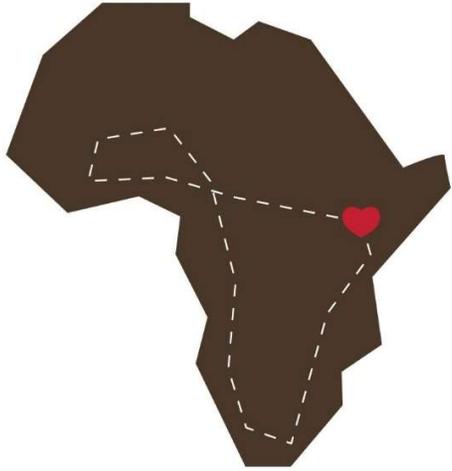


# TO AFRICA with LOVE



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## 2021 Mid-Year Update

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## Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends of TAWL,

This past year has certainly been an eventful one! In this midst of all the twists and turns, we have stayed focused on our mission to “connect, care and contribute” to the people of Kenya, and our excited to share updates with you through this inaugural bi-annual newsletter.

Among some of the highlights:

- We have formally become a 501c3 tax-exempt organization, as recognized by the IRS. This provides both added benefits to our donors, and opportunities for To Africa with Love, NFP to pursue additional funding sources.
- We have launched two new programs – including Amka Kazuri, a three-week program for Form 3 students (high school juniors) and Acts of Love, which are small, one-time financial contributions to fill a specific, immediate need of a person or group.
- We were the proud recipient of a \$10,000 grant through the Wheaton Franciscans Sisters Corporation and raised over \$1,000 through our Virtual Trivia Night and other fundraising efforts.

Our programs are all actively underway, and we are already starting the planning process for 2022. I welcome you to read through the other updates in this newsletter, and to visit our website: [www.tawl.org](http://www.tawl.org) for even more information.

With gratitude for your support and encouragement,  
Karen

## Introducing the To Africa with Love, NFP Board

### Arika Clark Alejo, Vice-President



#### Tell us about yourself...

I am a credentialed coach and curator. I have spent the last 20 years running a business in the Chicago-area.

**What inspired you to get involved with To Africa with Love, NFP?** I have been put on this plant to help change people’s lives and I knew I was destined to do work in Africa. Serendipity brought Karen and I together, and from the moment she talked about her work in Kenya I knew this is where I was supposed to be helping.

**What are you most excited about, as an inaugural To Africa with Love, NFP Board Member?** Sitting around innovating new ideas and programs that will ultimately impact girls on a soul level is thrilling. The ripple effect of TAWL is magnificent!

### Laura Hahn, Treasurer



#### Tell us about yourself...

I am the Chief Financial Officer for a technology company in the transportation space.

**What inspired you to get involved with To Africa with Love, NFP?** I accepted a board member position as the Treasurer of TAWL after watching the organization develop over the last 4 years, combined with personal desire to have shared experiences that embodied pure joy.

**What are you most excited about, as an inaugural To Africa with Love, NFP Board Member?** The opportunity provides just the right combination of mental stimulation to make me feel involved and relevant, and I’m grateful to be a contributing member of the inaugural board.

## 2021 Impact to Date



**Reached 500 girls through Pads with a Purpose.**



**Provided three Acts of Love – including a pair of glasses, a birth certificate and a computer class.**



**Began course sponsorships for our 2020 Amka Cohort, and piloted Amka Kazuri – a 3-week program for high school juniors.**



**Partnered with Chicago-area students, who collectively clipped over 1,000 magazines!**

## Program Spotlights



***“I’ve noticed a big difference in my daughter. She is much more responsible and open to talking.”***

**-Amka Kazuri Parent**



***“I’m so happy, it feels easy seeing now I wish I knew earlier!”*** 🙄

**- Jackie, Acts of Love Recipient**

## Your Support is Needed!

**\$10** provides vision board supplies and a backpack with 3-months of sanitary pads and a journal - to one girl.

**\$30** funds an Amka Experiential Activity for one girl (such as a hike, self-defense or bead making class).

**\$50** funds an Act of Love. Previous Acts of Love have included eyeglasses for a young mother and funding the cost of getting a birth certificate for a young child, so he could join school.

**\$500** funds a vocational course for a girl who has successfully completed the Amka Program.

Magazines and magazine clippings are also always welcome!

To make a donation via credit card, please visit our website at <http://www.tawl.org/donate>

Checks can be made payable to: To Africa with Love, NFP

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