

# Fall 2015 Volunteer Service Awards



**Domenique Ciavattone** has been working with **2Seeds Network** in rural Tanzania since September 2014 and plans to continue to volunteer until Summer 2016. She has previously received a Spring 2015 Volunteer Service Award. During her time in Tanzania, 2Seeds Network volunteers along with their community partners have worked on finding ways to take advantage of the areas fertile soil in spite of difficulties in getting produce to market. To that end they have built green houses and planted garlic, a more profitable and easier to transport crop. To help Domenique with her continuing expenses, she was awarded a supplemental Volunteer Service Award of \$1,000.



**Andrew Curran** is also with **2Seeds Network**. He began working in the Usambara mountains of Tanzania in late August 2015 and plans to volunteer there until March 2016. While the Usambara mountains boast fertile soil and ample rainfall, local farmers face the many challenges of market access. The goal of Andrew's team is to sustainably improve production, coordination and access to markets for the member of the local farmers' group. Andrew received a \$1,500 Volunteer Service Award.



**Jill Jahns**, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fall 2015 Volunteer Service Award recipient from **2Seeds Network**, is working in Kijungumoto, Tanzania. She received a grant of \$2,500. She will be spending around 7 months in the community (August 2015 to March 2016) helping transition the established businesses (vegetable gardens and beekeeping) which have been in place since 2011, into truly independent, sustainable businesses that will continue to thrive once the 2Seeds Network project coordinators leave.



**Kayla Sloan** will be spending just over a year (July 2015 to August 2016) volunteering with **Manna Project International** as one of the program directors assigned to communities near Managua, Nicaragua. Her responsibilities include directing a child sponsorship program, supporting the local public schools through a math support program, empowering local women through a women's jewelry cooperative, and fostering creativity in young children through an after school kid's program. Kayla received a grant of \$2,500.



**Melissa Picon** is a program director with **Manna Project International** volunteering for 13 months (July 2015 to August 2016) in Ecuador's Valle de los Chillos community, just an hour outside of Quito, Ecuador's capital. Manna Project International volunteer program managers live and work together to implement a variety of community development programs focused on improving health, education and livelihoods for communities in need. Manna Project International's work is built on the foundation of long-term commitment and earned trust. Melissa received a \$2,500 award.



**Tracy Lucas** is planning to begin her 7-month volunteer assignment with **Manna Project International** as a program director, also working in Ecuador's Valle de los Chillos community. She will be in charge of planning and running four programs - Small Business Development, Entrepreneurship Training, English Language, and Teen Center activities. She will use her business training and entrepreneurial experience to strengthen these programs. She was awarded a \$2,000 grant.