



"Wildlife is an echo of our own beginnings"... 1981

*William Holden*

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## Students React to Killing of Cecil the Lion



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Dear Friends,

I want to particularly thank all of you who recently gave us donations in memory of Cecil the Lion. Your donation on behalf of Cecil is part of a world movement to force our world leaders to make public a ban on wild animal by-products and trophies.

We have now seen two leaders, the American and Chinese, advocate a proposed accord to ban all trafficking of animal trophies for any purpose. However it is not clear in this agreement whether they will create a task force and laws to prosecute the offenders.

So we must continue to put pressure on both our government and the Chinese to demand the enforcement and prosecution of any and all traffickers. It is easy for politicians to use issues of this kind for their own political agendas. Please write to your congressman, the White House and the Chinese Embassy that we see proof that this accord is not just to garnish headlines for two politicians who want to look good to the world, but that they will prove their resolve by enforcing the investigation and prosecution of all offenders.

We must not allow them to leave the sentence unfinished, we must demand to see their plan for the execution of this accord.

Thank you for your help.

President

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*William Holden*  
"The days when man was a hunter gatherer with the necessity to kill or be killed by wild predators that surrounded us are long gone. The most dangerous predator we face today has two legs. The murder of Cecil, the most famous black-maned lion in Zimbabwe, brought to a painful end the life of an animal who was not only a treasure to his country and the many tourists who have photographed him in awe, but it destroyed yet another world heritage animal. Have we as a species stooped so low as to kill these precious creatures that are an echo of our own beginnings ... in the name of sport?"

Let us hope that his death shall not have been in vain ... and that Cecil will inspire a new movement of outraged activism against those who destroy these world heritage animals and the demand for the protection of all wildlife."

Stefanie Powers  
Founder, William Holden Wildlife Foundation

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# Former Student Gives Back to WHWFE C

**A** few months ago, while I was in Kenya, I received a letter that gave me not only hope but encouraged renewed inspiration after years of working for conservation through education.

I have subsequently met with Nicholas and we have discussed a new program which he has inspired and which we are in the process of creating.

The pilot project involves the crucial first year after students leave secondary school and are unable to further their education.

**"...you picked me when I was just 13 years old and gave me a platform to exploit my potential through arranging an educational sponsorship at William Holden."**

*Nicholas Kahiga, Agronomist*

In 2015 there will be approximately 520,000 young people leaving school, the same or more will leave next year.

Less than 12% will go on to higher education or college.

With no infrastructure that offers on-the-job training programs to deal with this enormous population, the future is perilous. Our training program will teach sustainable organic farming methods to a population eager to embrace a new age of agriculture.

Dear Ms. Powers,

*My name is Nicholas and I was very delighted to get your contacts. I still consider you a very important person in my life as you picked me when I was just 13 years and gave me a platform to exploit my potential through arranging an educational sponsorship at William Holden.*



*I am now a family man with my wife Maggie and two kids: Lisa, 13 years and Evans, 7 years. I have excelled in my career as an Agronomist. I have worked in different companies and countries around the world and I am currently the Lead Agronomist for Monsanto in seven African countries.*

*All of the above was due to the great foundation and discipline that you and your team impacted on me when I was a young boy.*

*I am in very good communication and relation with my sponsors, the Fred Langhammer family, and they are very happy with my progress.*

*I will be much more willing to volunteer in resources and in kindness to the great works that you are doing especially on environmental conservation.*



*Thanks and God bless you.*

*Regards,*

*Nicholas Kahiga*



# Another Success Story From One Of Our Students

Dear Madam:

I hereby write this note to appreciate the efforts of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation. WHWF has realized ways of conserving both wildlife and the environment. William Holden will always be remembered for his great efforts in conserving endangered animals, especially the Mountain Bongo. May he rest in Peace.

I'm one of the students who have benefitted from the Education Centre. I am in Form Three at Our Lady of Lourdes Girls High School in Nyeri, Kenya. I first visited the Education Centre 6 years ago with a group from my primary school. The education that I received from the Education Centre really changed my life. After learning about how we human beings have been contributing to the extinction of our natural resources especially our wildlife, I have always been thinking of how I can make the world aware of its actions. This led me to write a book, *The Big Five: Let's Conserve Them*.

