

## Dear adoptive parents, friends and supporters of Centrum Narovinu,

We are happy to meet you again over the pages of our new bulletin to share the latest news with you.

From now on and one by one, we're going to introduce you all members of our team, starting with our colleague Helena who is responsible for fundraising. Read more about her on the page 6.

Our e-shop has been recently supplied with new soapstone goods and fresh coffee and tea. When thinking about presents for your families and friends, your business partners or staff, please remember our gifts - each of them can tell its own story

and will bring joy not only to their recipients but also to children from our community centre on the Island of Hope. Thank you!

We'd like to thank to all our partners and volunteers for their help with the vernissage and exhibition of photographs taken by Jan Šibík and Daniela Matulová on Island of Hope. The auto-graphed photos are for sale. More information on the page 7.

We wish you lovely colourful autumn.

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## Fair Trade Shop - Pass it on!



Fair Trade shop of Centrum Narovinu - gifts that can tell a story from Kenya. Read more on page 8.

## We're seeking students for internship



### Fellowship for University students in the Center Narovinu

Are you interested in the problems of developing world and would you like to obtain experience within a non-profit organization? Do you have good communication skills, are you creative and do you enjoy learning new things? No difficulties using computers and speaking English? You must be the right person for an internship we offer within our organization. More information on page 7.

## Island of Hope - an exhibition of photographs taken by Jan Šibík a Daniela Matulová for Centrum Narovinu

Buy this photograph signed by Jan Šibík and support children from Island of Hope!

More information on page 7.

## Thank you dad

My internal organs thumped against my chest as I dragged my bags along the carpet floor and into corridor. As I walked into the long hall, I glanced up and noticed a sign telling me I could go on.

My entire body could not barely hold itself together with the anticipation of the monumental dream – come-true event about to take place I said to myself I will be soon in the air. After a long trip finally got on the last exit, a smile drew on my face immediately I saw my dad... Ljuben I am there – relieved, drove home. That morning I woke up at 8:30 am had my breakfast and got ready for my trip to Prague, I could not wait, we were split into different languages from which pick what each understood. The views were amazing from which pick what each understood. The views were amazing, from the many churches spired to green gardens and parks, Prague castle, Charles Bridge and other classic attractions, for a moment I got separated from the group but lucky me I was he (the?) black person, so noticed and we got back together soon. My waiting time came, lunch time, the guide presented we were to have and each got choose what they like. For me I took potatoes soup and roasted potatoes and chicken. Fork and knife was what we were to use on our main dish, everyone was set and ready, good appetite, they all said to be honest a felt scared, which one should I use first? I decided to use a fork which I found it a bit easier than knife only to realise that I was not going to eat my chicken I promised myself that when I get home I would ask Ljuben to teach me.

Our trip later continued and ended at 4:30 pm, each went to their specific direction. True Prague is an enchanting city of beautiful buildings, well preserved and tourist friendly. That night I went into my room and thought how lucky I was, most of my age mate got married in their early 15th which they find



as a better option. I don't blame them because they have no hope for the future, most of them get to class 6 and the lucky one get to finish their primary education. But here I am done with my primary education, secondary and now looking forward to join a university and pursue my career on hotel management. Thank you to Centrum Narovinu which a laid a platform where people can help and offer future to poor children, I am so grateful.

Thank you once again and thank you dad. As I conclude I would like to say that I had a really good time and also an educative trip – importance of nature and cleanness. Considering this is my last day in Czech it feels bad to leave. I would not say I am looking forward to going home – east west home is the best as the phrase goes, I am so grateful once again to Ljuben and Centrum Narovinu for making my desires and I (my?) wishes come true my inspiration now is to go pursue my career on hotel management and hope that I would get a good job not only in Kenya but country wide.

