

Charity Auction at Gartmore Village Hall

The Ruvuma Development Aid charity is delighted to present an exhibition of contemporary Scottish artists and designers in Gartmore Hall on Saturday the 7th of May. The event will be a silent Auction with the possibility of buying at first viewing, provided the reserve is reached. This part of Scotland has a strong association with this charity, whose first project was the Magima pottery project led by local potter Alice MacFarlane in 2000.

The current project, begun in 2007, is the building of the Ntimbanjayo Schools of Excellence at Namanditi near Songea, in the Ruvuma region of Tanzania. The initial plan was to build a Nursery and Primary School, and, thanks to the generosity of Scottish artists and the support of those who believe a good education should be a right for all children, the Primary School is complete and has almost reached its target roll of 240 pupils.

Having given 55 children from the poorest backgrounds the chance to be sponsored through school, we decided we wanted to build a quality Secondary School. Last year, the Secondary School was registered and there are now 48 students attending and being taught in Forms 1 to 4. To ensure the success of the school and also attract pupils from further afield, we need to build a dormitory for girls and this is our target for 2022.

This auction is our first fund raising event of the year and we hope to be able to begin to lay the foundations of the dormitory with funds raised. Every penny goes to the project, as the artists and designers have all donated their work.

We are hoping for a good turnout, since we already have a strong connection with Gartmore Primary School. Thanks to the Gartmore pupils' previous fundraising efforts, we now have a small herd of cows at the NMSE schools, providing fresh milk for the children. The two schools are twinned and we hope that the connection will continue into the future.

For more information about the project please go the website at:

www.rudatanzania.org.uk

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To preview the work in the auction go to:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/rudatanzania/albums/72157712783726107>

CHARITY SILENT ART AUCTION

Paintings, Prints, Ceramics and Jewellery
In support of Ruvuma Development Aid

Saturday 7th May Auction from 12.00 - 4.00 pm



Spanish Market by Morag Muir

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