

We have all heard the expression "Pay it forward". It is frequently used and may sometimes lose its true value, but here, it takes all its meaning. A young Burundian woman, once helped by Canadians and grateful for the support she received has decided to open a nursery school. She did it for the most vulnerable children in a deprived area of the Capital Bujumbura. We wish to continue helping these children who are already off to a good start. They will be able to start elementary school thanks to our support. With your cooperation, we will be able to launch our 20th mission to help many of Burundi's most disadvantaged children.

Burundi is a small landlocked country surrounded by the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, south of Rwanda and along the great Lake Tanganyika. It is very densely populated with more than 14 million inhabitants and is sadly ranked amongst the three poorest countries in the world. Poverty is the greatest barrier to schooling and education.

Burundi children and their parents need our financial support.

My school bag is a non-profit organization that unites Burundi and Quebec since 2006. Thanks to your donations, we will purchase uniforms, school supplies as well as school bags essential for the schooling of nearly 1000 children (gender parity). Throughout their basic education (set at grade 9 since 2013-2014), the students are encouraged and supported by a team of volunteers in the field

who, together with their parents and teachers, help them complete their high school. More and more wish to engage in further studies or follow vocational training courses, a better guarantee to have access to a job in a country where 65% of the youth are unemployed according to an UN report dated December 2017.



YOUR GENEROSITY IS A HUGE FACTOR IN HELPING THEM TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR FUTURE.

On behalf of the children and the Burundi youth who are truly grateful for your support

We thank you.

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