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**TUJENGE AFRICA FOUNDATION RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT  
FROM NEWMAN'S OWN FOUNDATION**

***Funding will support expanded operations for the Tujenge Scholars Program for youth development in Burundi.***

NEW HAVEN, CT – Tujenge Africa Foundation has been awarded a \$25,000 grant from Newman's Own Foundation, the independent foundation created by the late actor and philanthropist, Paul Newman. The award was made by Newman's Own Foundation as part of its commitment to the empowerment of individuals.

The grant to Tujenge Africa Foundation will be used to expand operations of its flagship Tujenge Scholars Program. Currently in its first year of operation, the program will welcome its second cohort of students in January for an intensive leadership, scholarship and peace-building gap-year. Upon completion of the 15-month-long program, scholars will matriculate at elite universities around the world, where they will continue to hone skills and make connections that will prepare them to be the next generation of ethical leaders in their country.

"The Tujenge Scholars Program is committed to providing world-class educational opportunities to a complete cross-section of Burundian society, and this grant allows us to support incredible young people who would otherwise be unable to continue with their schooling. These marginalized students stand to benefit from the incredible generosity of Newman's Own Foundation and the other donors who make this program a reality."

*Benjamin Dickensheets, Director of Tujenge Scholars Program*

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The Tujenge Africa Foundation is a U.S.-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with operations in Africa's Great Lakes region. "Tujenge" is a Swahili verb, which means to build or construct. Our goal is to build African capacity through quality, innovative, and boundary-pushing education. TAF will help boost the potential of the poorest and most marginalized in the African Great Lakes region through development initiatives that focus on education, dialogue, and economic advancement. TAF has begun its initial phase of operations in Burundi, while maintaining a long-term vision of providing the same opportunities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, as well as in other conflict-ridden nations in Africa.

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