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**Stella Munyarugero - Mukarutangira**  
Circa 1930 - 2001



**Rosie Morales - Goulet**  
1930 - 1996

## About Us

The lives of two remarkable women who never met – Stella Munyarugero and Rosie Morales Goulet – inspired us to start our foundation dedicated to putting bright but disadvantaged children into private schools where they can realize their potential.

Although education is a high priority for Uganda's government, there are simply not enough resources to educate its children to the upper limits of their abilities. Stella's and Rosie's vision and hard work many decades ago laid the groundwork for the foundation that bears their names.

## From the Board



**Florence Kamahoro Goulet**  
**President + Board Chair . 2010 - Present**

If you look at a map of Eastern Africa, and find the part where the borders of Uganda, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo intersect, you will be looking at the general area in which I was born and raised.

In that remote corner of south western Uganda, we had neither running water or electricity - things are pretty much still the same today - and my parents Stella and Simon were, to a great extent, illiterate. Yes, they could read a little, but could not write.

Many of their neighbors grew food crops while my parents were anything but conventional. And I can honestly say that the only reason you're reading this is simply because their choice not to compromise

turned them into fanatics. This was their attitude to education. They sacrificed everything to make sure we went to school and reach horizons they could not get to.

Simon went away for months on end to Kampala, Uganda's capital city, to work as a laborer just so my brothers and sisters could be in school. And whenever he returned, he had all these large volumes of used books he bought on the streets. Of course he did not know it - but some of these were in French and German, not English. But that did not matter to him, and to this day, we have never told him that those books were useless to us.

But the greatest impact came from Stella, our mother. She bought and sold land, ran a small store - a kiosk - and did pretty much everything to earn money so that we could stay in school. She had a fierce determination to achieve great things: She taught me to help other people and to always provide for others. Even when we did not have enough, Mom always had food for those without. There was always an abused woman in our small house and we had to share our space with many an abandoned child. And as children and young adults, we resented her generosity.

To this day, these feelings bring me so much shame. That's why I took care of my brother's seven children

when he passed on; that's why I am inspired by my husband's late wife, that's why I am at work every day. My mother's passion will burn forever and children will be able to go school.

Importantly, we neither have illusions of grandeur nor expect to transform the education system of a country like Uganda. No. My colleagues and I have a simple mission: We will help as many children as we can to achieve the education I, and so many others, have been blessed to have. With our few successes, can you imagine what a truly talented child can achieve if they had the same opportunity in parents, inspiration and trajectory.

RKG . July 2013

## How We Help

Like many countries, Uganda winnows out all but the 'brightest' children for secondary and university education. Those who are not among the top 1% or 2% in their districts when they finish elementary school will have little chance of making it to a high-quality private high school, and none if their parents cannot support them. The caliber of education in public high schools is low in a poor country like Uganda.

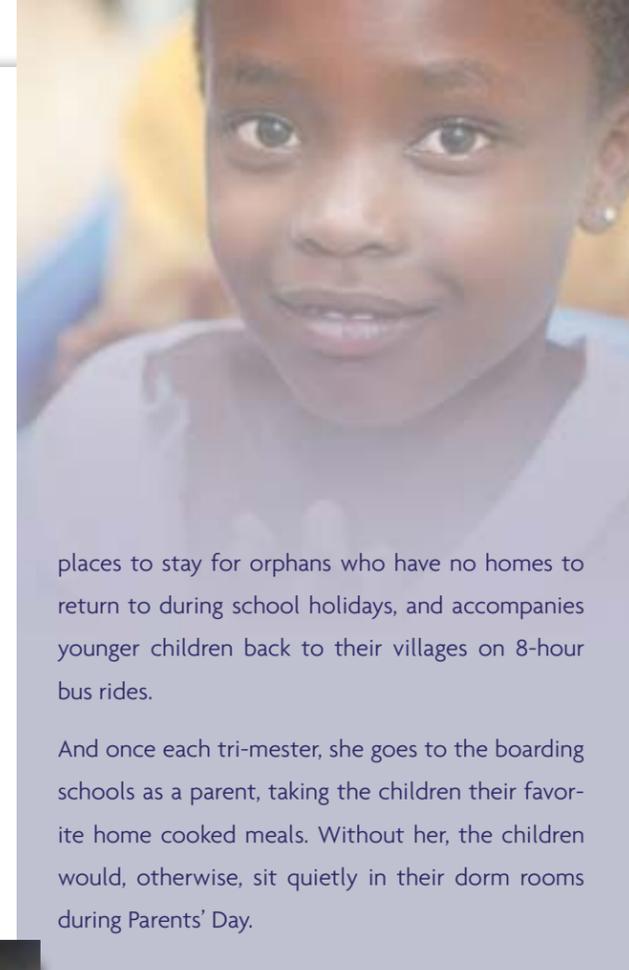
This' where **The Stella-Rosie Foundation** comes in: We have a network of public school administrators who tell us about their best students, and we also hear of exceptional children through word of mouth in a rural society like western Uganda.

