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MPA RAISES \$110,000 FOR UGANDA “COW PROJECT”

Microfinancing Partners in Africa (MPA) raised \$110,000 at its annual African Gala held in February at Sunset Country Club. Founded in 2003, by Sr. Antoinette “Toni” Temporiti, CPPS, *MPA empowers Africa’s poorest people to lift themselves out of poverty with small loans.*

A new focus for MPA is work in Uganda with what MPA calls Masaka Diocese Dairy Organization (MADDO) or the “Cow Project.” Last summer on a visit to Uganda, Sr. Toni met Bishop John Baptist Kaggawa, who initially began the “Cow Project” in 1993, because of his own experience of poverty as a child.

MPA’s Gala funds will help Ugandan families with microloans for purchase of nearly 135 cows, which cost \$800 each. There are still 2,000 Ugandan families who are trained and waiting to own their own cow, which provides milk and nutrition, as well as waste products used for bio-fuels for cooking, lighting and crop fertilizer.

Sr. Toni returns to Uganda this summer and will hand-deliver the money to Bishop Kaggawa. “I am so grateful for the success of this year’s African Gala, knowing that it will benefit so many families,” said Sr. Toni. “Last

summer, I met some of the families who had already purchased a cow. It was amazing what they were accomplishing with such a needed resource,” she said.

Each cow purchased by Ugandan families with microloans provided by MPA will be with calf. When the calf is born and after it’s ready to leave its mother, it will be given to a neighbor who will raise it and eventually reap its benefits.

For more information on MPA’s “Cow Project,” contact MPA at 314-776-1319 or MPAinformation@gmail.com.