

Climbing Kilimanjaro, Building a Legacy: A Father's Final Wish Inspires a School in Tanzania

Honoring a father's dream, a team of U.S. women will climb Kilimanjaro to raise \$111,000 and build a school in Tanzania.



Boulder, Colorado Jun 18, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - This August, a team of mission-driven women will embark on a life-changing expedition to summit Mt. Kilimanjaro—not for glory, but to fulfill the final wish of **Eugene Schellenberg**, a devoted father, compassionate philanthropist, and passionate climber whose dream was to bring education to underserved children in Tanzania.

The climb is part of a larger initiative to raise **\$111,000** to fund the **Eugene English Medium School** in Ifakara, Tanzania. The project builds on Eugene's legacy of service, which began more than two decades ago when he and his wife, Margaret, were visiting their son, a malaria researcher in Ifakara. A chance conversation with a nun in a local market led to the creation of the **Ifakara Bakery Project** (www.bakeryfund.org)—a program that now feeds over **1,000 children daily** and supports kindergartens, orphanages, and patients in local hospitals and leprosy centers.

Before Eugene's passing, his final vision was to build a school that would equip young children with

early English education—opening doors to secondary education and long-term opportunity.

“This isn’t just a climb. It’s a promise kept,” says his daughter, **Annie Schellenberg**, who is supporting the mission from the U.S. “We are continuing what my father started—planting seeds of hope for generations to come.”

“Magic happens when women say yes to something bigger than themselves. They move mountains to make the impossible possible.”

– **Dr. Kelly Martin Schuh**

The climbing team is made up of purpose-driven women from across the U.S.—entrepreneurs, healthcare professionals, educators, and changemakers—each carrying their own reasons for saying yes to the mountain. Together, they represent a rising wave of leaders who are redefining what it means to leave a legacy. At a time when more women are stepping into influence, stewardship, and service, this mission is a powerful reminder: **when women lead with purpose, vision, and grace—we don’t just climb mountains, we move them.**

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About the Climb

Kili With Dr. Kelly is a philanthropic expedition inspired by one man’s dream and carried forward by a community of women committed to impact. Led by transformational speaker and coach **Dr. Kelly Martin Schuh**, the climb combines personal growth with global giving—turning each step on the mountain into a step toward building a better future for children in Ifakara.

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