Hence, finding candidates for our services is the easy part.

The more difficult task is that the needs are so great, the number of children in need is overwhelming and oftentimes, our hearts break because there are incredibly talented children probably working in the family garden, or looking after a relative, whose lives we could transform if only we had more funds.

We interview each child and make difficult, sometimes agonizing decisions about which ones to sponsor. It costs about \$500 - \$800 per year for school fees. There are also expenses such as school uniforms, stationery and school supplies, mattresses and transport. This last item can be significant for children who attend private school in the capital and go home during the holidays.

Our liaison officer, the Foundation's sole paid employee at \$250 per month, takes the children to school, pays and keeps records of all expenses, finds



places to stay for orphans who have no homes to return to during school holidays, and accompanies younger children back to their villages on 8-hour bus rides.

And once each tri-mester, she goes to the boarding schools as a parent, taking the children their favorite home cooked meals. Without her, the children would, otherwise, sit quietly in their dorm rooms during Parents' Day.

**Florence K. Goulet** . Board Chair  
Inspired by her mother Stella, and also by Rosie Goulet, her husband's late wife, her primary goal in life now is to educate poor children in Uganda. To date she has helped touch the lives of over 72 children. Born in a village there and able to finish high school only because of the tireless efforts of her parents, Florence is determined to help children who were not as fortunate as she was

**Stephen Oleskey** . Board Member  
Stephen is of counsel at the law firm of Hiscock Barclay in Boston. Over many years, he has received awards from the American Bar Association for his pro bono work. Currently Chairman of the Board at Pact, an NGO which works with vulnerable people in Asia, Africa and South America, he is also on several other charitable organization boards all aimed at creating local solutions to chronic problems of economic and social development.

**Margaret Darling** . Board Member  
Margaret Darling has lived in Carlisle, MA since 1977 where she and her husband Eric raised three children. There, while Marget is actively involved in social issues at state, national and international levels, both continue to be committed to their community. She earned her Masters from the New England Conservatory, taught piano at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge for 27 years, and continues to teach private students.

