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To Whom It May Concern,

Lindsay Redifer has been FOKO's citizen media tutor in Majunga. FOKO is a start-up non governmental organization that strives to bring Malagasy presence to the Internet, via blogging. We won an award from Global Voices, an organization backed by Harvard University and Reuters for getting Malagasy youth to the world of blogging and global conversation.

Doing this held its share of challenges : convincing Malagasy youth, most of them in difficult economical situation, that blogging is worth it when one's belly is only half full, generating that spark that sustains bloggers' enthusiasm, introducing new people to the Internet, working with a set of people based on three continents...

Thanks to her dedication, love of Madagascar, knowledge of the Malagasy culture, stamina and winning personality, Lindsay was able to overcome all these challenges with the students from the Majunga School of Journalism whom she was already teaching such various subjects as art, photography, English. Lindsay is truly a Renaissance person who was determined to expand the world of her students with all her knowledge.

Lindsay did so well with her students that in two months the Majunga bloggers were already posting pictures, taking up philanthropic entreprises on their posts, grabbing the Malagasy blogosphere's attention and getting the world to listen to their stories : they took the Malagasy blogosphere by storm and won two spots on the April blogging contest held by FOKO.

In a word, Lindsay was extraordinary and the Majunga blogging club's savior, someone whom we are proud to have met. We cannot say enough how sorry we are to see her go and we are immensely impressed by her accomplishments. Madagascar is losing a great asset and a great friend in Lindsay.

We are confident though that with her winning personality, determination and willingness to work hard, Lindsay will be successful in all her future endeavours.

Joan Razafimaharo,
co-founder – General Secretary
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