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Looking for the perfect gift for that special someone in your life who is hard to shop for, or simply has everything? Please give the gift of hope to the Amani children! Gift Cards allow you to purchase items such as school uniforms, textbooks, athletic equipment – even provide health care and nutritious food – for the Amani children, in honor of friends or loved ones. Purchase one or multiples of these Amani gift cards sold on our website, and we'll send you the card in a holiday envelope ready for giving. And, if you provide us with the recipient's name and address in the comment section when making your card purchase using PayPal, we'll send it directly to your special someone for you.

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### Amani Celebrates 10 Years of Rescuing Street Children!



On Friday, 21 September 2012, we were extremely proud and excited to celebrate our achievements over the past 10 years, raise awareness of the centre and our work in the community, recognize our Standard 7 graduates, and most importantly, create an

energized, fun and meaningful day for the Amani children, caregivers and people in Moshi.

the lives of the Amani children this holiday season!

Rescuing Children,  
Restoring Hope,  
Transforming Lives. . . it's  
all happening at Amani  
thanks to YOU.

### Service Trip 2013



If you would like to see Amani's amazing progress over the past 10 years with your own eyes, and meet the Amani children, maybe even again, NOW is your chance! We are hoping to organize a special Amani visit for existing Amani Friends in 2013 for about 10 days.

This service trip would include spending time volunteering with the Amani children, a safari, a hike near Mount Kilimanjaro, perhaps a trip to the beach and lots of time to get a good feel for the Moshi community. The specific itinerary is yet to be determined, but it could be shaped by you, your friends and anyone else you would care to invite.

Please contact Diane at [diane@amanikids.org](mailto:diane@amanikids.org) if you are interested in receiving further information on planning this trip, especially if you want to be included! We will take care of all the details so you can enjoy every moment.

Our celebrations began in the morning with all Amani children, staff and volunteers heading into town, wearing bright red t-shirts to spread the message of the day: "Street Children Deserve a Future". Accompanied by music and announcements, the Amani kids performed drama skits and acrobatics, and took part in a parade from the local Mbuyuni Market to the Clock Tower in the centre of town. This helped draw the public's attention to our work over the past decade and to the rights that street children deserve. At the Clock Tower, banners with original artwork from the Amani kids were displayed as the Director addressed the crowd, explaining to the audience the issues street children face and what Amani has done, and continues to do, to rescue children.



The Amani kids discover a new talent - acting!



Amani Acrobats always give an amazing show

In the afternoon, our program shifted back to Amani so the children could fill their plates with a special, delicious lunch (complete with roasted goat!) before the graduation ceremony. The program also included activities such as ngoma (singing, drumming and dance), acrobatic jump



rope performances, and gave former street children and members of their families impacted by Amani's work the opportunity to speak and tell their stories. Staff were also able to reflect on and share some of Amani's major achievements in the past decade. After the Chief Guest of Honor, the District Commissioner of the Kilimanjaro region, presented certificates and gifts to the 11 Standard 7 graduates, the graduates opened the dance floor to all the attendees, including neighborhood children and their parents, by performing their own song and dance. What a great way to end a fun and fulfilling day!

Hoping to hear from you!

**You can DOUBLE  
Your Donation to  
Amani Today!**



In honor of 10 years of Amani Children's Home, you can donate in \$10 increments to help provide love and care to the Amani kids through the Intrepid Foundation with a MATCHING contribution - dollar for dollar! It's a fantastic way to send twice as much support directly to Amani for over a decade's worth of work and *Rescuing Children, Restoring Hope and Transforming Lives*.

Click to [here](#) find out more about this incredible opportunity for Amani via the Intrepid Foundation, and donate today!



Ten years of *Rescuing Children, Restoring Hope and Transforming Lives* is a milestone to celebrate and a reason to be proud. In addition to the 75 children living at the Amani Home, Amani's street educators are continuously in contact with about 20-30 children who are still living in the streets of Moshi and Arusha, and family reunification workers are in regular follow-up contact with another 100-120 Amani children who have been reunified with their families. In total, Amani currently works with more than 200 (former) street children, equating to approximately 700 children who have been positively impacted by Amani over the course of the last decade.



Amani's work is able to continue thanks to our generous sponsors, compassionate volunteers and dedicated staff. We are extremely grateful for all that has been accomplished over the past 10 years, and with your continued help, we can remain steadfast in our mission as long as there are children living on the streets needing our love and support.





Slogan shouting helped to spread the message about rights for street children



Amani kids performed a powerful drama skit

## Ngoma at Amani



Ngoma is the Swahili word for 'drum'. In Tanzania, this tradition of percussion, singing and dance is specific to performances that enrich social occasions and special events. The Amani kids stole the show in the afternoon with their colorful costumes, energetic choreography and genuine enthusiasm that left the entire audience smiling. The Amani kids had two months of practice and preparation with a ngoma teacher, and a dress rehearsal for all caregivers and children the week before the big day. Seeing the children in full costume on the actual day, however, was a proud moment for us all as they embraced their cultural heritage and filled the Amani Centre with rhythmic, joyful sounds!



Dress rehearsal was a success. The photos were excellent in right  
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