The Centre has been instrumental in increasing my passion for animal protection and conservation, and especially in protecting the dignity of endangered species. In fact, I look forward to giving public talks and writing more on conservation. I therefore take this opportunity to appreciate the late William Holden, Stefanie Powers and the William Holden Educational Center for their good work.

Yours faithfully, Rita Claudia Wambui Wanjiru



If you would like to purchase Rita's book, please contact us at [mail@whwf.org](mailto:mail@whwf.org)

## A Word from WHWF's Secretary-Treasurer

Dear Supporters,

My name is Kathy Bartels and I am the Secretary/Treasurer of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation. I have been working for the foundation since 1991.

One of my projects this year has been working on a new website for the foundation which we have just launched. Please take a moment and visit us online at [www.whwf.org](http://www.whwf.org) and let us know what you think of our 'new look'. I am also pushing our social media presence – with a new Facebook page, starting a Twitter account and opening a YouTube channel – all to help spread the word and finance the work of our foundation.

I receive many emails and phone calls asking 'What else can I do to help support the foundation in addition to sending in donations?'

Well, there are several things you can do. First, please do take a moment to visit our website, and follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/whwf1](http://www.facebook.com/whwf1)), Twitter ([www.twitter.com/whwf1](http://www.twitter.com/whwf1)) and YouTube.com. By liking and sharing all of our posts and 'favoriting' and 'retweeting' our tweets you will be doing your part by helping to spread our message. Did you know that with your help our posts about Cecil the lion's murder reached over 2.4 thousand people? Thank you for that!

Second, we have aligned ourselves with the Amazon Smile program. For those not familiar with this program, it is a simple and automatic way for you to support the William Holden Wildlife Foundation every time you shop, at no cost to

you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) you'll find the same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the foundation.

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and sign in using your existing Amazon.com account. On your first visit to AmazonSmile you will need to select the William Holden Wildlife Foundation as your charity to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. After that, AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and every future eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation.

I will be continuing to find other ways like this program for our members to use to help support us. Check out the Other Ways to Give page on our new website to find additional ways you can help support us.

You can watch out for a wonderful auction benefitting the foundation through the online auctioneer Charity Buzz. You can bid on two tickets to see *Gotta Dance* in Chicago, with a back-stage 'meet and greet' with our president. Visit [CharityBuzz.com](http://CharityBuzz.com) and look for our auction under Entertainment or search for Stefanie Powers.

Finally, a thank you to all our longtime donors – for close to 25 years now I have seen your dedication and support to the foundation. It is inspiring and awesome!

Kathy Bartels



# News from Kenya

**T**he WHWF is proud to be sponsoring our own Assistant Education Coordinator Samuel Njuki Mahiga as he furthers his own education.

Samuel is completing his second year post-graduate studies at Karatina University studying for a Master's of Science degree in Environmental Studies with a biological option. He paid all of his school fees thus far on his own.

In addition to completing his second year of studies, Samuel is working on his academic research thesis on the effects of vegetation type and structure on forest bird community composition in the Nanyuki Forest Block.

If you would like to help support Samuel's continuing education, you may send a check or donate online. If sending a check, please put in the memo line that it is for Samuel Njuki Mahiga's scholarship. If donating online, please use the note section to indicate your wishes.

Student groups visiting the Education Center since our last newsletter planted almost 400 trees and helped clean up plastic bags in Kanyuki Village. The rural instruction and pen pal programs are in full swing, and a new classroom for special needs students was completed at Mlima Kenya Primary School. Fourteen UN delegates, in Kenya for a global conference on climate change, visited the EC to learn about our various conservation programs. They particularly were impressed with the sewage water recycling plant and the greenhouse made of plastic bottles.



Fourteen elephants were recently poisoned with cyanide-laced oranges in Tsavo National Park and their tusks hacked off with chainsaws. Elephants will be extinct within a decade unless we stop these despicable, heartless acts, which fund terrorism.

We must quell the demand or they won't survive the decade. The United States is the second largest market for illegal ivory, so please write your representatives in Congress and ask

them to support ivory bans legislatively and provide a framework for enforcement of recent agreements with China.