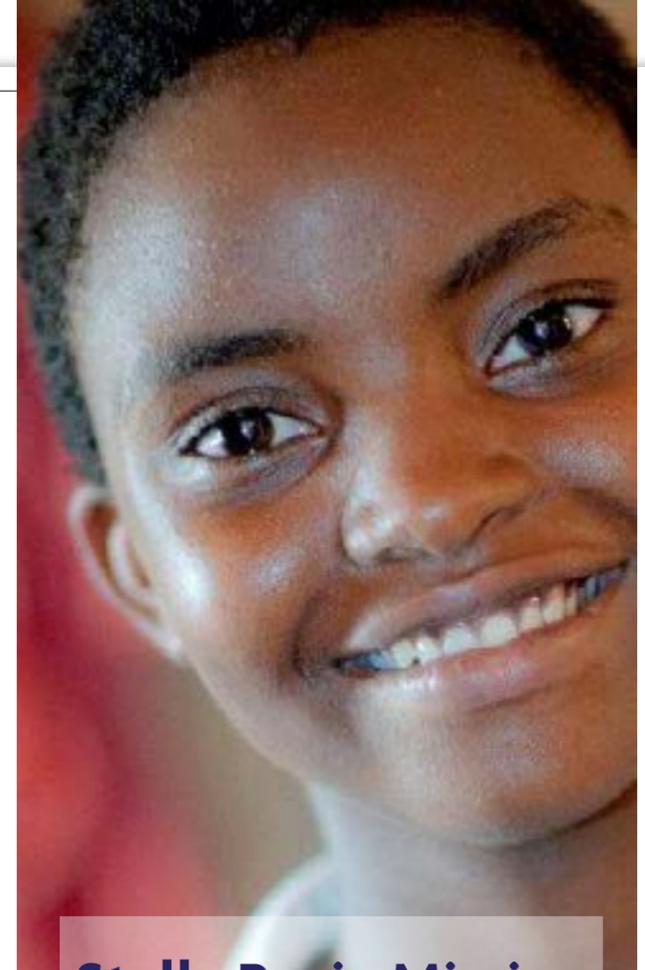
**Donald Westwater** . Board Member  
Donald has a MA in International Health and has worked for over 20 years in health policy research

including a period of research and curriculum development at the Harvard School of Public Health. He specifically contributed to the public health issues and aspects of East Africa and Southeast Asia.

**Kathleen Carey** . Board Member  
For the past 11 years, Kathleen has been on the staff of Mclean Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital, doing clinical research on childhood and adolescent mental health issues. She has also worked in maternal child health in Bolivia and Ecuador, and with poor families in the Boston area. She holds a BA in Nursing, an MA in International Public Health and another in Psychiatric Nursing.

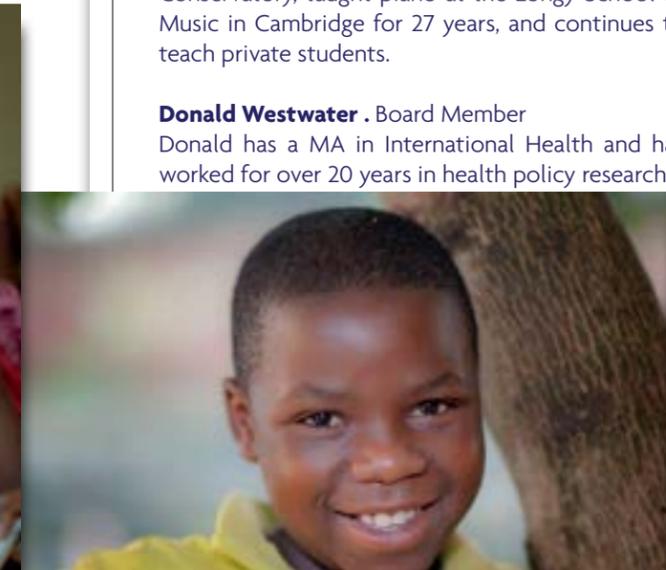
**Gail Freeman** . Board Member  
Gail Freeman is Vice President of Marketing and Communications at the Institute for Health Care Improvement (IHI), a non-profit dedicated to the improvement of health and health care around the world. Prior to IHI, she held senior-level positions in marketing and communications at EMC, WellSpace and Microsoft. She has served on the Board of Directors of The Wellness Community.

