



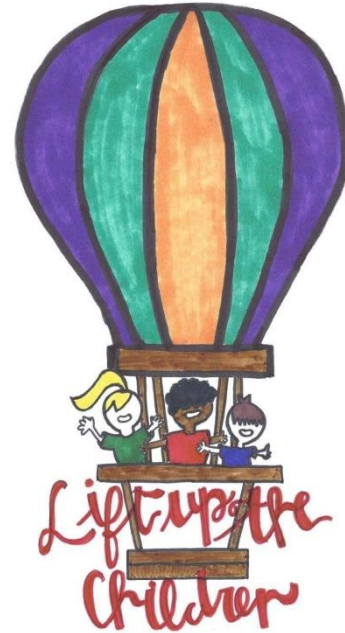
## Gala Proceeds Benefit Three Schools

With the results in, \$24,500 in Gala proceeds were distributed to the three beneficiary schools. Here's what your generosity funded:

### **Harriet Tubman Elementary School in Washington, DC:**

\$9000 allowed the school to send a team of 5 teachers to the Trauma Sensitive Schools Summit in Kansas City this summer. Organized and facilitated by Trauma Sensitive Schools and the Truman Medical Center, the training prepares teachers to respond appropriately to children and families exposed to trauma or chronic stress and to design a school culture that is trauma aware, sensitive and informed. Part of the session focused on immigration and the stress and fears that causes families and children, an issue of special concern at Tubman where 60% of the students come from homes where English is a second language. Tubman now has a team of 13 who have attended the training.

The school also purchased a toolkit created by the University of Pennsylvania's Dr. Ken Ginsburg, a leading expert in supporting students and families exposed to trauma, particularly homeless youth (the school serves children from three near-by homeless shelters). The kit will support training of other staff that couldn't attend the session in Kansas City.



**Hope & Resurrection Secondary School in Antiaba, South Sudan:** \$3500 in Gala funds, in combination with money from the regular operating budget, covered the salary of girls' dorm matron and English teacher, Mary Muhindo. Of the 262 students in the regular school program, 95 are girls. Eighty of them live in the on-site dorm. The provision of housing for the girls has made a huge difference in their academic achievement, enabling them to concentrate on their studies instead of doing the housework and cooking expected of teenage girls living at home. Residency also eliminates the dangers inherent in a daily walk to school from home and back. In a country where the literacy rate is one of the world's highest, especially among women, Ms. Muhindo serves as a vibrant role model for and mentor to the girls at Hope & Resurrection.

**St. Saviour's School in Zarka, Jordan:** A mission of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the school provides an academically rigorous K-12 education to about 350 students—boys and girls, Muslims and Christians, sighted and blind – and offers the only education for blind students in the region. Jordan, whose economy has been devastated by the flood of 1.4 million refugees from Syria, recently eliminated its subsidy for the blind students at St. Saviour's. \$12,000 in Gala proceeds covered the cost of the lost subsidy for the blind students and paid for two full scholarships for girls who might otherwise be unable to continue their schooling.

**Thank you, St. Alban's, for making a difference in the lives of these vulnerable children and teens!**