

WFPF USA: Change a Family's Future - New Hope Technical Institute in Rwanda

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Dear,

When Clémentine graduated from New Hope Technical Institute's dressmaking course in 2016, her foster parent gave her one sewing machine. It was more than a tool. It was an opportunity and a symbol of hope that she could build a future through the skills she had learned.

Clémentine began sewing garments from a small workshop in her home. Over time, her work grew into a source of income that allowed her to invest in agriculture and livestock. Today, she is a mother supporting three children and a large extended family.

Her journey shows how education can create a ripple effect that reaches far beyond one student.

For 27 years, New Hope Technical Institute in Rwanda has helped young people gain practical skills and build pathways toward greater independence. Since opening in 1998, the school has trained more than 3,500 students in Dressmaking, Hairdressing and Beauty, and Cooking.





WFP has supported New Hope, helping students gain not only technical knowledge but also the confidence and opportunity to turn their skills into meaningful work. Today, students are learning everything from pattern-making and garment construction to hair braiding, washing techniques, and professional cooking skills. For many young people facing economic barriers to education and employment, these skills can open the door to a job, a small business, or a more secure future.



The impact continues after graduation through the New Hope Professional Training Center, where graduates can gain hands-on experience in real working environments. The center is now home to three officially registered businesses:

- PEACE TABLE — bringing people together through shared meals
- PEACE & BEAUTY Salon — building confidence and positivity
- HOPE THREADS — weaving hope through skills and craftsmanship

These businesses provide valuable opportunities for graduates to develop their professional experience and prepare for employment or entrepreneurship.

This month, our goal is to raise \$20,000 to continue supporting educational opportunities through the Schools of Africa initiative. Your gift helps create pathways for young people to learn, grow, and build brighter futures for themselves, their families, and their communities.

Donate Today

Throughout this month, we'll introduce you to more students, teachers, and communities whose lives have been changed through your generosity. We hope you'll continue this journey with us.

Thank you for believing that education has the power to change lives.

With gratitude,

Women's Federation for World Peace USA

P.S. Looking for another meaningful way to support the Schools of Africa? We also have beautiful handcrafted bags and pouches made by the talented women of New Hope Technical Institute in Rwanda. Featuring bold, colorful African fabrics, every purchase helps support our Schools of Africa initiative.

HANDMADE AFRICAN PRINT BAGS



During the month of August, we're excited to bring to you a collection of handmade totes and pouches, crafted by the talented artisans at New Hope Technical Institute in Rwanda.

Each vibrant piece supports the Schools of Africa Project. Check them out whether you're looking for a meaningful gift or a unique item for yourself!

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Support Through Handcrafted Gifts



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2026 UPDATES

- **\$5,000** sent in March 2026 and **\$3,000** in September 2025 to the **Sun of Mozambique Secondary School for their general administrative costs, to install a water tank for the toilets, and purchase new photocopy machines.** This year they have 520 students attending the school.
- **\$11,000** sent in March 2026 to the New Hope Technical Training Institute in **Rwanda for the "Women's Startup Empowerment Project 2026",** a structured program including a business boot camp, one-on-one mentorship, and a final pitch competition to support a select group of social entrepreneurs
- **\$6,000** sent in September 2025 to **New Hope Technical Training Institute in Rwanda to purchase necessary training supplies** for culinary arts, beautician, and tailoring courses; these tools are invaluable for the students to practice what they are learning
 - **additional \$8,000** sent in December 2025 to the **New Hope Technical Training Institute** to fund **3 additional specialized trainings** for students to help them be more competitive upon graduation and boost the **daily lunch** so students have nutrition to focus on their studies
- **\$7,800** sent in September 2026 to **Handow Secondary School in Kenya to renovate their dilapidated dining hall**
- **\$3,000** sent in September 2025 to **Sunac Elementary School in Guinea Bissau to paint and repair their classrooms**

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