, and Dr. Craig Lewis, titled "Knowing ourselves, Knowing our world, and Making our mark". Service learning is a course component, and nearly every student of the class has gone on to serve in a non-profit organization.

Mona Foundation also provides teacher training workshops on a diversity of topics, such as multi-cultural education and service learning, for the teachers of public schools in the Puget Sound area of Washington State.

In the past five years, Mona Foundation has also provided an annual two-week long teacher training workshop for the Ngobe Bugle tutorial school teachers in Panama. Through the dedicated and voluntary efforts of Dr. Randie Gottlieb, this workshop is now officially recognized by the Ministry of Education in Chiriqui and counts towards the teachers' certification program.

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### Mona Foundation scholarship recipients

Mona Foundation has provided scholarships to these deserving students.

ADCAM, Amazonas, Manaus, Brazil:

Ana Cristina M. Carvalho, Crueza P. do Nascimento, Raimunda Souza de Aguiar, Lilian Lima Oliveira, Aldenor M. da Silva

Ruaha Secondary School, Tanzania: Gaudencia Bumela, Rai Sailale,

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Badi School, Panama: Gina R. Puerta, Marjani A. Batista, Jennifer Ortega, Victor M. Muñoz

### Ruaha, Tanzania high school dreams big

Ruaha Secondary School, founded in 1986 to address the dire educational needs of the children of Tanzania, the fourth poorest nation in the world, continues with an ambitious plan of growth.

Ruaha began as a day school and later added dorms to encourage the attendance of girls. Because of this measure, about two thirds of the 520 students at Ruaha are girls. The high-quality boarding program for girls includes three nutritious meals per day, housing and books. The cost of tuition is \$340/student/year.

The school wishes to meet increasing demands for high-quality and progressive education by improving the infrastructure to increase student enroll-



ment and expanding the supporting life-skills programs, including sustainable agricultural practices. The total cost of this development project is \$400,550 (\$212/student/year) over five years.

Mona Foundation has supported this school through small development grants and scholarships for deserving students, and by providing a computer lab, and access license to an online K-12 curriculum for integration of technology across disciplines.

The Mona Foundation actively seeks support for this development project. We sincerely believe that the graduates of Ruaha Secondary School will become the future leaders of Tanzania and will transform the fortunes of their fellow countryment within a generation.

