The Hunger Project (THP) – Switzerland September 2016 Newsletter

Invitation to the Benefit Street Theater "What is Conscience?"

On Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 8:00 pm in Basel With Mona Petri, Laura Huonker and Barbara Pfyffer

We cordially invite you to «Rolling Conscience», a joyful, sometimes a bit odd, yet thought-provoking poetical rolling documentary street theater on the question « what is conscience? ». After the two benefit events at the Rigiblick Theater, the team Mona Petri, Laura Huonker and (for the first time) Barbara Pfyffer have chosen a rolling exhibition in their old VW-Bus including a recording studio and an on-site show. This connects them in their method of working and their way of expression with the tradition of the travelling theater and the travelling people. The "conscience bus" represents adventure travel as well as inner travelling. Appropriately, this street theater takes place at the idyllic meeting place "Fruchttank" of the African Kane Mactar on the riverbank of the Rhine in the three-country-area of Basel. The admission is free; however, we will appreciate your generous donation.

Place:

Tankane/Fruchttank, Uferstrasse 90, Basel, September 24, 2016, 8 pm - 9:15 pm

Public transport:

take Tram number 8 or Bus number 36 to the stop Kleinhüningen.

By car:

A2 direction Karlsruhe, exit Basel-Nord/ Kleinhüningen/Weil am Rhein, at traffic-light direction Kleinhüningen/Dreiländereck, follow Hochbergstrasse past BaZ, 1 km straight ahead past intersection and roundabout, cross the railroad tracks, turn left, cross the bridge.

Interview with our volunteer Christa Eberle

Save-the-Date!

December 2, 2016 from 6:00 pm: Fashion Gala at the Beau-Rivage Palace in Lausanne: fashion show, raffle, concert etc.

How did you get to know THP?

I was looking for a volunteer job for my free time. I did some research online and came across THP.

What appealed to you when you learned about The Hunger Project?

THP's mission appealed to me: to support and empower, above all, women in their autonomy and self-determination with the aim of reducing hunger and poverty.

What do you do for THP and how much time does it take? I create various print documentations for THP. For every newsletter I need a few evenings.

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What is your personal benefit of this work?

This work constantly reminds me of the fact that it can't be taken for granted to live in a safe and privileged environment.

Would you like to tell us something personal about yourself?

I live near Lake Constance together with my husband and my oneand-a-half-year old son, and I work part-time at an office. Before our son was born, we travelled a lot and had the chance to get to know different cultures and their living conditions. This influenced our own safe life here in Switzerland: one more reason for us not to close our eyes and to support organizations like THP.

Partner Story from Burkina Faso

"My name is SANKARA Salamata. I come from Boulkon village. I am a housewife, 57 years old and I have three (3) children. My husband is a farmer. Since the creation of the epicenter, I have been taking part in the various activities, I assist the Credits Officer.

I was taught to read and write in the local language. As a member of the credit committee, I am responsible for sensitizing women in microcredits management and in income generating activities. For the development of income generating activities, a market gardening area was set for the women of the epicenter. During the dry season, they perform market gardening activities, that means the production of vegetables (cabbage, onion, sorrel, tomato, okra...).

We have the technical and financial assistance of THP-Burkina as well as the follow-up of the Ministry of Agriculture technicians



present in our area.

During the harvests we sell our products to the various buyers on the spot as well as at market places. As a farmer and for having done this activity for a few years, I can tell its impact on our communities' life:

• Contribution to the improvement of family food intake by providing condiments (okra, sorrel, tomato...). Improvement of incomes which enable to meet some expenses (children's school fees, medical care, clothing, food...).
I can say that this activity contributes to the improvement of the communities' living conditions (income and improvement of nutrition). Once more, I thank The Hunger Project for its support to our communities in fighting against hunger and poverty."

Thank you for your commitment and dedication to ending chronic, persistent hunger by 2030!

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Alexandra Koch, Managing Director THP Switzerland