



# Newsletter

*A Review of 2014...*

## Board of Directors Grows

The KKFC is fortunate to have a talented group of individuals who have volunteered to serve as board members, bringing with them a broad range of experiences. In 2014 the three founding directors, Tarah Korir, Blair McKay and Brian Tithecott, welcomed Joe Brunsting, Dr. Karen Galbraith, Robert McRae and Stewart Skinner to the board. For more information on our directors visit <http://kenyankidsfoundation.ca/about-us/directors>



*Photos (L - R): Blair and Wesley visit Robert McRae and his colleagues at Semex. The Korir family visits Dr. Karen Galbraith's dairy farm. Karen and her husband, Steve Dolson.*

## Spring in Ottawa

Wesley and three directors, Blair, Brian and Robert, were invited by MP Dean Allison to visit Ottawa in May. Dean and his staff arranged three full days of meetings with MP's, Senators, and numerous aid organizations to discuss development strategies for Africa. Waterloo-Wellington MP Harold Albrecht and Dean also hosted the first public screening of the documentary Transcend in the East Block of Parliament Hill.

Later that month, Wesley and his family returned to Ottawa for the Ottawa race weekend. Thanks to support from John Halvorsen and his Ottawa Marathon staff, the foundation was able to raise funds and awareness at this event.



*Photo: Canadian MP Dean Allison and Kenyan MP Wesley Korir*

# Harvest Half Marathon Weekend

## Pre-Race Pasta Dinner

Our first annual Harvest Half Marathon weekend began on Friday, September 12th, with our pre-race pasta dinner. This sold-out event, held at Calvary United Church in St. Jacobs, featured excellent food prepared and served by countless volunteers, an inspiring talk by Krista Duchene, Canada's Marathon Mom, and a very successful silent auction.

## Race Day – Saturday, September 13th

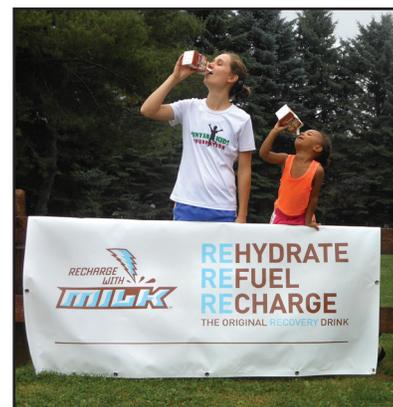
Four hundred runners competed in the Half and Quarter Marathon races along the gravel roads in Wellesley Township where Wesley trained prior to his 2012 Boston Marathon win. In spite of the cold and rainy day, participants enjoyed this unique running experience, as well as recharging with chocolate milk (Gay Lea) and corn-on-the-cob.

## Thanks!

Thanks to all the participants, our many volunteers and our generous sponsors, including Run Waterloo, Runners' Choice, Home Hardware, Dairy Farmers of Canada, GayLea Foods, Stemmler's Meats, Heart and Home, Cribit Seeds and numerous others.

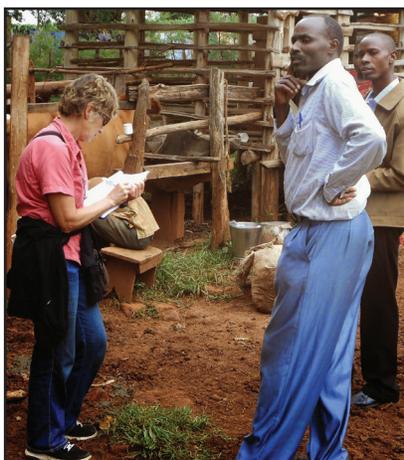
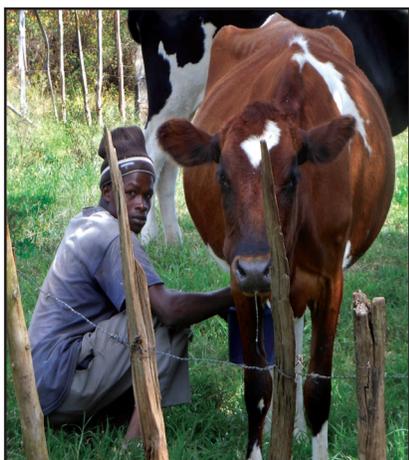
For a full list of our sponsors, please visit:

<http://kenyankidsfoundation.ca/harvest-half-2014>



# Cherangany Fact-Finding Trip

In June, Blair and Karen began work on the Dairy Project by travelling to Cherangany, Kenya. On their fact-finding trip, they visited and surveyed 20 farms, met representatives from the Mwaita and Taito cooperatives, toured 3 milk chilling plants and also a large dairy processing plant. The trip provided our board with a good understanding of existing dairy practices in this region of Kenya. Since this trip, we have maintained contact with farmers in Kenya and are working with our dairy committee to move ahead on this project.



