Building prosperity and local philanthropy in developing countries

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Top Left: Children at a poor elementary school received new notebooks donated by Ha Minh Anh Printing, saving money for the students’ needy families. (Hanoi, Vietnam).

Middle Left: Everest Water donates clean drinking water at poor schools, improving students’ health. (Hue, Vietnam).

Bottom Left: Oscarito’s donated baskets of their products to 53 poor women for resale, helping them expand their stalls in the marketplace. (Nicaragua).

Bottom Right: Poor families are receiving donations of bread from Al-Seraj Bakery. (Palestine).

Top Right: Greentech donates training in greenhouse agriculture to young adults, so they can start businesses or find jobs that increase domestic food security. (Kenya).

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Impacting Lives

- **77,205 people in need benefited from Thrive business donations** of job training, products, and services.

- **618 new jobs** were created by Thrive businesses (an average of 6 new jobs per business).

- **52% of former Thrive businesses are continuing to provide charity** in their communities.

- **50% of Thrive businesses are owned by women** - an important goal for Thrive.

Accomplishments and Challenges

- **Thrive was selected as a White House Champion of Change for Food Security** in recognition of our support of small agricultural entrepreneurs enhancing domestic food security. [Link](http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2012/09/11/paying-it-forward-build-food-security)

- **Thrive is supporting successful disabled entrepreneurs** and companies that hire disabled workers. Instead of needing charity to survive, they become contributing members of society.

- **Thrive has introduced Business Associations** in nearly every program, where Thrive entrepreneurs meet, do business, and work on charitable projects together.

- **For 2013, 66 additional entrepreneurs were selected to join Thrive** and receive new production equipment and technical assistance, enabling them to build prosperity, add employees, and fortify their communities.

- **The global financial crisis** continues to be felt in Thrive countries, with high inflation, small business failures, job losses, and more expensive and restricted credit. In these difficult times, Thrive businesses are resilient enough to grow and continue to donate to their communities.

**Hope Center hires disabled workers to manufacture and donate school uniforms like these for children whose parents could not afford to purchase them. (Hue, Vietnam)**

**Local farmers increased their subsistence income significantly, after Thien Phuc Mushroom Co. donated trainings and mushrooms for cultivation. (Hanoi, Vietnam)**

**Princecam Media provided free media production training to young adults who could not otherwise afford to learn these skills, helping them find employment in a growing industry. (Kenya)**
**Thrive builds success and a culture of philanthropy**

Beatrice Akinyi Omondi, the owner of Albright Cleaning in Nairobi, Kenya, adopted orphanages in her community for her repayment of ThriveCapital, donating her cleaning services to improve their hygiene. Because many children in the community where she lives are often sick due to lack of hygiene and sanitation in their homes, she is also providing monthly seminars on cleanliness and waste management to local women.

Thrive is helping owner Beatrice Omondi become a budding local philanthropist as her business grows.

Beatrice spoke of her commitment to long-term charity saying, “I have built a bond with these children and these homes, and my heart will keep me helping here for long after my loan is repaid.”

Since receiving ThriveCapital of $7,600 to purchase new industrial cleaning equipment, she has hired 9 new employees and grown her business over 50%. Beatrice represents a new generation of Kenyan women entrepreneurs and we’re proud to play an important role in her success.

**How Thrive Works**

ThriveCapital is used to purchase production equipment. Entrepreneur repays loan forward into their community in the form of goods, services, or job training, creating communities that Thrive.

- Increased production creates more jobs
- Thrive’s vetted social businesses
- Funders

**Thank you to our Donors**

Thrive depends on the support of our generous and thoughtful donors. Many have been with us for multiple years, lending their valuable counsel to help us do an even better job. They are visionaries who support building prosperity in developing countries—providing sustainable ways out of poverty and valuable assistance to families.

This year, special thanks go to Drosos Foundation for helping to greatly expand our program in Palestine.

Sastreña Arlen donates uniforms to poor students. Said one mother, “We feel blessed for this donation because we can use the money we would have spent on uniforms to buy food.” (Nicaragua)

A woman from nearby Al-Fara’s refugee camp is happy to receive free job training donated by Al-Mouda Sewing. (Palestine)
Thrive could not succeed without our international NGO partners and dedicated program managers. They are the glue that holds the program together—screening and selecting business candidates; verifying equipment procurement; and monitoring and reporting on charitable repayment, job creation, and business success.

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Help build prosperity and local philanthropy in Nicaragua, Kenya, Vietnam or Palestine! When Thrive supports more small businesses, more jobs are created, and more futures are brightened with donations of job training, products, and services.