

No Child Turned Away

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, from 2000 to 2006, nearly 1,200 inner-city faith-based schools closed, displacing 425,000 students. These closings are a tragedy for the many children that need alternatives to chronically underperforming public schools. Non-public schools, including faith-based schools, have helped educate generations of low-income students, and their survival is vital for urban transformation.

Founded in 1995, Harambee Preparatory School is an urban faith-based school that serves a vital need. For 13 years our mission has been to provide a rigorous academic elementary education in a Christian setting to children in NW Pasadena, a historically lower-income community impacted by drugs, gangs, and school dropout. We educate students for future leadership in NW Pasadena and beyond. Our graduates attend universities, work in the trades, and excel in secondary schools.

Harambee Preparatory School is open to all regardless of ability to pay. Tuition is \$7,000 per year, and over 90% of our families receive some form of financial assistance. Many of our parents work hard at lower-wage jobs, and paying any tuition is a sacrifice. They choose this sacrifice because they want a quality, Christian education for their children.

We Need Your Support! Harambee receives virtually no government funding. Tuition only covers one-fourth of our operating expenses. *Make a gift today* to help educate a child who can one day provide the leadership our urban communities desperately need!

Thank you. At a place once known for danger - in the early 1980s, our community had the highest daytime crime rate in Southern California - there is now a beacon of hope and transformation known as Harambee. This ministry would not be possible without the generosity of friends like you. *Thank you for your support.*



HPS student Darius (pictured with his mother, Marie) won a coveted blue ribbon at the Association of Christian Schools International speech meet this past Spring. Darius, who will be a second grader this year in Mr. Okeke's class, has had perfect attendance for the past two years (kindergarten and first grade).

Rudy

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WHAT IS HARAMBEE CHRISTIAN FAMILY CENTER?

- The word "**Harambee**" means "Let's push together" in Swahili. Partnership with churches, individuals, and area residents is one of our strengths. Racial reconciliation is our conviction. (2 Cor. 5:18)
- We are a **Christian** organization, motivated by our faith to "seek the peace of the city" (Jer. 29:7) by developing children and youth into indigenous leaders for NW Pasadena and beyond.
- We help the **Family** to "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6)
- We are an anchor in the community through our six-property campus, which is a **Center** for education, high expectations, and loving encouragement (Matt. 5:16)



OUR PROGRAMS

- Afterschool: M-F, 3-5:30 p.m. Ages 6-17
 - Harambee Preparatory School: M-F, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Grades K-6
 - Harambee Pre-School: M-F, 8 a.m. - 5:45 p.m., Ages 2-5
 - Junior Staff: M-F, Afterschool, Age 13-18
 - Institute: Event-based, all year around
- Learn more about Harambee at our web site: www.harambee.org*



Yes, I want to help Harambee educate children, invest in young people, and incarnate the love of Christ!

- I will pray for Harambee
- Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift:
- \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50
- \$25 \$10 other: _____
- Where needed most
- Harambee Prep 2008-09 Scholarship Drive

Make check payable to "Harambee Ministries." Clip & mail to Harambee, c/o 1609 Navarro Ave, Pasadena CA 91103. Donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Give online: www.harambee.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St, Zip: _____

Telephone _____

Email: _____

"Don't forget that the Lord is patient because he wants people to be saved." 2 Peter 3:15 (CEV)

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Web: www.harambee.org

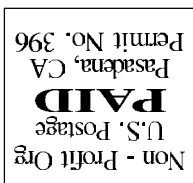
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HARAMBEE CHRISTIAN FAMILY CENTER



YOU ARE INVITED!

Thursday, October 9
Harambee Luncheon
12 - 1 p.m.

**Meet Timothy Jokkene --
and see how entrepreneurs
build pathways out of
poverty in Uganda**

Lunch is on us. Jokkene will speak, and we will also have a presentation by students from Harambee Preparatory School. Optional: Tour Harambee after the lunch event.

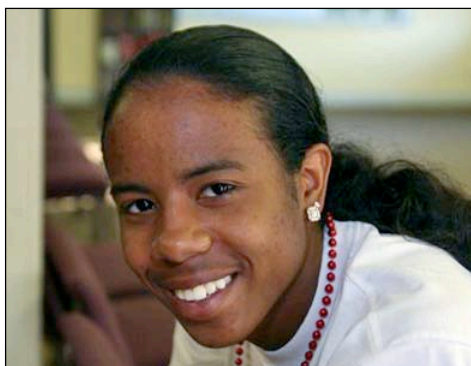
Event details:

www.harambee.org/october9

PLEASE RSVP - CALL 626-798-7431.

Bring a Friend! LOCATION: Harambee, 1609 Navarro, Pasadena 91103.

Jokkene's visit is made possible by The Center for Faith & Enterprise, Partners Worldwide, and Missionwell.



COLLEGIATE ROLL CALL

Malcolm (above) participates in our Harambee Alumni Initiative. He worked on our Junior Staff and will be a freshman at Cal State Los Angeles. Other collegians include Tara-Lin Hollins (Senior, USC), Karla Cruz (Senior, Cal State LA), Jasmine Ward (Soph, Cal State Northridge), Mark Booker (Soph, Humboldt State), Verneisha Crayton (American Career College, Pharmacy Technician), Annjeanette Warren (Frosh, Wilberforce University), Marquis Robinson (Frosh, L.A. Trade Tech), and Marcel Butler (Frosh, L.A. Trade Tech). Note: A Harambee Alumnus is a young man or woman who participated in a Harambee program as a child or teen. For example, Jasmine and Annjeanette are both graduates of Harambee Preparatory School. PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE!

Calendar

SEP 3: First Day of School
SEP. 5-7: RC speaks at Young Life Arizona All-Staff Conference, Flagstaff, AZ
SEP. 7: Harambee @ "Blessing of the Backpacks" at Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene
SEP. 18: Back 2 School Night @ Harambee
SEP. 18-20: RC speaks at Acton Institute's Toward a Free and Virtuous City conference, New York City
OCT. 4-5. RC speaks at Ventura Vineyard and Mercy Ministries, Ventura, CA
OCT. 9: @ Harambee Luncheon with Timothy Jokkene of Gulu, Uganda
OCT. 11: Harambee youth featured at "Voices of the Voiceless" exhibit at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena
OCT. 23-26: Christian Community Development Association annual conference, Miami, FL - www.cdda.org
NOV. 7: RC speaks at Wheaton Academy, Wheaton, IL
NOV. 8: Harambee staff attend Re:Load Los Angeles youth worker training - uywi.org

Harambee staff are available to speak to your church or group.