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Subject: End-of-Year sponsorship Letter

I am delighted to convey you the sponsorship letter of SOS children's village Gikongoro. The whole family here wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2016. Kindly receive current news from your sponsored child.

Françoise is a healthy young girl. She likes to play with other children. She is calm. She is growing well either in height or weight. Françoise keeps well her school materials. Her school bag is always clean and her clothes are always well arranged in her wardrobe. She is a good model of the other children. When there are visitors of the same age they are often astonished to see how she is tidy. Her SOS mother Languide tells her to keep it up.

Now, let's share other things that happened in the village all along the whole year. The village is a loving home, a home for talents. In the spare time, children enjoy many activities like sports, games or cultural activities. Something rare even impossible for other children living in Nyamagabe district, where the village is located. Many thanks for your financial support that helps the children in the village to enjoy their rights. Clemence is one of the children in the care of SOS. She is one of the cultural group singers that perform during different events in the village. There are many other children like her who can enjoy life once they get support.

Unusual singers!



Clemence (with a microphone) and her group performing a song

They have finally formed a famous group of singers in the Village. They entertain everybody. I wish you could see them. The group is mainly composed of Elisabeth, Mackeline, Valerie, Marcel, Clemence etc. The latter is a seven year old talented girl. She is a master of songs, and she loves singing.

Clemence and her group really feel the music. She joined the village when she was five years old. She quickly got familiar with everyone. 'Clemence and her colleagues are an organized and smart group of young singers. She is always entertaining her siblings in the village. When it is time for leisure, she is the first to switch on the television and play some music. She is not only talented in music but also in class. 'She gets good grades,' says her SOS mother Consolée.



She started singing for the traditional troop when she was still in kindergarten. 'She is able to learn by heart all the songs. Her voice is always amazing when she sings all those songs', says Agnes, her former teacher in kindergarten. 'This is unusual; seeing group of young children performing songs like that!', she continued.

Clemence is now in primary one, where she is doing great in class. 'I feel happy when I hold the microphone and sings for the dancers,' she likes to say. Do you want to know the cherished dream of the whole group? They always affirm, 'We want to become great singers like Cecile.' Cecile is a famous and local traditional singer. I thank you for your support. With you, Clemence and her group like many other children are in a safe place where their talents are valued, encouraged and appreciated.

The village is also a place where children are guided on the way to a promising future, to self-reliance. Beatrice like many brothers and sisters in the village are now our pride, your pride!

Who could believe it?

Some of these young people like Adolphe, Baptiste,... have got farms, others like François, Janvier... have bought plots of land. Others have finished their higher education and have good jobs. Others like Beatrice, Jean, Emmanuel... have got their own houses. Beatrice has managed to set up a company and seen her dreams fulfilled. It is really beyond understanding. Do you remember that they could not grow up if you had not supported them?

Beatrice grew up well and healthy. From kindergarten to primary school, Beatrice was an exemplary young girl. At a certain age, her school diligence gradually decreased like some of young people in adolescence. Her SOS mother Immaculée's heart was paining. With her youth educator, Immaculée did their best to help her. She barely managed to pass to the upper level and succeeded well in the national exam. Then, she joined university. Thanks to her money gift from sponsors, she decided to study and make money by dealing in stationery at the same time.



Beatrice (in red) with her brother and sisters in the care of SOS celebrating her achievement in front of her house.

After finishing her bachelor's degree, she continued that activity. Her target was to build or buy a residential house in Kigali city, the capital of Rwanda. Now, she has got her own house of three rooms with bathroom in Kigali as she had planned long before. 'I can now say that I am confident about my future. Who could believe it? It was simply like a dream when I started thinking about it'. Beatrice, like many young people in the care of SOS, is ever grateful to you. It is your financial support that makes their dream come to light. On the basis of their confidence in you, everything is achievable. 'I also plan to expand my business and become a big businesswoman,' says Beatrice.

There are still so many young people, like Beatrice, with big dreams. Your support enables the village to help many more. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2015!

I remain
Yours sincerely



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