



Fulcrum Partners Supports Vocational School in Rwanda Through ValMark Global Gift Fund

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL – (December 14, 2015) – Fulcrum Partners LLC, (www.fulcrumpartnersllc.com) the nation's leading and largest executive benefits consultancy, has donated \$10,000 to support construction of the first vocational school in Boneza, Rwanda.

The fourteen Managing Directors at Fulcrum Partners became involved in the humanitarian project in 2014, when the work of [Arise Rwanda Ministries](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and faith based organization, was brought to their attention as part of the [ValMark Securities Global Gift Fund](#). At that time, Fulcrum Partners made its first donation of \$10,000 targeted for the project's Phase I construction costs.

One year later, Phase I of the project is nearly complete and construction on the facilities is underway. Fulcrum Partners is enthusiastic about the progress made at Kivu Hills Academy. David Fisher, a Managing Director of Fulcrum Partners, and his wife, Jeanie will spend a week at the academy when the school's first class of vocational education students begin a hands-on learning process, participating in the construction of the school's buildings.

David Fisher said, "Jeanie and I are humbled and honored to be traveling to Rwanda in January to help the Arise Rwanda Ministries and the establishment of Kivu Hills Academy. Several years ago, we traveled to Africa and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and we were able to raise funds for The Salvation Army back in the United States from our climb. As much as we enjoyed that trip, we are even more excited to help the children of Rwanda. We have long wanted to return to Africa and this mission is the ideal vehicle for a return trip. If you have not been to Africa, we can tell you that the people and experience will grab your soul and change your perspective on life forever!"

Caleb Callahan, Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of ValMark and Chairman of the ValMark Global Gift Fund (GGF) said, "Of all the things we do in business, it is the work we do with the GGF that means the most to us. Yet, there would be no resources for the GGF to give were it not for the business. Business fuels the GGF. And in turn the GGF gives our success in business so much more meaning and purpose. Our friends and partners like Fulcrum Partners truly understand this principle of stewardship. We are so grateful for our partnership with Fulcrum and our shared sense of purpose both in business but also in the more important things in life. I am so thrilled

that together we once again are able to help the children in Rwanda. What a blessing...what an opportunity...what a responsibility!”

A child of Rwanda, John Gasangwa, founder of Arise Rwanda Ministries, was born in a refugee camp and raised in an orphanage. Like other Rwandans, John's life was forever changed by the horror and genocide that wracked the country in 1994. Although the country was devastated, seeds of hope remained, taking root in the hearts of young Rwandans, like John, who are determined to rebuild a better Rwanda.

In 2015, ARM realized the Phase I construction goals at the Kivu Hills Academy, completed its first Bugarura Island water catchment system, providing clean water to 1,000 island residents and is soon to start its second water catchment system to serve an additional 1,000 Rwandans. ARM also saw success with its women's loans groups, opportunities have been created for mothers and grandmothers to contribute to the financial stability of their family. John Gasangwa described the process as, “Changing lives through clean water and education, one well and one classroom at a time.”

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