*Diana Nyambura Wakhome*

## Diana's Visit

I flew to Nairobi in winter 2015 to visit my adoptive daughter Diana. I promised to invite her over next year for one month visit of Prague. All necessary arrangements went surprisingly smoothly and we could set the date of visit between 16th July and 15th August. Friday 15th, the evening before Diana's arrival, I was watching news and got upset. There was a military coup in Turkey and all airports were closed. I was disappointed and decided to wait till Saturday. Turkish president was dealing with the coup but the airport in Istanbul was still closed on Saturday. I was in touch with Diana who told me that her

flight was re-booked for Sunday. I could not wait for Sunday morning. I was relieved when I saw that the airport was open again. I wanted to keep my promise and make Diana's dream come true. We both would be very disappointed if the visit had to be cancelled.

Fortunately visit turned out well. We have seen many places in Prague. Within the Czech Republic we allowed Diana to visit many sites listed in UNESCO's cultural heritage, e. g.: Castle Hluboká, Český Krumlov, Kutná Hora, Mělník, Konopiště etc.. We were also at the African Festival in Hradec Králové where we visited the stand of Centrum Narovinu. I am sure that Diana experienced a lot and got nice memories. She took plenty of pictures and videos. On 15th August at the airport we have promised each other that this was definitely not our last meeting.

I would like to say big thank you to the director of Kenyan office Mr. Ken Okongo for help with all necessary arrangements in Nairobi, to Lenka Čapková and Simona Heřtusová for help with planning of Diana's programme here in Czech and also to the director of Centrum Narovinu in Prague Dana Feminová who found a gap in her full calendar and spent one evening with Diana.

The farewell was emotional but as I said at the beginning of this article, the greatest joy for me was to fulfil one of Diana's dreams and to enable her to learn about different culture and environment. Diana has started two years programme of hotel management in college in Kenya. We are still in touch. I will never forget our meeting in Czech.

*Ljuban Nunev*



## Adoption Friends' Club



During the last third semester of 2016 thanks to over-payments donated by the adoptive parents we supported especially children who have lost their adoptive parents in their last year of their elementary or secondary school. This year is critical to them, because they will be passing the final exams. In total we supported 38 children and re-distributed the amount of 98 400,- CZK.

In detail – 16 pupils that will be finalizing the elementary school (ID numbers: 40788, 40962, 41101, 41263, 41521, 41725, 41801, 41818, 50520, 51346, 51410, 51470, 51743, 51747, 51878, 51955), 17 students the last 4th year of their secondary school (ID numbers: 5014, 40398, 40453, 40556, 40866, 40877, 40931, 50323, 50392, 50794, 50798, 51321, 51540, 51553, 51580, 51607, 51899), 3 students of the 1st year in our own secondary school - Island of Hope Humanist Mixed Boarding School (50318, 50683, 51433) and 1 student who finalizes the college (ID 50940) and 1 child from nursery school (ID 52303).

We seek new adoptive parents for students from 8th grade and for 2 students from our own secondary school at the community centre Island of Hope – the needed monthly fee is 1400 CZK (55 EUR).

Bradox Odhiambo Omalla (ID 50318) has 4 siblings. His mother is a widow and makes her living by selling fish, which is one of the few possibilities at the Rusinga Island how to make money. The earning is very unstable and she has no other possibility how to pay her son the school fees.

Steven Junior Ochieng (ID 50683) is in a very similar situation. His mother is a widow as well.

She was trying to pay his school fees in exchange of donating fish to the school canteen, but she didn't managed to do so. Steven is a very clever boy and would like to become an engineer.



*Lenka Čapková*

# News from the Island of Hope - the community centre at the Rusinga Island in Kenya



on the construction site and we are looking also still lack the money to buy high-quality and adequate kitchen facilities and dining - from cooking boilers, refrigerators, warehouse equipment to tableware and tables and chairs in the dining room.

