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## MEMO TO STAFF

Date: February 7, 2018  
To: All Staff  
From: Arlene Ross, Executive Director  
Re: **Year 2 of Three-year Fundraising Commitment to Upendo**  
cc: Board of Directors

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Greetings!

Welcome to Year 2 of our three-year fundraising commitment in support of Upendo Early Childhood Education Centre in Sabaki Village, Kenya. As most of you will recall from my November 2016 memo, we launched a fundraising campaign to raise \$1,500 in each of three consecutive years, commencing in 2017. Our goal in 2017 was easily reached through a variety of fundraising activities across all Global sites – thank you.

The money we raise in this 3-year campaign helps to support an ongoing reading program for the children and training for the school's teachers, amongst other initiatives. One of Upendo's goals in 2017 was to have exterior signage painted on the school in order to create better visibility in the community – this has now been achieved through funds raised by Global. As you might recall, the original name of the school was Upendo Nursery School, and it started out as a mud hut. Then it became Upendo Early Childhood Education Centre after it was built on its new site and classrooms were added on, one by one, as money was raised. With its establishment as a proud fixture in the community and its continuing progression as a recognized educational institution, it has now been given a new name: Upendo Sabaki Academy.

In fact, in recognition of the significant role Global played in funding the construction of the school (2011-2013), we have received honourable mention on the school's new sign! This means that 13,000 kms away in Africa, our name is proudly displayed on the side of a school which we were instrumental in building.



If you are new to Global, or you're a veteran and would enjoy a trip down Upendo memory lane, I would encourage you to visit our website's *Our Community Involvement* page where you'll find *Global goes Global – Our Passion Project*. Learn about our agency's history and friendship with the Elimu Foundation and their incredible work supporting children's education and wellbeing in Kenya. Check out our *News and Events* webpage as well, where you'll find heartwarming photos depicting Upendo's progress over the years. Be sure to visit Elimu's website and Facebook page where

you'll see inspirational photos on all their projects and where you'll find lots of love for Global Child Care Services on their Upendo project page:  
<http://elimu.ca/upendo-sch.html>.

I know that our 2018 fundraising campaign for Upendo has already begun in earnest and I thank you for the kindness and compassion which are hallmarks of our Global Child Care Services team. You are making a real difference in the lives of children and families here, and across the globe.

Asante Sana! (Swahili for *Thank you very much*)

*Arlene*

