



## STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS - KENYA

### The Nairoshi Foundation

A community-based organization in Kenya founded by the husband and wife team of David Nkuito and Merry Purcell to provide interventions to alleviate the plight of children, women and men in difficult circumstances in their local Maasai community. Two current foundation goals are to provide quality education for children and support for the local widows.

### The need

Children in the community rarely attend school and if they do, due to the long distances between their home and school (up to 2-3 hours walk each way), they start at a very late age. It is common that girls are married off at a very early age (12-13) to obtain dowry money and the boys are taken from school to tend to the livestock. Children have often lost a parent to disease or misfortune and their families have little money to spare for school fees.

### The scholarship

- \$ 1,000 per year – per child - for upper primary and secondary to attend quality boarding schools outside our community.
- \$400 per year – per child – for nursery /kindergarten children attending our newly opened facility in the community, Building Hope Academy. This is a day school.
- Payable in November of each year for the following year's tuition, commencing in January.
- The funds cover tuition and school fees, uniforms, books and other personal expenses
- Some sponsors add a little more each year so that their student can have a different experience during holidays, for example, the holiday camp we hold during the break.
- Sponsors commit to long-term support of their child – minimum 4-6 years for nursery/kindergarten/primary; 4 years for secondary school.

### The schools

We send all primary and secondary school children to quality private boarding schools away from their community to ensure that they have the same opportunities as their urban peers and also to restrict distraction by their relatives.

Nursery/kindergarten children attend our recently opened facility, Building Hope Academy, a day school. This was built by the Nairoshi Foundation in the community to enable children to commence their education early and receive a solid foundation.

### The parents

- We ensure that the parents are involved with their children's education, both emotionally and financially.
- They attend visiting and academic days (we attend each and every one ourselves), paying their own way and bringing along items like food.
- We spend time talking to them about the importance of allowing their child to keep studying during the holidays.
- We make sure that the parents contribute something toward the children's expenses - this normally takes the form of them buying a tin box, which is used by the child to store things at school, and purchasing personal items for school.
- Building Hope Academy ensures parents walk their children to school and home each day and attend parent/teach days and closing days.

### What can you expect from us?

- A photo and biography of the student you sponsor.
- An update at the end of each term, including copies of the child's results and letters from the children (or drawings if they are in nursery).

### What we would like from you?

- Commitment. We work very hard to ensure that children do not have any anxiety about the term of their sponsorship. Given this, we ask that potential sponsors understand what it means to be a sponsor and be ready to commit long term.
- Participation. We strongly encourage communication and involvement between you and the sponsored child. This could include writing letters, personal visits or communication via Skype when available. The pure joy the children get out of this is indescribable.

*David Ole Nkuito & Merry Purcell-Nkuito*

**SPONSORING A CHILD WILL NOT ONLY CHANGE THE LIFE OF A CHILD  
BUT WILL ALSO CHANGE YOURS!**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**

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