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**Permanent Representative**  
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Powering Potential Fundraiser  
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Dear Janice and Distinguished Friends of Tanzania,

Thank you very much for heeding the call for fundraising by Powering Potential. Tanzanians are very proud of Ms. Janice Lathen for her efforts to use simple technology to connect students and pupils in using computers in the rural area. Ms. Janice has done a lot in support of our drive for education for all in Tanzania from your support. In Tanzania, schools have inadequate facilities and poor teaching materials that make students not to learn enough. Janice started by introducing teaching materials and information by using a simple computer driven by solar panel in rural areas because of lack of electricity and hence inability to use computer technology.

Tanzania has worked hard to ensure that all children required to go to school have to do so and it is unacceptable to leave any child at home. Tanzania has allocated all resources to ensure that Primary and Secondary Education is free for all Tanzanians. We have invested in class rooms by voluntarily contributing from our own earnings to support purchase of desks and chairs so that no child will study under a tree or enter a class without desks and chairs. Myself I contributed 500USD like may other civil servants. Certainly we have started the move to build laboratories and workshops for technical training, the efforts which have just started.

Janice with her love to Tanzania, she came as a tourist and found that she could do something to support young children. Her support in providing information by small solar power and computers offering knowledge in different disciplines has made students in rural areas to recognize her and learn important knowledge by electronic means.

The government would wish to see that her intervention is expanded and reach all remote areas. In 2005 the former President of Tanzania H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete encouraged Janice to expand her outreach to remote areas in order to benefit rural students with knowledge through modern technology of computer driven by solar power. This event is very timely and I encourage your support to the project because of its benefits. A contribution to this fundraising will go a long way in supporting poor rural students.