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Kenya-focused gala a success



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PENNINGTON, NJ – The 10th-anniversary gala celebration of the **Hopewell-Keroka Alliance** (HKA) was a resounding success at the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association last month (*Saturday, October 21*). HKA is a Hopewell Township-based, Kenya-focused, all-volunteer, non-profit charitable organization that seeks to build a cultural and humanitarian bridge between the residents of Hopewell Valley and the Keroka area of southwestern Kenya in East Africa. Among other markers, the sold-out event well-exceeded organizers’ fund-raising goals. Above, at right, **Drs. Lillian Rankel, Andy Jackson and David Angwenyi** – three of HKA’s co-founders and first board officers – display leadership awards presented to them that evening, at left, by HKA founding board members **Kris Khan and Jessica Heller**. At center, the evening’s special guest – Kenya’s Deputy Ambassador to the United States **David Kahiro Gacheru**, Embassy of the Republic of Kenya, Washington, DC – helped recognize the award winners after earlier addressing the gala attendees. Among other highlights, members of Hopewell Valley Central High School’s **Con Brio** student a cappella choral group opened the formal program by singing the Kenyan national anthem (in Swahili), followed by the U. S. national anthem. Funds raised as part of the gala will go a long way toward promoting Education, Enterprise and Empowerment (HKA’s planned “Three E’s”) over the coming decade. In its first 10 years, HKA raised almost \$170,000 in the United States to fund a variety of health-, education- and infrastructure-related improvement projects within several small contiguous villages served by **HKA New Jersey**, working closely in collaboration with its sister organization **HKA Keroka** on the ground in Kenya. HKA gratefully thanks the dozens of business, organizational and private sponsors, donors and contributors of funds, goods, services, time or talent that helped shape the event. Please see the HKA website (www.hkalliance.org) for a full listing of all sponsors, donors and contributors.

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