

Sponsor a Kenyan Secondary Student



Bloom Where Planted

African Children's Charitable Foundation

LONGONOT PRIMARY SCHOOL, NAIVASHA, KENYA

In November, the Class 8 students of 'our' primary school will sit their KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) exams. Following the exam, their Primary education is complete. They have one of two possibilities at the age of 14-17 years: Continue to exist in the poverty they are in — either in Naivasha or on the streets of Nairobi, looking for menial labor where they can find it at less than \$1.00 a day or be sponsored in a Secondary school. Not one student in the class of 63 has the financial ability to go on to school (High School) and receive a higher education. They have the desire, but not the means.

For less than a 'gourmet coffee' or a bottle of 'designer' water a day in America, an African child can attend a boarding school, receiving a good education and discipline from devoted teachers. We can help them 'Bloom where they are Planted'!

Students for sponsorship are chosen based on their academic abilities, KCPE exam results, teacher recommendations, letters of request for sponsorship, need, desire and artistic talents shown. The schools are chosen based on the child's test scores and overall results and suitability to the particular child.

We now have 43 students from the 2009 & 2010 classes in Secondary Schools around the Naivasha area. Five girls are in a new and wonderful school for bright girls from families with little or no means of support. These girls think they are in heaven! One of the girls has risen to #1 in her class of 68 students. One boy of our group, attending Archbishop Ndingi School for Boys is now #1 in his class. We are so proud of these students... and of each and every one of the 43. All of their teachers report that they are good and earnest young people, setting good examples for others in their forms... a wonderful reflection on their education and discipline throughout Primary School at Longonot!

Providing a Secondary (high school) education will do wonders for a child, for their family and for the future of Kenya. You may be providing another doctor, nurse, farmer, pilot, lawyer for the world — a young person who will understand their responsibilities to their families, their community, the environment and their country. One life at a time will change the world for the better.

What is required of a sponsor / sponsors (you may want to share a sponsorship):

- **A four-year commitment —**
- The boarding schools chosen could range between **\$650 - 800** per year.
- The first year, there is an additional cost for their uniforms, supplies, trunk for belongings, sleepwear, linens, etc. — from **\$125-285** (girls require more than boys). New shoes are needed annually and uniform supplements by the 3rd year, at least.
- Also, we will inquire of each school how much they charge a student for educational field trips and will include that in the costs (those who cannot afford to pay for field trips are left behind — I was witness to that this year and feel the stigma is too great as well as losing out on the value of the trip).
- Additional special tutoring is also advised for all students at \$25.00 a year..

What is suggested that a sponsor can contribute:

- **Encouraging letters to the child.** We suggest you write to your student as often as you can, but especially after term results to encourage them to work to achieve more in the next term.
- A gift at Christmas and/or find out when their birthday is and send a card or little gift. Books are a wonderful thing, as it is not something they would usually own. Also, they love to see family photographs to have a better idea of who is sponsoring them — they take the action very personally and love to think of a sponsor as a 'parent'.
- Do not send cash without discussing it with us first.
- Some sponsors have chosen to start a college fund. Their college education will also cost MUCH less than in the U.S. — (approx. \$1000 - \$1500 a year at this time), but will be completely unattainable for that child. **If** you feel they are doing well in school and you want to give them even more hope, this is a way to do it... the fund should be held in your local bank, or ours here, under the name of the child and yourself, to be returned to you if the child does not choose or is not able to attend college or university.
- You may communicate with them through Bloom Where Planted or on your own — as you wish, but all payments of fees, etc. must come through 'Bloom'.

Requirements of the Student:

- They are requested to provide their scores at the end of each term to the Head Master at Longonot who then passes them on to us. They also are asked to write letters to their sponsor at that time to update.
- Pictures are provided as well.
- They are instructed NOT to ask for monetary gifts. If they have pressing needs, they are to notify us and we will discuss it with you.
- They are told that all 'gifts' carry responsibility and that their responsibility for the gift of education is to work hard at their studies and to lead a full academic and extra-curricular life in their school in order to make the most of their time there.

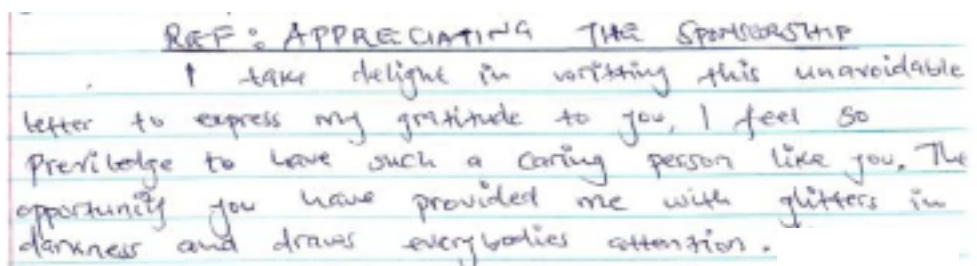
With 63 students, there are 63 different stories. Most have only one parent, some are orphaned. All need assistance and love. Committing to their education is a sign that someone cares about their life, their hopes, their dreams. What could possibly be more important than that?

Asante sana — thank you!

For further information, please contact:

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"We have more than enough reasons to thank God for all we have been able to do. The sponsorship programme is highly appreciated by our Community. Please pass our thanks to Mr. Edmuud and all the members of the Foundation. We pray that the programme will continue for years to come and motivate our pupils to perform better and have hope in life." **Mr. Samuel Thamu**, Head Master, Longonot Primary School



REF: APPRECIATING THE SPONSORSHIP
I take delight in writing this unavoidable letter to express my gratitude to you, I feel so privilege to have such a caring person like you. The opportunity you have provided me with glitters in darkness and draws everybody's attention.

From a letter written after second term in Secondary School by student **Kennedy Kunyili** to his sponsor.



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Declaration of Intent for Student Sponsorship

- I /WE would like to sponsor a Kenyan child in Secondary (High) Boarding School, school year beginning January, 2012 (a four year commitment).
- I /WE would like to SHARE a sponsorship of a Kenyan child in Secondary (High) School, school year beginning January, 2012

OR
 I /WE would like to sponsor a child for Day School (at approx. \$200 a year + uniforms).

Name(s): Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Preferences:

____ Girl(s)
 ____ Boy(s)

Interests/Goals desired _____

Bloom Where Planted will attempt to match a student/students with you/your family. Before assigned a particular student, we will discuss their scores, letters and photographs as well as the possible schools with you in order to fit a child (or children) to your expectations and budget.

Private boarding schools in the area take the top girls and boys in the class — those are the more expensive schools (approx. \$650-825. annually). Other schools can range between \$450-650 per year.

Day School, approx. \$200. per annum.

All schools require uniforms which range in cost from \$65-100. Boarding school also requires other supplies such as mattress, sleepware, etc., so total extra costs can be as high as \$200., but this is typically a one time expense. Please advise your budget requirements as well: \$ _____ per annum — **TAX DEDUCTIBLE: BLOOM WHERE PLANTED** is a Public Charity, 501 (c)(3) (payments can be made in 3 installments)

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return this form to:

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Student(s) Assigned: Name _____ School _____
 Name _____ School _____
 Name _____ School _____