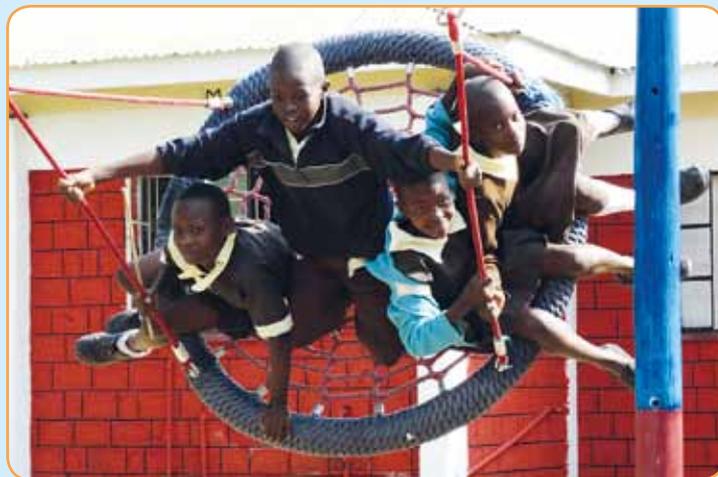
## Fish breeding

After the first very successful experiment in breeding cages in the lake and a final evaluation, we decided to enter the second sequel in fish farming. We clarify any errors and influences, which was not planned in advance, they established a close cooperation with the farm from the nearby island Mufanga-

## High School

The first students of our high schools are preparing for their final examinations, which will be held in November. Finally, they also completed a new laboratory for physics, chemistry and biology from which they are excited.

Continues in the second phase of construction of high school - built office block with school staff meeting room and offices, another building with two classrooms and cabinets teachers and the remaining two buildings of boys and girls hostels. All four buildings should be completed in February 2017 and the plan is to open a new freshman and also the third year. If enou-



no and believe that the first pilot test served to us next time he succeeded. They repaired the existing cages and bought a new fish násadba six breeding cages. So let's fingers, whether this time will achieve earnings that self-sufficiency for the whole center is really needed.

**Repaired swings are fully operational and is very popular with all the children of the Isle of Hope.**

**Thanks to an international partner school, Park Lane was another very important seminar for all teachers of the Island of Hope. In July came tutors Brian and Joe to the UK.**

gh candidates, since 2017 would no longer have to be at their desks and in their rooms freshmen, sophomores and třetíci. A total of 90 students boarding school.

## Kitchen and dining room

Since 2017 it is expected in the Island of Hope A total of 480 children and students + staff of 50 people, making a total of 530 diners every day. Claims for kitchen and dining room are already really high, so we are trying as quickly as possible to complete the construction of a new kitchen, which would allow for the smooth running of day dining. Intensively working





In July, he visited the Island of Hope also known photographer Jan Šibík with his partner Daniela Matulová took pictures and photographs depicting everyday life in the community center, but also on Rusinga Island. Photography was transformed into a traveling exhibition, perhaps we managed to bring the reality of life and show you the conditions in which families live and why do children really need our help.

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## **Fund-raising campaign of Island of Hope for final facilities of kitchen and dining room**

We were lucky to get money for finishing making kitchen and dining room for 530 boarders of Island of Hope on Rusinga Island in Kenya, the construction is underway. However, we are still missing finances for facilities – boilers, fridges, equipment of storerooms as well as dishes, tables and chairs for the dining room.

**Please, help us.**

**The number of the fund-raising account is 107-6829480277/0100, variable symbol 900.**

## Who is a team of the Centrum Narovinu? Introducing Helena

Hello,

My name is Helena Andrejová and I am working since March 2016 as a fundraiser for the Centrum Narovinu. I had found Centrum Narovinu at the end of 2014, when I went to a seminar for volunteers, and became the volunteer coordinator of adoptions for long distance, what I still do.