Won't you please join us in writing to the embassies of the countries fueling the blood ivory trade,

indicating that you will boycott all products from their respective countries until they outlaw the sale of ALL ivory and rhino horn and commit to stringently enforcing those laws? These majestic animals need your voice! If not you, then who?



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#### Contact the US Congress

<http://www.contactingthecongress.org/>

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I want to carry on with the work of the William Holden Wildlife Foundation.

Enclosed is my contribution of: ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check this box if your donation is for

☐ the Chocolat Fund

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# WHWF Merchandise



## TOTES \$10

100% cotton canvas, 15" x 16", long 24" strap, natural with hunter green imprint.

Also available: black-maned lion, Masai ostrich, and chimpanzee.

## PLUSH TOYS \$27



Elephant & monkey are 11" tall standing, 7" sitting.

## HOLIDAY CARDS \$12

(boxed set of 10)

All-occasion cards now sold individually online at [www.whwf.org/greetingcards.html](http://www.whwf.org/greetingcards.html).



Inside verse: Have a wildly wonderful holiday!



5" H x 6.25" L

## GREVY'S ZEBRA by NOVELINO \$110

From a collection made exclusively for the WHWF by Novelino, the artisans have given these handcrafted sculptures their careful attention by reproducing each minute detail of these beautiful and exotic creatures. Each limited edition piece has been discreetly signed under the base by WHWF president, Stefanie Powers. Please visit [www.whwf.org/novelino.html](http://www.whwf.org/novelino.html) for the pieces that are currently available.



11 oz. beige ceramic mug with dark green imprint.

## COFFEE MUGS \$14

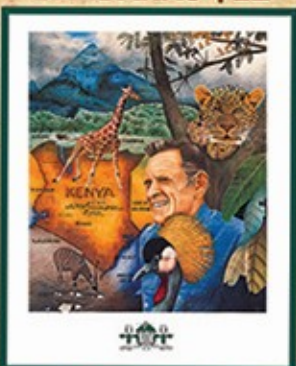


## SAFARI CAPS \$20

Adjustable, 100% cotton, unconstructed cap with velcro closure and embroidered WHWF patch. Your choice of Navy, White or Khaki.



## BANDANAS \$12



## POSTER \$15

## T-SHIRTS \$20

All of our t-shirts are imprinted with soy-based inks. Our off-white logo t-shirts are made of Fortrel EcoSpun, produced from recycled plastic bottle caps. Our dark green and black t-shirts are 100% cotton.



## MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

All items are available at our online store at [www.whwf.org](http://www.whwf.org). If you would like any items gift wrapped and sent as holiday gifts, along with a card that indicates it is from you, please supply the full names and mailing addresses of recipients, as well as who the gifts are from. Call our office with any questions.

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|--|--|-------|------|-------|
| WHWF Plush Toys<br><input type="checkbox"/> ELEPHANT <input type="checkbox"/> MONKEY   | SHIPPING: \$6 U.S.<br>\$7 CAN / \$9 INTL | \$27  | \$6  |       |
| WHWF Mug   | SHIPPING: \$4 U.S.<br>\$6 CAN / \$8 INTL | \$14  | \$4  |       |
| WHWF Bandana   | SHIPPING: \$2 U.S.<br>\$4 CAN / \$6 INTL | \$12  | \$2  |       |
| GREVY'S ZEBRA by Novelino  |  | \$110 | \$20 |       |
| WHWF Poster  | SHIPPING: \$3 U.S.<br>\$5 CAN / \$7 INTL | \$15  | \$3  |       |
| WHWF Tote Bag  | SHIPPING: \$3 U.S.<br>\$5 CAN / \$7 INTL | \$10  | \$3  |       |
| Christmas Cards (boxed set)  | SHIPPING: \$3 U.S.<br>\$5 CAN / \$7 INTL | \$12  | \$3  |       |
| WHWF Logo T-Shirts<br>(please indicate size/color selection)   | SHIPPING: \$2 U.S.<br>\$4 CAN / \$6 INTL | \$20  | \$2  |       |
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