



Fulcrum Partners Helps Build a Rwandan School through ValMark Global Gift Fund

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL -- (Dec. 16, 2014) – In 2015, a group of Rwandan teens will start a new curriculum of study designed to teach hands-on construction skills. Their first project will be building their own schoolhouse. The opportunity to establish the much-needed vocational education high school is made possible, in part, by a recent \$10,000 donation from [Fulcrum Partners LLC](#), made through the Global Gift Fund of ValMark Securities.

Kivu Hills Academy will be built in Boneza, Rwanda, a city of roughly 22,000 people. Oversight and direction for the project is being provided by [Arise Rwanda](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and faith based organization, founded by John B. Gasangwa. Gasangwa was born in a Rwandan refugee camp and raised in one of the many orphanages founded in the capital city of Kigali after the 1994

Genocide. John now holds an MBA in Global Social Sustainable Enterprise from Colorado State University.

“Kivu Hills Academy will be on one of the highest points in the Boneza Community and will be a visible inspiration for all. It will be, ‘a light on the hill’ and a symbol of Rwanda’s hope for the future. Rwanda has made three fundamental choices: We have chosen to reconcile and forgive, to be accountable and think big for our country. We are never forgetting and we are moving forward!” said John Gasangwa.

[Bruce Brownell](#), a co-founder and Managing Director at Fulcrum Partners, explained, “John’s story drives home the message that the people of Rwanda are moving forward in unity, despite the atrocities of the past. None of us can change the past, but together we can inspire the future. Our team at Fulcrum Partners is very excited to know our gift underwrites approximately 10 percent of a school that will impact Rwanda’s future in an immediately meaningful and measurable way.”

Each year, ValMark Securities selects numerous non-profit initiatives to support, both in the U.S. and internationally. Through the organization’s Global Gift Fund, ValMark and its member firms provide much needed funding to help programs that deliver beneficial services and are underpinned by fiscal responsibility.

Caleb Callahan, CMO of ValMark Securities and Chairman of the [ValMark Global Gift Fund](#) (GGF), said, “The GGF is a partnership with our Member Firms to actively share the love of God with those in need. By giving a portion of our annual profits to the charities selected by our Member Firms, it really provides a sense of purpose and stewardship to the work we do together in business. I like to say it is ultimately what makes our success in business so much more than mere business success. In this example, we are thrilled to match Fulcrum Partners’ gift of

\$10,000, which means together we are giving \$20,000 to Arise Rwanda to help build the school in Boneza. If that doesn't give meaning to your work, I'm not sure what will!"

Read more on the [Fulcrum Partners website "Inspire" page](#).

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