## Launch of Website

Thanks to Andrew Debus for helping us get our website up and running! It is a work in progress and we are looking forward to adding significantly more information about our work in the future.

## Charitable Status - Registered!

Our application was first submitted to the Canada Revenue Agency early in 2014 and the process continued throughout the year. In early 2015 we received an official notification from CRA that we are now a Registered Canadian Charity! Thanks to Radhika and her colleagues at Gowlings for their invaluable support.

## A Giant Christmas Present

Through the fall, the foundation continued to receive support from local businesses and individuals as we prepared to ship a forty-foot container to Kenya. The primary focus was to supply dairy equipment for two co-op groups in Kenya. Norwell Dairy (Drayton) refurbished four milk cooling tanks. Semex (Guelph) donated liquid nitrogen tanks for storing cattle semen. Martin Vogt of EFS Plastics (Listowel) helped design custom dairy equipment and provided other support. Cribit Seeds (West Montrose) made a section of their warehouse available to store and prepare goods for shipment. Herrgott Industries (St. Clements) provided heat-treated pallets and wood required for international shipping. We were also able to obtain two portable water drilling rigs and two diesel generators. In addition to this equipment, numerous individuals helped collect 2500 children's books, 1500 running shirts and other athletic clothing. Special thanks to Alan Brookes of the Canada Running Series for donating dry-fit running shirts.

On December 23, just in time for Christmas, employees of Cribit Seeds and KKFC board members filled the container to the brim and sent it on its way to Kenya via Montreal. Board members plan to be in Cherengany when the container arrives in early March.

*Photos (top - bottom): Hilco, Wesley and Charlie at Norwell Dairy, the company that refurbished four milk cooling tanks. Loading one of the two portable water drilling rigs. The doors (barely) close after board members load the container, now on it's way to Kenya.*

*Fact-Finding Trip Photos (L-R): A Cherangany dairy farmer with his cows. Board member Karen Galbraith and Caleb, Chairman of the Taito Dairy Co-op on Caleb's farm. A small scale dairy farm in the Cherangany region.*



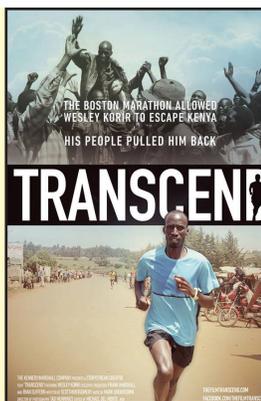
## Grandma & Gogo book

Throughout 2014 we continued to sell our children's picture book which explores McKayla's life in Canada and Kenya. We thank all parents, grandparents, teachers, and so many others who have supported our work by buying and sharing this inspirational book. Thanks also to author Tarah Korir for donating all proceeds to the foundation.

To order a copy visit [www.kenyankidsfoundation.ca/buy-a-book](http://www.kenyankidsfoundation.ca/buy-a-book)



## Looking Forward to 2015



### Transcend Movie Screening

March 6th, 2015 - 7:30 pm

Centre for International Governance and Innovation, Waterloo

Join us to view this exciting documentary that follows Wesley Korir as he moves from his Marathon win in Boston to becoming an independent MP in Kenya. For tickets, \$10 each, visit:

[www.kenyankidsfoundation.ca/transcend](http://www.kenyankidsfoundation.ca/transcend)

### Harvest Half Marathon and Pasta Dinner

Everyone is welcome to join us for a tasty pre-race dinner and guest speaker. If you are not running, you may support us by volunteering or sponsoring your favorite runner.

September 18th, 2015 - Harvest Half Pasta Dinner

For tickets, visit [www.kenyankidsfoundation.ca/pasta](http://www.kenyankidsfoundation.ca/pasta)

September 19 - Harvest Half (and Quarter) Marathon

Register at [www.kenyankidsfoundation.ca/harvesthalf](http://www.kenyankidsfoundation.ca/harvesthalf)



### Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways that you can get involved. We need volunteers in Canada who can help us for a few hours at an event, or offer professional services in accounting or web design to name only a few. You can also help by sharing your expertise in areas such as agriculture, dairy farming and business management by leading training sessions in Kenya.

### Donations and Information

We invite you to support our work by making a donation online or by mail.

**Mail:** Kenyan Kids Foundation Canada  
66 Willow Way, RR #1  
St. Clements, Ontario  
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**Online:** [www.kenyankidsfoundation.ca/donate](http://www.kenyankidsfoundation.ca/donate)

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