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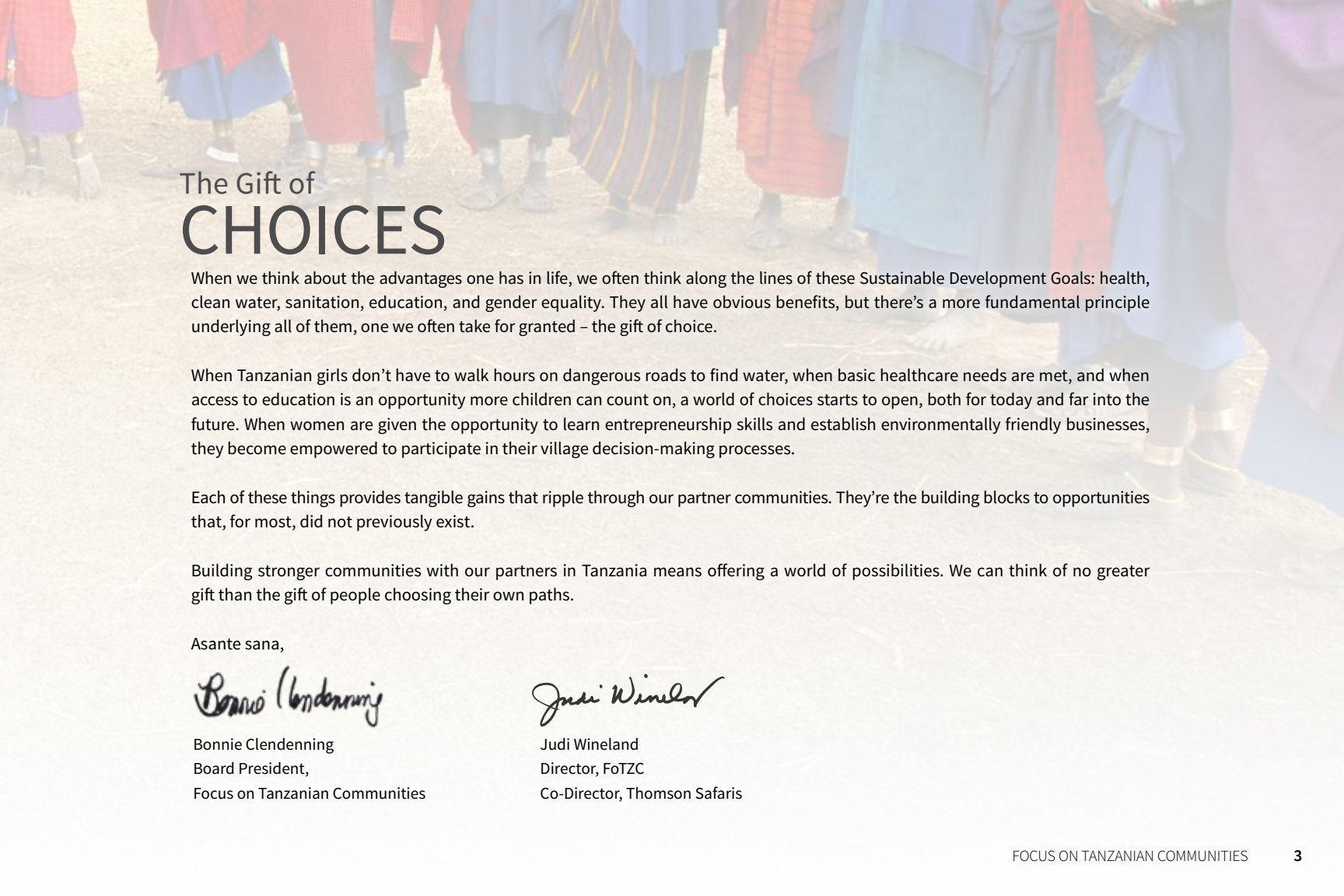


FOTZC ALIGNS GOALS WITH TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT

In September 2015, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Building on the principle of “leaving no one behind,” the Tanzanian government has adopted the UN’s holistic approach in achieving these goals.

Focus on Tanzanian Communities (FoTZC) works with our partner communities on four of these Sustainable Development Goals: good health and well-being, quality education, gender equality, and clean water and sanitation. Although we have prioritized these four goals, they overlap and cover almost all of Tanzania’s 17 goals. More information is available at www.fotzc.org/sustainable-development-goals.

In setting our project priorities each year, we realize the importance of responding to the “call of support” from elders in remote and rural villages throughout Northern Tanzania as well as from the country’s leaders. We are proud to work with them to achieve these Sustainable Development Goals.



