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Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya, the African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) works to improve health care for underserved Africans as a means to relieve poverty and enhance the quality of their lives.

AMREF was founded more than 50 years ago as *The Flying Doctors of East Africa*. Since then, it has helped millions of women, men, and children through its pioneering work in clinical outreach services, community-based family health, HIV/AIDS, malaria, sanitation and health care education.

African Medical & Research Foundation, Inc. (AMREF USA), its United States affiliate, provides technical and financial support that helps enable AMREF to carry out its life-saving services.

Contributions to AMREF USA, a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization, are tax-deductible.

February 8, 2005

Mr. David Boyes
Treasurer
Northeastern Mosquito Control Association, Inc.
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Dear David:

I just received your letter and NMCA's contribution towards Philip Kilusu's tuition in AMREF's Diploma in Community Health course.

I was in Nairobi last week and had a brief visit with Philip over lunch. He is so grateful for the opportunity NMCA has given him. He had actually written me a message to pass on to you in December when you had agreed to sponsor him. I should have passed it on then, but it got lost in the crush of the year end. It is now enclosed.

Philip also gave me the enclosed beadwork piece to pass on to you in gratitude for your support. It is a normally worn by Maasai men on their chests when they are in traditional dress. He thought you could hang it on your wall. He is really quite a thoughtful young man – I know that he is struggling financially, and yet he wanted to send this to NMCA as a token of thanks. (In fact, AMREF USA has decided to give him a small living stipend in addition to the contribution to his tuition. I learned that his salary for his laboratory position, which the government pays while he is in training, is 10,000 Kenya shillings a month, about \$150. On this he is supporting himself to live in Nairobi during the course while also supporting a wife and two children at home, over 400 kilometres away.)

I hope that all the NMCA members who have contributed to this effort realize what a profound impact they are having on this young man's life, and, I fully believe, that he will have on the life of his community as a result of his training.

Many thanks for your continuing support of AMREF.

Sincerely,

William J. Yaggy
Director, Institutional Giving

Cc: Curtis Best

Note: AMREF confirms that it provided no goods or services in exchange for this contribution.

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~ 1999 Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Humanitarian Prize Recipient ~

December 20, 2006

A letter to NMCA

RE: SPONSORSHIP IN DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY HEALTH COURSE 2007

Once again I wish to pass my sincere thanks to NMCA for sponsoring me to diploma in community health course.

The knowledge I will gain will be of great health to the community. The community is a Maasai tribe living in Transmara District, Rift Valley, Kenya. They are nomads.

The common diseases are malaria and tuberculosis. After attending the laboratory refresher course, I saw the need of undergoing a training in community health so that I could get more knowledge, not only in laboratory diagnosis but also on prevention of diseases.

I always remember what Dr. Jane Carter, head of the AMREF laboratory programme, told us when I was in laboratory fresher course that if you do proper laboratory diagnosis at the health centre level you minimize the number of patients being referred to district and provincial hospitals. In fact I did that after the course and it really worked.

That made me think that if I do a diploma in community health course I will be able to teach the community on the prevention of diseases, proper nutrition and hygiene hence minimize the number of people going to hospitals to seek treatment.

The course will be of much benefit to the community because of the nomadic nature of living.

I sincerely thank you and really appreciate your assistance.

May God bless you all.

Thanks again.

Regards,

Phillip Olosiriri Kilusu.