

RUBAGO FRIENDS, A NEW NEIGHBOR . . .

The Sam Hughes Neighborhood and school have welcomed Rubaga Friends, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve living conditions for East African children orphaned by armed conflict or illness. Its first project is a 5-year support program for 200 orphans in Rubaga, Kampala. The main focus of the organization is to improve life for the 200 children by focusing on nutrition, health care, and education. Sam Hughes School is working with Rubaga Friends. There is a possibility a student from Rubaga may attend Sam Hughes in the future.



Jorgen Mortensen, who started the organization, is originally from Denmark but moved to Tucson in 1998 to be near his daughter and her family and now lives in the neighborhood. He is in the process of raising money for Rubaga Friends and is selling raffle tickets for a new Mustang donated by a local car dealer. He also welcomes donations. He may be reached at his website www.RubagaFriends.org.



MILITARY COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE . . .

The Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association board voted on Sept. 18, 2007 to be a member of the newly established Military Community Relations Committee, created with the following purpose:

"The Military Community Relations Committee (MCRC) is established as an advisory committee to DMAFB, the City of Tucson and Pima County for the purpose of providing a forum for dialogue, raising and discussing concerns, monitoring MC3 recommendations, joint problem solving, and education focusing on military and community related issues. The MCRC may provide consensus recommendations to DMAFB, the City of Tucson, Pima County, the State of Arizona and other entities as appropriate." --Carolyn Classen



Congratulations to the "Stuff the Bus" event hosted by the Village at Sam Hughes.



Don't forget to ☺ donate your tax credit \$\$ to Sam Hughes School before Jan. 1st. \$200/ person, \$400/couple.

The Sam Hughes Traffic Committee is diligently working on a \$500,000 traffic mitigation project in cooperation with *Safe Routes to School* and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). The project, if approved by the RTA committee and residents affected by the proposed changes, would ultimately implement traffic circles, speed humps, sidewalks, and curb extensions in the area bounded by Speedway, Campbell, 6th Street and Country Club over the next couple years. Most of the changes would occur in the immediate vicinity of the school but traffic calming elements would also be constructed elsewhere in the aforementioned area. If you have any questions about this project or any other traffic matters, please contact:

Michael Guymon (michaelguymon@cox.net) or
Penny Simms (tucson_penny_simms@yahoo.com).

Other Noteworthy Events . . .

Block party in the 2300 block of East Hawthorne on October 14, 2007.

Tree planting at 2100 E. 1st, 11/12/07

