**Georgia Academy for the Blind**

**Macon, Georgia**

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH PROJECT 2019-20

**“Canes for Kenya”**

**WHY:**  It has come to the attention of Georgia Academy for the Blind, through information from Ken Medema, a blind musician and founder of the non-profit organization, Interlude, that several schools for the Blind in Kenya, South Africa, have no canes for 300 students. Currently students get around their schools with one student acting as a guide and other students following behind with hands on shoulders. They have extremely limited or no access for off campus mobility. Georgia Academy for the Blind, in collaboration with Interlude, plans to address these needs through our international outreach program, **“Canes for Kenya”.**

**WHAT: “Canes for Kenya”** is an outreach project of Georgia Academy for the Blind, in collaboration with Interlude, to provide 300+ good condition used canes of all sizes to students of First School for the Blind ; Machakos Technical Institute for the Blind; Thika Primary School for the Blind; and Kibos Primary School for the Blind in Kenya, South Africa. We will be contacting our US sister schools for the blind as well as others who might have used canes available to donate to the project.

**WHEN**: **“Canes for Kenya”** will be taking gently worn, good condition canes and monetary donations now through April 1. The target date for shipping is APRIL 15, 2020. GAB Student Council, assisted by GAB Café workers, as well as interested classes, will be preparing snacks as an in-house fundraiser during February and March. All funds raised will provide additional canes for Canes for Kenya.

**HOW** CAN I HELP:

If you know anyone who might have a mobility cane that is no longer needed, please contact Mary Keith at GAB.

* 615 887 3004 (cell)
* mkeith@doe.k12.ga.us (subject Canes for Kenya)

Monetary donations are accepted with checks made payable to Interlude LLC , with Canes for Kenya in the notation. Check donations are tax deductible and may be mailed to

 Canes for Kenya

 Georgia Academy for the Blind

 2895 Vineville Ave

 Macon, GA 31204 Attention Mary Keith

Your check donations will be forwarded to Interlude, who will respond with your tax- deductible statement. Cane and check donations will be closing April 1, 2020, so that we’ll have time to make preparations for shipping. 100% of all donations collected will go directly to the Project.

THANK YOU for making a difference in the life of a student with visual impairment in Kenya!