

# Friends

# of KMMA-CAITHS

## A Campaign To Build A School



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# Building Hope, Learning Together



## Our Mission

*Working together to save lives and improve the prospects of the men, women, and children of Rusinga Island, Kenya, by supporting sustainable and safe solutions for education, health, nutrition, and sanitation through our partnership with the Kathy and Mike McNulty Academy (KMMA) and the community-based organization Centre for Advocacy and Interventions on Talent, Healthcare, and Sanitation (CAITHS).*

## Our History

In 2013, a small group on Rusinga Island, Kenya, organized around a single purpose: breaking the cycle of poverty and disease that is destroying their communities. With hope and determination, they approached the director of a regional anthropological dig, Dr. Kieran McNulty, for support in implementing their long-term solutions. Thus began a partnership between the McNulty family and the community-based organization CAITHS. As programming expanded, CAITHS identified a critical need: educating the many children orphaned by disease. Kieran and his siblings, together with friends and family, raised funds to open a school honoring their parents' 50th wedding anniversary. In 2016, doors opened to 30 students and the local community elected to name the school the Kathy and Mike McNulty Academy (KMMA).

## Unprecedented Growth & Expansion

- KMMA has more than tripled in size, now serving more than 100 students between the ages of 3-11 years old.
- Friends of KMMA-CAITHS was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) in 2017 to formally support the school and the community-based organization.
- St. Patrick Clinic opened in 2018 and provides medical services to students, their families, and the local community.
- Students get free schooling, two meals each day, uniforms, shoes, and clean-water systems for their homes.







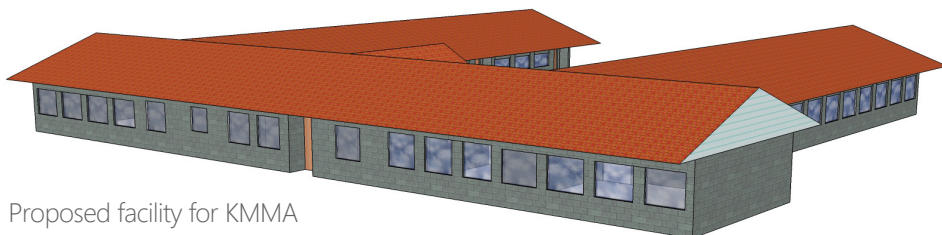
Building site for the future home of the Kathy and Mike McNulty Academy

## Our Challenge

The hardships faced by the fishing communities of Rusinga Island were explained to Dr. Kieran McNulty when he first met with the CAITHS organization:

*"Our people are dying. Poverty is everywhere, and HIV has left us with many widows and orphans. When a mother cannot feed her children, she will exchange her body for scraps of food. And so, HIV spreads further, and families are being headed by children. But how can THEY feed their little siblings? Even younger girls exchange their bodies for food. Girls of 14 and 15 are having babies, and so disease touches even the smallest children. Each year we become more desperate and are losing the joy of life; we are losing hope."*

KMMA not only educates these children, but provides food, medical care, and a stable environment for their growth and development. But the school is now bursting at the seams! The current rental property suffers from insufficient classroom space, a make-shift kitchen, no dining area, a lack of workspace for teachers, and inadequate facilities for the clinic. Worse yet, new agriculture uphill from the school now results in flooded classrooms during heavy rains. New school facilities are desperately needed!



Proposed facility for KMMA

## Our Goals

- Friends of KMMA-CAITHS, in collaboration with our Kenyan partners, seeks to **build a permanent home** for the Kathy and Mike McNulty Academy.
- The new Kathy and Mike McNulty Academy will be complete with **classrooms, meeting spaces, administrative offices, a kitchen, cafeteria, library**, and outside areas for learning and playing.
- A **new home for the St. Patrick Clinic** will be on the same property and include a waiting room, examining room, consulting room, sick bay, office, and pharmacy.
- Ample and beautiful land has already been purchased for our new home! The challenge is to **raise funds to build the school**: to build hope for the future.
- The aim for Phase I to complete classroom space is \$150,000.





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"The future of Rusinga lies in the little children. The only way to liberate them is to give them their basic needs and education."

-Fr. Robert Sewe, OFM

Rusinga Island Priest at the founding of KMMA



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