

Secondary Student Admissions 2024



PHASE 1 – the Big Move



Everyone gathered at Green Pastures School for the distribution of equipment

For the past 3 years we have sent all our secondary students to ByGrace High School, a private boarding school. However, spiralling costs and difficulty recruiting and retaining good teachers has made it increasingly difficult for private schools to manage. Meanwhile the government has invested in improving the infrastructure, teaching and disciplinary standards in its schools, and has capped the fees at a level that is more affordable to us as a charity.

Increasing concerns by students and our local Managers, as well as significant fee increases, forced us to reconsider our policy. In December we took the decision

to relocate the 62 students who would be returning to school in January to government schools. Our team in Kenya worked extremely hard to place the students, handle the paperwork and interviews, obtain and distribute the required supplies, facilitate payment for uniforms and obtain for every student a pre-paid bank card for their personal allowance and bus fares. It was an extraordinary feat, for which they had barely a month, and they did it! **Congratulations team!**



This is all mine???



Everyone has a personal pre-paid bank card

PHASE 2 – New Form 1 Students

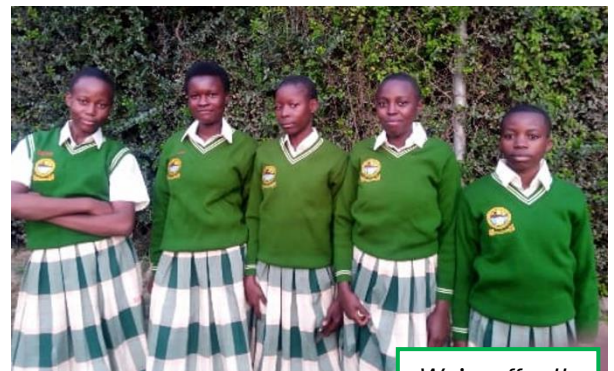


All I need for boarding school!

Once schools had started, and our 62 students were settled, we turned our attention to Primary School graduates left behind in the slums. The cost of secondary education is prohibitive for most slum dwellers. Many NGOs, community organisations, businesses and local politicians sponsor large numbers of these children, but on Feb 3rd Kenyan news was reporting that over 300,000 students had not turned up to school for the start of Form 1. We were quickly able to send off 8 of our own from Green Pastures and Tumaini, but it took longer

to work through the large number of applications we received through 3 local NGOs working with children from some of the most deprived areas around Nairobi. Many are from Dandora slum, which borders

the massive city rubbish dump, and is the primary source of income for many of the residents. In the end we selected 42 very needy, able and highly motivated students.



We're off....!!

Good morning Liz, I want to thank you and the entire Giraffe team for the good work you do. I didn't realize how much you do until I saw the pictures. Indeed it takes time to organize the children and do the purchase such that no child misses out. God bless you abundantly.

Another round of meetings, documents, bank cards, uniforms and equipment followed. By mid-February all 42 were in boarding schools scattered across the country. Letters and texts of gratitude poured in It's good to know lives are truly being changed!

THANK YOU to all the sponsors and donors who support this work.

Dear Giraffe Foundation,

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for the successful scholarship process. Your commitment to education is truly appreciated. Thank you for making a positive impact on students' lives. LONG LIVE GIRAFFE FOUNDATION.