## Be Fit, Create Art and Help Others! The NUMBERS! By Ellen Clark

• **323** Finishers for **11** cross-country races.

A 220 yd. pre-school race; a  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile kindergarten race; 9 mile races for grades 1-8 to adult.

- **3** Course Records. Pre-School-- Micah Robinson, **45** sec. for 220 yards. Post High School Mile--Phil Pompei, **4:38.** Master Men, Gray Mavhera, **4:44.**
- 99 entries in the Children's Art Exhibit- 95 from the USA and 4 from Zimbabwe.
- **400** (by eye ball count) enjoying the Fair of: 2 Zimbabwe bands—Chinyakare & Sadza, 1 Sadza buffet, 8 African games, 2 craft booths and the Children's Art Exhibit
- To date, **\$34,000** raised for the Orphanage. **37** Orphan sponsors.
- **250** pair of shoes collected for the Shoe Drive and 20 books collected for Makumbi.
- 5 Schools Capturing team titles: Stratford of Sunnyvale (5), Huff Elementary of Mountain View (1), St. Joseph Mountain View (1), and St. Andrew's Episcopal, Saratoga (1)
- 2 kids on Perpetual trophy for being fastest Grade 1 to 8 Runners: Erin Hong, Gd. 6, age 12, 6:10 mile of Piedmont Middle School and Gade Neerav, Gd. 7, age 12, 5:37 mile of St. Andrew's.
- 6 Top Artists recognized with Zebras: Hayden Pason, Jason Molina, Vera Borodyansky, Daisy Kemp, Saturik, and Kayla Choates.
- 14 Teammates coming by van-- Sacred Heart Nativity/Our Lady of Grace Middle School
- **4** Individuals coming the furthest: The Gray Mavhera Family from Moreno Valley in Southern California. Gray is originally from Zimbabwe.
- Before run, 17 Presentations on Zimbabwe that included African Folk Tales by Ellen Clark
- **3** Raffle Prizes to: John Poggi & Tim Finnel of St. William & Michael Bates of St. Joseph School
- 34 kids breaking 7 minutes in the mile-16% of the field.
- 1 extremely popular Zebra T-shirt designed by Judy Hartke.
- **5** Zimbabwe Run Ambassadors- Megha Agarwal (St. Francis HS) Jade Perry & Caroline Deng (Los Altos HS) Tinashe Choto (Mountain View HS) & Jose Martinez (Foothill College)
- Hundreds of complimentary entries given to low-income kids.
- An army of volunteers: 7 High Schools, 1 Grade School & 6 Organizations volunteering—St. Francis HS, Los Altos HS, Fremont HS, Homestead HS, Gunn HS, Serra HS, Mitty HS, E3C Youth Philanthropy, St. Joseph School, West Valley TC (i.e. The Chip Club), Jack & Jill, Day Worker Center, Mountain View Community School of the Arts, Nick MacFalls (shoes) —They did games, mascots, art fair, course guides, registration & so much more! Thanks to the generous hearts of people who have supported this event for 14 years.
- 1 amazing, generous underwriter of **all the expenses** for this meet—**The Wakerly Family Foundation.** (Things like trophies, ribbons, porta potties. .) Because of The Wakerlys, your dollar goes directly to the orphans.
- **The best number of all. 92!** That is the number of orphans at Makumbi Children's Home you helped by your gifts from the heart. See you at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair in the spring of 2014 where we celebrate the year of the hippo!