



The Magic Penny News

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Magic Penny, Inc. (TMPI) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization created to develop and implement Individualized self-sufficiency action plans, that will empower rural communities in Sierra Leone, West Africa by fostering Education, Health, and Economic growth.

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LETTER FROM LUCY

Una kaboh oh!

This greeting means
"welcome" in Krio.

Best wishes for a wonderful
2007 from all the Magic Penny
team!

Thank you for your contribu-
tions and support throughout
2006.

On November 24, 2006, I took
my annual working vacation to
Sierra Leone to check on TMPI
projects. I am happy to report
that the drinking water wells
and sanitary facilities have been
completed and are in full use.
The community center has been
built but is not fully completed.
When completed, it will offer
cottage industries, sporting

activities, and cultural and so-
cial exchange programs.

Ground will be broken this
spring for TMPI's primary
classroom block that will ac-
commodate two hundred chil-
dren. At present, there is no
school building. Five hundred
school children are forced to
attend school in make-shift
structures that are open to the
elements. Because of this, they
cannot have school during the
rains, which last from May to
October. There are no desks.
The children sit on improvised
wooden benches. They do their
work on their laps, using small
slates. Our new building will
have adequate facilities and
proper instructional tools.

In our continuing effort to pro-

vide the school children with
learning opportunities, TMPI
shipped five drums of school
supplies and used clothing to
Bompehtoke Village with the
help of "Friends of The Magic
Penny."

My sister Annie and I, together
with our aunts Doris and
Victoria, celebrated the
Christmas holiday in the
village. On Boxing Day (the
day after Christmas), we in-
vited three hundred school chil-
dren for dinner and distributed
the book bags, school supplies
and clothing. A good time was
had by all!

We are looking forward to see-
ing the school erected this year.
Our gratitude goes out to all of
you for your commitment and
financial support to our cause.

TMPI Officers & Board Members

Lucy Sumner, President and
International Director,
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SPOTLIGHT

We are grateful to the following

'Friends of TMPI' for their generous donations:

- **Rebecca Guarino & Lindsey Gilles**
(Harborfields High School Students)
One drum of school supplies and clothing, plus shipping
- **Sangima Lee, Naomi Chapter Five, Order of the Eastern Star, Atlanta**
Two drums of 200 new book bags and school supplies, plus shipping.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Paul Moran**
Two drums of gently used clothing and school supplies, plus shipping on one.
- **Mrs. Jane Grosso**
Used clothing.
- **Dr. Veronica Henry** (Eastern Shore LINKS) \$300
- **Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cunha** \$500
- **Mr. & Mrs. David Figi** \$600
- **Rabbi Robert Saks** \$500

Una tenki yah! (Thank you)



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CURRENT PROJECTS

- **Primary School Building**
Ground breaking , foundation
- **Community Center**
Near completion
Initiate social programs

Help Us Realize Our Vision

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution:

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- \$500
- Other _____
- In Memory /Honor of _____
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