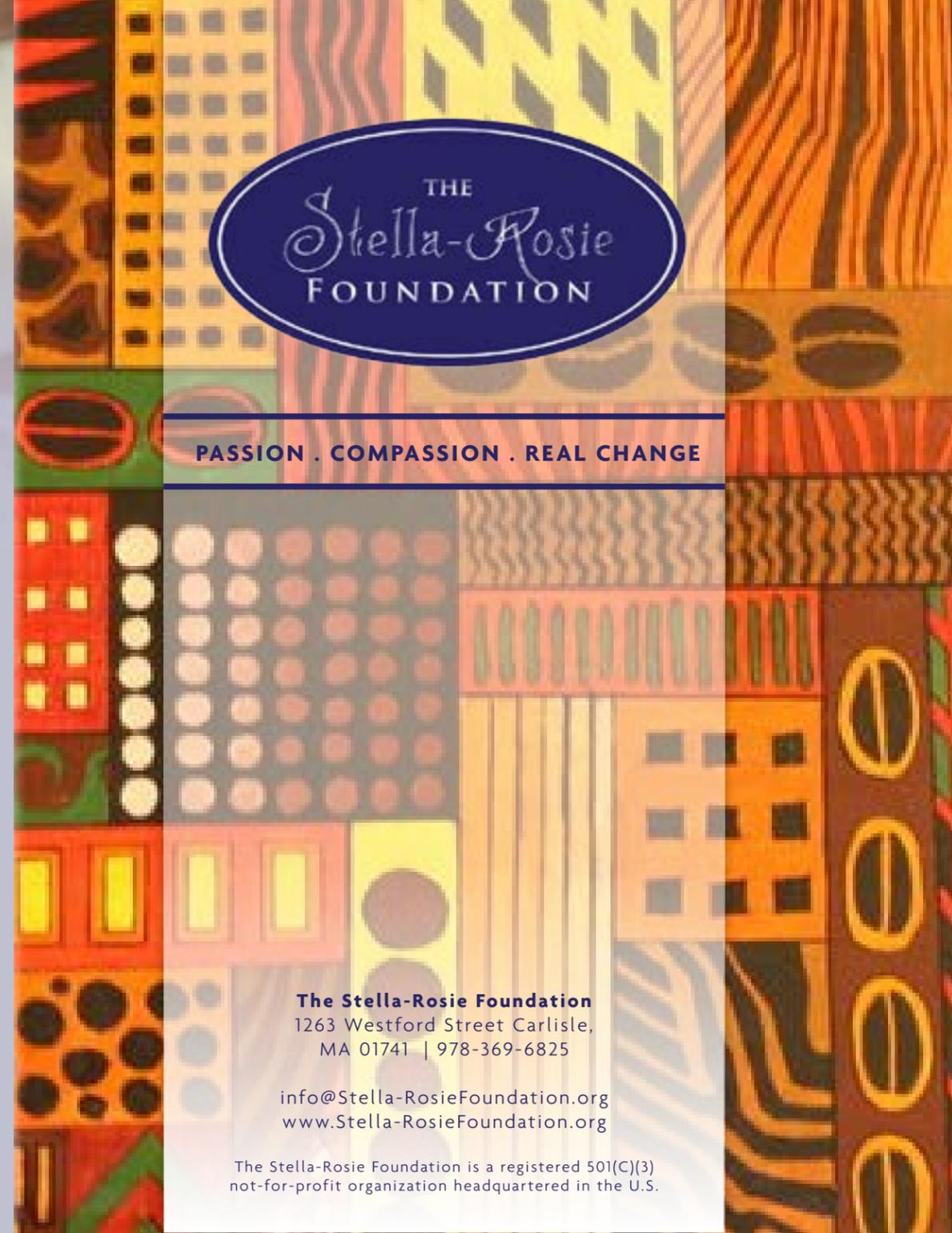
**Ann Quenin** . Board Member  
Ann Quenin had a successful career in high-tech program management, and is now the Features Editor of her hometown newspaper. A fierce and compassionate believer that education is the only thing that might save the world, she has served on the boards of a number of charitable organizations and is experienced in fund-raising and marketing for nonprofits. She holds a BA from Chatham College and a JD from the University of New Hampshire.



## Stella Rosie Mission

We identify orphans + children of single-parent families in Uganda who are motivated to learn but who lack the money to get into good schools where they can realize their potential – and then get them into those schools and support them until they graduate.





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## How You Can Help

The **Stella-Rosie Foundation** is a non-profit organization headquartered in the United States, and contributions to it are tax-deductible.

Our officers and directors are all volunteers, and every dollar contributed goes to direct support for children.

**Thank you very much for your gift.**

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‘Give a girl an education and introduce her properly into the world, and ten to one, she has the means of settling well, without further expense to anybody.’

**Jane Austen**