The scope of my work now is searching for new corporate donors who support our projects. Also I write grant applications to the government (during October eg. 2 grants to the Czech Development Agency) and requests for private foundations, both Czech and international (eg. The Foundation „Divoke husy“, the Embassy in Nairobi and other private large US and World Foundations). In the upcoming Christmas season, companies are also addressed a special offer, both Christmas packages for their employees, and especially with an original Christmas party for employees - a party with a performance of a theater group Frída.

Outside of work, I am in love with traveling and learning about new cultures and places throughout my life (I have traveled through USA - Hawaii, New York, California, Cuba; Asia - India, Malaysia, Singapore, and almost all Europe). I like reading a lot, predominantly classical literature (eg. E. Zola, F. M. Dostoevskij, M. E. Remarque, G. Orwell). I also love trips, singing and going out with friends. Cooperation with the Centrum Narovinu gave me a great life experience and the opportunity to see how it works in the nonprofit sector.



### Profit or non-profit?

## Getting new corporate partners for the community center Island of Hope in Kenya

In June 2016, breakfast meetings with representatives of companies took place in Prague's café, which until now are accompanied by personal meetings. Every beginning is difficult, and the same is true for new partnerships, especially if they are supposed to be long term. One of the greatest successes of this campaign to reach out to potential partners is the established cooperation with the Theatre Catering Ltd. (Divadelní catering s.r.o.). This company has under its management eg. spaces such as Campus Vltavanů, Museum café, bar Umbrella (Deštník) at the Economy University and others. In all these areas we are allowed to organize our society events (eg. the traveling exhibition of Jan Sibík and Daniela Matulová for the Island of Hope), or participate in their events, and thus connecting joint promotional power.

We also visit cafes and try to establish wholesale partnership for the collection of coffees and teas, which are imported from Kenya. 100% of the earnings from their sales goes back to the Project Island of Hope, because in this sale, we can see great potential for self-financing of the project. We would like to also participate in the tender of the project from the Vodafone Foundation - Year differently. We are looking for IT expert who could help us to modernize sites and came up with our mobile application.

Do you know about any cafe, tearoom, company, interesting space for events, celebrities, that would like to support us or any IT specialist who would like to work with us for a year? If so, do not hesitate to contact me..

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## Podporuj.cz

**Your purchases can support the planting of fish to the ponds of Community Centre Island of Hope.**

In the last newsletter we have introduced you the online portal Givt.cz. Another interesting project is Podporuj.cz.

Use the opportunity to help people in need every day by your purchases. Every day, every month we spend several thousand for ordinary things like electronics, food, beverages, cosmetics, clothing, trips, adventures etc. Imagine that every purchase will make a contribution an average of 5 – 7 % to support of non-profit organizations. It does not cost extra time or money. Namely you can support our project – the planting of fish to the ponds of community centre Island of Hope on Rusinga Island. Rusinga Island is an island in Victoria Lake where fishing is the main source of livelihood. Your contribution to the planting of new fish to the ponds will secure the food for children from local orphanage and school Island of Hope where there is 530 diners every day. If Tilapias flourish and grow in numbers part of them will be sold and the money will be used for the next planting and feed, so the project is sustainable and long-term.

**Thank you for your support.**

Please find more information on: [www.adopceafrika.cz](http://www.adopceafrika.cz) and [podporuj.cz](http://podporuj.cz)

# Exhibition ISLAND OF HOPE

## Jan Šibík and Daniela Matulová took pictures for Centre Narovinu

The photos were taken by Jan Šibík a Daniela Matulová in July 2016 non Rusinga Island in Kenya. The exhibition presents everyday life on the island and also the community centre of Island of Hope.

**Jan Šibík said about the project: „Centre Narovinu manages a very interesting and successful project. I have worked on the best project of adoption in Africa I have seen.“**

The exhibition of photographs resulted from a cooperation with an international school Park Lane, which organised the journey. They have supported children and school in Island of Hope on Rusinga Island for a longer period, they organise beneficiary events for us, but they mainly support teachers at school by educational seminars.