The Gift of CHOICES

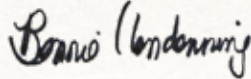
When we think about the advantages one has in life, we often think along the lines of these Sustainable Development Goals: health, clean water, sanitation, education, and gender equality. They all have obvious benefits, but there's a more fundamental principle underlying all of them, one we often take for granted – the gift of choice.

When Tanzanian girls don't have to walk hours on dangerous roads to find water, when basic healthcare needs are met, and when access to education is an opportunity more children can count on, a world of choices starts to open, both for today and far into the future. When women are given the opportunity to learn entrepreneurship skills and establish environmentally friendly businesses, they become empowered to participate in their village decision-making processes.

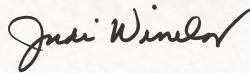
Each of these things provides tangible gains that ripple through our partner communities. They're the building blocks to opportunities that, for most, did not previously exist.

Building stronger communities with our partners in Tanzania means offering a world of possibilities. We can think of no greater gift than the gift of people choosing their own paths.

Asante sana,



Bonnie Clendenning
Board President,
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Judi Wineland
Director, FoTZC
Co-Director, Thomson Safaris



HEALTH: Knowledge Provides Choice

Thanks to FoTZC donors who are funding the building of the Sukenya Regional Health Center, treatments for acute illnesses, simple surgeries, and maternity care are becoming accessible and reliable. As any doctor will tell you, the most important thing you can do for your health isn't to visit the doctor when you're gravely ill – it's to take care of yourself day-in and day-out so that, hopefully, you can avoid critical intervention entirely.

The health center is more than just a medical facility. It's a place to teach families and communities best practices for long-term healthful living. Armed with this knowledge, they can make healthier choices for themselves and their loved ones.





Vaccinations are administered to prevent childhood diseases

The Sukenya Regional Health Center is a first for the region, with facilities rarely seen outside major cities in Tanzania. This gives surrounding communities real choices in how to ensure their health and well-being:

- **Maternity ward** – This new facility offers mothers a healthy place to deliver their babies. While they recover, they're learning ways to keep themselves and their children healthy far into the future.
- **Surgical suite** – Simple procedures and complicated deliveries can be handled onsite, saving the lives of countless patients and expectant mothers.
- **Laboratory** – When completed, medical staff will be able to correctly and quickly identify illnesses, giving doctors and patients more meaningful treatment choices.
- **Medical staff housing** – This expansion allows the Tanzanian government to provide more medical staff, which means more individuals have access to reliable care.

“When we toured the schools and villages and saw how real people live in rural Tanzania, it became clear how important FoTZC’s work is. It puts money to use where it’s most needed, and the buildings and facilities we support are practical and sustainable for the people living there. Too often, people want to come in and ‘help people’ as a trophy for themselves. We’ve supported FoTZC in the past and will in the future, because they put our money towards what the people of Tanzania actually need.”

Dave and Rita Roberts, North Liberty, IA



EDUCATION: The Path to More Choice

No single thing offers more freedom of choice than a good education. It expands the world of possibilities for students, broadening their future horizons.

In rural Tanzania, access to education is often limited, and facilities unsanitary. Overcrowded school conditions threaten students' ability to complete their studies. Lack of dormitory space forces some students to trek hours back and forth to the classroom or simply miss out on the opportunity entirely. Lack of teacher housing means rural schools often aren't staffed with trained educators or staffed at all. Creating additional educational opportunities for more students, in safer and healthier environments and with more qualified teachers, opens many doors for Tanzania's children and entire communities.





FoTZC has been partnering with Tanzanian communities since 1997 to provide more students educational opportunities including:

- **New classrooms** – Village elders have asked that we build even more of the spacious, comfortable classrooms that allow students to pursue their studies.
- **Sanitary toilets and boreholes** – Clean water and sanitary facilities help keep students and teachers healthy and able to attend class.
- **On-site dorms** – A dedicated environment allows students to stay in school and focus on their education instead of staying home to help care for siblings or tend herds. Living in dorms allows for more opportunities for learning with lights at night, study spaces, and access to books that can be used day and night.
- **New teacher housing** – College educated teachers are now eager to teach in communities like Sukenya, Robanda, Orkuyene, and Mondorosi.

“Supporting the Christopher P. Halloran School in Orkuyene has been a way to advance education in areas of extreme poverty while memorializing someone very near and dear to our hearts. Chris believed so strongly in education for all, as do we. It has been our great honor to support education initiatives through Focus on Tanzanian Communities, and particularly the Christopher P. Halloran School.”

