KARIMJEE JIVANJEE FOUNDATION DONATES NEW HILUX PICKUP TO WONDER WORKSHOP NGO

In fulfilment of its Corporate Social Responsibility, the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation has donated a brand new Hilux pickup to Wonder Workshop.

The handover ceremony was held at the Wonder Workshop premises on Tuesday 20th January 2015. The vehicle is meant to ease the logistical challenges faced by Wonder Workshop, which aims to promote and practice environmental awareness by recycling waste materials to make its products.

Present during the presentation was Karimjee Jivanjee Group and Toyota Tanzania Executive Chairman & CEO, Mahmood A. Karimjee and Executive Director, Yusuf A. Karimjee.

Mr Mahmood A. Karimjee said that the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation "are committed to supporting communities in Tanzania primarily through education and praised the efforts of Wonder Workshop in empowering the disabled community".

Wonder Workshop founder Paul Joyson Hicks, while accepting the donation thanked the Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation and Toyota Tanzania Ltd for their generosity, saying, "Toyota is the world's most successful vehicle manufacturer. There must be something you are doing right. Mr Hicks added Wonder Workshop has trained and currently employs 32 disabled men and women as well as 8 able-bodied support staff. In addition 4 contract workers have also been trained and receive a Wonder Workshop income. Over 40 people on our waiting list which continues to grow every day, and it is hoped that as we expand we are able to invite more disabled Tanzanians to come and benefit by learning Wonder Workshop's skill so that they may be able to support themselves and their families by earning a living from skills which they are proud of and are no longer reduced to having to beg.

Wonder Workshop was registered as a Tanzanian NGO with the primary aim of training disabled Tanzanians, in particular those living with the effects of polio, in various arts and crafts and provide them with marketing opportunities so that the sales of the craft items pays them a fair and sustainable source of income.

For seven generations, the Karimjee Jivanjee Group has established a strong track record for its philanthropic activities and in contributing to the development and growth of Tanzania and East Africa.

The Karimjee Jivanjee Foundation (KJF) is an amalgamation of various Karimjee Jivanjee charitable institutions since the 1940's. It was founded as a trust in 2006 and officially registered in 2010.

Today, KJF's core charitable and CSR focus centres on Education in Tanzania, most notably by providing annual scholarships to young Tanzanians to study at graduate level.

Other past projects and partnerships have included: supporting Read International in supplying text books to secondary schools, supporting Rotary International with various projects including the Muhimbili National Hospital (Cancer ward), 'Empowering Future leaders though Education' programme and CCBRT Maternity Hospital, promoting science and technology in Tanzania through the Young Scientists Tanzania (YST) programme and educational support to TESA, a Tanzanian NGO established by the Canadian alumni of the Karimjee Secondary School in Tanga.

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