HARAMBEE ARTS Travel to Kenya Let's pull together September 14-27, 2018



For a unique study/work/fundraising safari (journey in swahili) in Expressive Arts Therapy



Join us for an extraordinary opportunity to train in the Harambee Arts methodology with its creator, Gloria Simoneaux. You will be working alongside long-term local staff who have devoted their lives in direct service to individuals impacted by extreme poverty, HIV/AIDS, incarceration, trafficking, violence and other traumas.



The first week you will travel to Nanyuki and stay in luxury tents at the foot of Mt. Kenya where you will receive four days of intensive training in our unique methodology. In Nanyuki, you will go on safari and see elephants, lion, rhinos and other wild animals at Ol Pejeta Conservancy.

During the second week, you will share the intimate experience of visiting and participating in Harambee Arts projects in the Kibera slum, at a school for children with autism and other special needs in the Mathare slum and at the Langata Women's Prison, working with HIV+ prisoners. You will experience the phenomenal healing power of the Expressive Arts and the long-term success of Harambee Arts staff of 12 who bring joy and love into the lives of severely neglected communities.

In Nairobi, participants will also have opportunities to meet with Kenyan therapists to discuss the issues and challenges of supporting children in Africa.

### Learning goals

- Use multiple art forms including visual arts, dance/movement, singing, storytelling and drama – as transformative healing modalities
- Use Expressive Arts to create a safe space for participants to heal, especially when they have no sense of safety
- Use Expressive Arts to create community by allowing everyone to be heard and valued
- Use combined therapeutic play and Expressive Arts to support the development of resilience

All Activities Are Subject To Change

## Accommodations

Six nights at Kongoni Camp www.kongonicamp.com. Located 2 km from Nanyuki Town northwest of Mt. Kenya, Kongoni Camp offers fully equipped modern facilities, stunning natural beauty, heated swimming pool and access to game parks and mountain hiking. Costs reflect single occupancy rooms and full board.

Seven nights at Lotto Inn and Suites www.lotos.co.ke in the Westlands area of Nairobi. Spacious, comfortable rooms located near upscale shopping areas and restaurants. Costs reflect double occupancy rooms with half board. Single occupancy is also available at a higher rate.

### Excursions

The trip includes:

- Game drive at Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Nanyuki www.olpejetaconservancy.org/ wildlife\_conservation/
- David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (baby elephant orphanage) and Giraffe Centre
- Shopping at the Maasai Market
- National Museum, Nairobi
- Hike in the Karura Forest

## HARAMBEE ARTS www.harambeearts.org

#### LET'S PULL TOGETHER is a non-profit organization

that partners with grassroots programs in Africa and Nepal in the training of local caregivers to provide healing art programs for vulnerable women and children.

This trip is geared to English speaking individuals who will learn how to use the arts for healing, with an emphasis on cultural sensitivity in settings of severe post-traumatic stress. The trip is not clinically oriented. It is a profound adventure of the heart which we are fortunate to share with remarkable children and women.

## Apply

Contact us at Gloria@harambeearts.org for an application. Deadline for applying is April 1, 2018.

A personal interview will be scheduled upon receipt of the application and a decision will be made by June 1, 2018. You are expected to arrive on Friday September 14. Orientation will begin on the morning of September 15. Full itinerary available upon receipt of application.

## Cost

A \$2,400 fee for the 15 days includes all lodging in Nanyuki and Nairobi, full board in Nanyuki and half board in Nairobi, airport transfers and all local transportation in comfortable, air-conditioned vans and buses, safari in Nanyuki and excursions in Nairobi.

In addition, we are requesting a \$2,600 donation to support the Harambee Arts programs. We suggest that you fund raise within your community to reach that goal. TOTAL: \$5,000

## You Provide

Not covered in the trip cost are: international airfare, visa (\$50), medical and evacuation insurance, alcoholic beverages, tips and other incidentals.

Participants are required to purchase medical and evacuation insurance.

Option: Travel Guard: www.travelguard.com

# This Trip is Endorsed by

The Travel Program of The California Institute of Integral Studies, Daystar University, Nairobi. The Kenya Association of Professional Counselors

#### Lillian Obonyo

Country Director, Harambee Arts Kenya. Lillian is a nurse and trained counselor working with children with special needs, orphaned and those with HIV. She has been working with Harambee Arts since 2007.



## Trainers



### Kay Schieffer

Special Education teacher and group play therapy specialist. As a certified Group Theraplay trainer, Kay provides training for teachers and counselors in attachment-based group play therapy.

#### Brandon Okoth

Program staff. Brandon is a High School senior who began attending Harambee Arts projects as a child in Kibera. He is the founder of Brandon's Academy, an organization that connects children with no access to education with sponsors who provide school fees and uniforms.





## Gloria Simoneaux

Founding director of Harambee Arts www.harambeearts.org,

an expressive arts organization and training program based in sub-Saharan Africa and Nepal. Gloria has received two Fulbright fellowships to lecture and research in Kenya and Haiti