We also thank to company Fotopixel, which produced the photographs for the exhibition for free.

The preview took place in Prague on Wednesday 21.9. in a very pleasant atmosphere of Café Muzeum. We have to thank them, too. You can see it until the end of October and after that it moves not only in Prague, but also all around the Czech Republic.

**The photos are to be sold – the money supports children from community centre Island of Hope.**

**Size 30 x 45 cm with a signature of the authors can be at your home for 2 000 CZK, size 50 x 70 cm for 3 500 CZK.**

If you are interested to have this exhibition at your place of if you want to buy photos, you may contact me, I will be pleased to inform you more. Thank you and I hope the exhibition will be a great benefit for Island of Hope.

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Thanks:

**PARKLANE**  
International School

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MUZEUM

## We offer fellowship for university students who study the problems of development cooperation

**Duration of the fellowship:** upon agreement

**Location:** Sokolska 32, Praha 2 (metro I.P. Pavlova)

**Working hours:** upon agreement, start immediately

### Work Responsibilities

- Administration for adoption of African children project
- Administration for small "Fair Trade" shop / E-shop
- Advertising (organization of charitable activities, support with the materials, social networks media – facebook, youtube...)
- Fundraising (preparing the presentation for the sponsors, contact search, emails distribution)
- Project "Island of Hope" (support materials for the project implementation such as contact search, validation and search of information, budget preparation etc.)
- Help with the development of printed materials (information search, development of advertising leaflets and text, proofreads etc.)

### Requirements:

- English language – verbal and written
- Interest in development cooperation (the studies focused in this area advantageous but not a must)
- Individual with strong communication skills, thorough and due-diligence, organizational skills, interest to learn, friendly and team player
- Good knowledge of PC (MS Office)

### Fellowship is not paid, but we offer:

- Opportunity to gain experience and knowledge of working in the non-profitable organization and development cooperation
- References and confirmation of fellowship
- Friendly working environment in the small team

Please send your application to [info@centrumnarovinu.cz](mailto:info@centrumnarovinu.cz), thank you.

# Fair trade shop Pass it on!

Direct import from Kenya without intermediaries



100 % of the profit supports the children from the community center Island of Hope

## And who makes the soapstone products in Kenya?

Rough-hewn bowls are hand-made by stonemasons from Kisi tribe occupying the Tabaka village region, the only place in Kenya where soapstone is mined. These stonemasons have lectured the women from our community, the members of the Luo tribe on Rusinga island, on how to further shape the bowls, how to smooth, paint, decorate, and polish them. So, the stonemasons supply us with rough semi-finished products which are then finished by the women from the Island of Hope. So far 12 women have worked in the workshop, two of which we would like to introduce to you now:

**Eunice Awuor Oreso** is 23 years old and she is married with two sons. Eunice comes from a place called Gunda in the western part of Rusinga Island. Eunice graduated from high school but was unable to go to college because her parents did not have enough money to cover her tuition. Eunice makes money by selling second hand clothes while her husband works as a shop attendant. The



family lives in a three-room mud house, they fetch water from the lake, use firewood for cooking, and kerosene for lighting.

**Tracy Akinyi Otieno** is 24 years old and she is married with two children – a daughter and a son. Tracy completed elementary school but could not study any further because of the birth of her first child. She also comes from Gunda located in the western part of the island. Tracy makes money by selling water to people on the island while her husband works as an occasional labourer and fisherman. The family income is very low. The family lives in a two-room mud house, they fetch water from the lake, use firewood for cooking, and kerosene for lighting.



**All of the soapstone products have already been brought to our Fair trade shop!** Do not forget about our "gifts with a story" when buying presents for your loved ones, your company partners, or employees. Besides making them happy, you will also bring joy to the children from the community center Island of Hope.

Gifts with a story [CentrumNarovinu.cz](http://CentrumNarovinu.cz)