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TIME FLIES

Hello members, we hope you are enjoying these last Days summer - Our Rwanda trip is around the corner starting on Sept 26 -Sept 28.

September is recognized as the month of service and volunteering.

WeWOT is **thanking all volunteers** for their tireless and selfless contributions. Keep reading to learn about what they have been up to in the past months.

Take care
Khady Gaye
President WeWot



Please reach out to us, if you have any questions, ideas or want to get more involved.

The journey of Lisa Young



Allow me to introduce myself! My name is Lisa Young, one of the Membership Coordinators. I am looking forward to meeting all of you on one of the many exciting missions we have planned.

If your feet have never touched down on the Motherland, let me tell you what I have always been told, it will change you. You will know the moment you exit the doors of the airport that you have been invited home. It is a feeling you will never be able to shake.

And if you have been to the Motherland but never been there in a capacity to serve others, it is a joy that will live deep in your heart and help you get through some really tough times. (I know from experience as I suffered a terrible loss shortly after the trip.) There is no greater life-changing experience than to witness a little girl that could fit all her worldly possessions into a small corner of her bed, still finds it in her heart to give the givers a teddy bear in exchange for their kindness.

Africa is calling you! You are an exceptional group of volunteers with exciting careers in aviation to share with the young minds that will shape our future. To see the joy in the hearts of kids that have so little, yet are already doing amazing things such as robotics and programming, will CHANGE you.

You think you are going for charity but will be coming home with much more than you can ever give.

Lisa Young
Membership /Event Officer - WeWOT



Every time donation

In the heart of Accra, Ghana, lies a place called Chosen Rehab—a sanctuary of hope for those in need. With provisions in hand, I embarked on a journey to this humble haven, driven by the desire to make a difference in the lives of its residents.



Upon arrival, I was greeted with warm smiles and open arms. The sense of community within Chosen Rehab was palpable, fostering an atmosphere of camaraderie and support. As I distributed the provisions, I witnessed faces lighting up with gratitude, a reflection of the impact even the simplest gifts can have on those in need.

My visit to Chosen Rehab Orphanage in Accra, Ghana, was a testament to the power of human connection and the profound impact that even the smallest acts of kindness can have on those in need. The experience reaffirmed the value of love, hope, and empathy, leaving me forever changed and humbled by the resilience of the human spirit



Anthony McGee

Advisory Board Member - WeWOT

Toni went to Ghana on July 9, 2023

WeWOT on AIR twice

On June 14, George Matimba and Ciara Mason participated in the Public Affairs podcast program of KC Smooth on Radio One in Houston.

They had an enriching conversation with KC and did a phenomenal job sharing what we do and their passion for giving back. To find out what they shared or if you want to be inspired – listen to the audio and fast forward to the last 15 minutes of the show. Here is [the link](#).

A second invite got extended to WeWOT; Jean Olivier, Anthony, and Ciara did a call to boost donation and promoted their first fundraising event held on August 7, 2023, in Houston. When our board members have the mic - you better listen!

Alicia Terry

Social media - Board member WeWOT



George Matimba
Advisory board member



Anthony McGee - Advisory BM
KG Smooth - Radio One
Jean Olivier Mbog - Advisory BM

Our Membership corner

Hello WEWOT MEMBER! We hope you all had a wonderful Labor Day weekend as we approach the end of summer! WeWot wishes each member a prosperous ending to the last few months of 2023. Here is to clear skies and calm winds as we enter fall!

We would like to wish a Happy Birthday to board member Ana Gomez and all our other September birthdays. We hope you all have fantastic birthdays.

Thank you Members!

WeWot would also like to thank our members for supporting our mission as we journey onward to Rwanda this month. We had several campaigns including our Amazon wish list and particularly dear to me heart were the pad kits for purchase for our girls in Rwanda. We were able to receive more than **170 contributions** for the youth in Rwanda! Thank you for sharing with your family and friends in support of this year's outreach.

WeWot Welcome

We want to give a warm welcome to our newest members, Magali Des Anges, Xiomara Samudio, Sylvain, Ebony Lewis, Kayla Caldwell, Myra Malik, Kalina, Mallorie, Bruce, Geoff, Swanitha Guillory, and all the new additions to the family. Our newest members are reaching for the stars! Ebony is a student pilot in Atlanta, GA. Kayla participates in youth outreach for nicotine cessation in Southern California. Mallorie is a Sr. Manager Hub Business for United Airlines. Geoff is from Kenya; he currently works for SkyWest and is passionate about helping kids. In fact, he has a school in Kenya! Welcome to all of you!

Shoutout

We would like to give a special shoutout to our member of the month who also happens to be the winner of our last spotlight contest, **Nicole Coleman**. Nicole was born and raised in New Orleans Louisiana. She is a poet and a retired police officer who is passionate about community service. She has exemplified this passion since joining WeWot! We would like to recognize Nicole for showing great dedication and passion for contributing to our group in such a brief time. We Love to see your Spirit Nicole. Keep it up! Her quote to share with us all is "Control what you can and let the rest take care of itself." on July 9, 2023

Spotlight

WeWot family, as a reminder, we have an ongoing spotlight newsletter where we like to shed light on our fantastic members and their achievements. If you would like to be a part of our next spotlight or have anything in general to share that you would like posted on WeWot social media, please let us know! You can contact us by sending a WhatsApp msg to Lisa, Naomi, or Alicia!

Nomthandazo aka Naomi
Safety Officer WeWOT

The Game changers - Fundraising event



WeWOT 1st annual Golf Fundraising Tournament was a Hole-In-One. After Continuous No's, and statement's saying, "it will not work." We came up beyond expectation. From a group with minimal knowledge about the golf world.

I have asked myself several times, what were you thinking about, wanting to host a golf tournament. A game I knew nothing about, never played, just knowing one of the greatest Golfer of all times Tiger Woods. The only thing I know about sports is owning a set of clubs I purchased in Beijing over a decade ago that I have never used. And often watching snippets of commentary on ESPN, and people playing in my neighborhood while driving.

Timing was truly short, doing this in the middle of the summer, people on vacation, ... a mountain of obstacles but no way I would quit, and I would not accept a No as an answer. With a lot of effort and perseverance, we were able to put a team together, and run with it.

First, letters were sent out asking for donations, and sponsorships. We were able to secure donors, sponsors, and participants for our event. Second, the planning group stays in constant communication via group text, conference calls, and other means to solidify what I envisioned. As I am drafting this article today and reflecting on our tournament, I can only smile and be proud of what we have accomplished. By working together as a team, and networking, we were able to have our first successful golf event. And icing on the cake our founding leaders were present and shared their stories, inspiring everyone.

I would like to express my gratitude to Jean Olivier, Jacqueline, Ciara, WeWOT members, friends and Family, Ms. Gloria, who provided the catering, Wendy for her delicious empanadas, Monica for the cakes and sandwiches, and our members who flew in to support the cause.

Always remember there will be many doors that will close on you but keep persevering because someone will open their door for you, and you will achieve the Impossible.

Looking forward to our next Golf Tournament in 2024.

Michelle WILLIAMS
Fundraising Officer - WeWOT