Scott and Lisa Stuart, Greenwich, CT



WATER:

A Prerequisite for Healthy Choices

Clean water is a basic human need. Many rural Tanzanian women and girls trek for hours each day to secure water for their families' needs. These physically dangerous, time-consuming trips prevent them from choosing to spend their time doing other tasks or even going to school. Beyond that, a lack of water often results in unsanitary conditions. Without available clean water, preventable disease is common, keeping people out of work and children out of school.

The installation of boreholes (deep wells with solar powered pumps) throughout the region keeps people healthy and frees up time to put towards education, business development, or family care.



Boreholes don't just provide clean water, they give our communities choices they never had before:

- **Education** – When water is accessible, girls gain back hours of time every single day to focus on their studies.
- **Women-run Businesses** – Women have more time and energy to learn the skills they need to run and maintain successful small businesses. The money they earn offers more choices for them and for their families.
- **Community Health** – Ganako's borehole has improved the community's health. By selling the clean water, and reinvesting the earnings in borehole maintenance, they're ensuring it will be a lasting resource. They even have enough money to put the extra towards school and books.
- **Individual Health** – Drinking, eating, and bathing in contaminated water can cause the waterborne diseases of cholera, botulism, diarrhea, dysentery, and typhoid, keeping people out of work and children out of school. Providing clean water significantly decreases the incidence of these diseases. Consequently, absenteeism from work and school drops significantly.



COCOBA: Women Choose Their Futures

In rural Tanzania, women traditionally haven't had many choices available to them. The demands of raising children and maintaining a household, combined with a highly patriarchal culture, have kept many of them from exercising control over their own futures.

For these women, education is the first step toward both autonomy and financial security. The Community Conservation Banking (COCOBA) program helps give them the tools they need to build and sustain their own small businesses. Their daughters and sons will learn that giving women more choices is not just beneficial to them, it improves the lives of everyone in the community.





Launched in 2015 with four groups of women in Sukenya, the COCOBA program now serves 11 groups in additional locations:

- **COCOBA Initiatives** – Micro-loans, entrepreneurship training, and business guidance help launch and maintain businesses.
- **Family Support** – Women regularly choose to put the income from their businesses toward building sturdier houses or sending their children to secondary school, a choice that multiplies opportunity generationally.
- **New Skills** – Beekeeping, beading, and tanning have all been highly successful for the women in the COCOBA program, providing a stable income via businesses the women can maintain on their own. Established groups are now sharing best practices for successful beekeeping ventures with two new COCOBA groups in Mondorosi.
- **Sharing Success** – The success of the businesses has enabled COCOBA to fund university scholarships for two young women. This is extraordinary.

By participating in COCOBA and learning new skills, these women are building stronger and healthier futures for themselves and their families.



“In 2015 we visited Tanzania with Thomson Safaris and had the chance to visit a Maasai school, where we interacted with the teachers, visited classrooms, and played soccer with the students at lunchtime. We also saw the textbooks the children used. They were decades old, tattered, and in English, and yet the children were quite motivated to learn, soaking up knowledge like sponges. That visit was life-changing for us, and afterwards we vowed to do what we could to give the children the best opportunity for education. We saw how much good FoTZC has already done with new classrooms, toilets, and teacher housing, and we know our future donations will have a similar impact.”

Rick Genter and Martina Keinath, Belmont, CA

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Audited Revenue and Expenditures for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

All administration and development costs are covered by a foundation, board members and Thomson Safaris. This means that 100% of your donation goes directly to funding projects.

REVENUE

Cash Donations	\$342,380
In-Kind Gifts (Thomson Safaris)	\$15,000
Outstanding Pledges	\$200,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$557,380

EXPENDITURES

Projects	80.5%	\$219,006
COCOBA		\$30,044
Haymu Primary Teacher's Housing Final Payment		\$6,908
3 Mondorosi Classrooms Final Payment		\$5,903
Christopher P. Halloran School Dining Pavilion		\$58,885
Sukenya Health Center Maternity Ward		\$45,564
COCOBA Honey-Processing Center Initial Payment		\$13,788
Soit Sambu Girls' Dormitory Initial Payment		\$48,733
On-site Project Management Fees		\$9,181
Administration & Development	19.5%	\$53,087
Management Fees		\$13,120
Website and Database		\$3,523
Nationwide Nonprofit Registrations		\$7,418
Tax Preparation and Audit		\$14,700
Office Supplies, Bank Fees and Insurance		\$6,774
Marketing		\$7,552
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	100%	\$272,093

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Donations received September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

Your gift contributes to the schools, health centers, and training programs FoTzC builds and maintains with our Serengeti partner communities. Additionally, you're providing a variety of new choices to these men, women, and children. Thank you for your continued generosity; you make it possible for thousands of Tanzanians to choose a life that's happier, healthier, and more fulfilled.

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