

*Supporting Tanzanian*  
**STOW**  
*Orphans and Widows*

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Dear Mrs. Bennion

Re: Framlingham Flower Club & STOW

Please could you pass on our thanks to your members for the donation of £175 which was raised at the members' garden party in June. This generous and kind donation will support 7 children to go to primary school for one year

There is no fee for primary schools in Tanzania but the children must have uniforms etc. and so STOW buys the following, which enables them to attend school:

- ✚ School uniform, socks, shoes
- ✚ School bag, school books, pens etc
- ✚ Big bars of soap to wash their uniforms with
- ✚ And pay the contributions to the school

However the school fees for children to progress onto secondary education is quite high and there are also examination fees, a desk and chair for each child in their first year at secondary school. We have 117 children at secondary and university education. We also help the families of the 270 vulnerable children we support by giving start up loans for small businesses. This enables families to become self sufficient in the longer term.

The picture on the next page shows just some of the 270 children that STOW supports. Philip – a volunteer worker in Tanzania - is distributing large bars of soap to the children so that they can wash their school uniforms. They are so proud to have uniforms and to be able to be just like all the other children in the school. This picture was taken at Saruji Primary School, the Head Teacher told me that having uniforms and school materials takes the stigma away of not being able to afford these things.

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Enabling this disadvantaged group of orphans to attend school is crucial for their future. Education can provide a safety net in the child's life and schooling can also help to break the cycle of poverty. Children can be empowered to regard themselves as active members of the community rather than as victims. Every year I visit I see the evidence of this and the positive effects that education and self-esteem brings.

Thanks to kind and generous people like you and your club members, we can continue to help them grow and develop.

Kind regards and thank you all again.

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