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NEW FACES, NEW BEGINNINGS

We have lots to tell you! Our students are busy with school, learning, working, and growing. We continue to share stories from our students, including the inspiring one below from Caroline. And we are planning a new live music & dancing fundraiser scheduled for Friday, October 9 at Grace Hall in Ossining!

Your donations change women's lives in poverty-stricken areas. Our students express their gratitude often. Below is a letter from Caroline.

Dear AWEF Family,

I WRITE THIS LETTER with a heart full of gratitude and humility. My story is simple, but to me it is a miracle.

My Name is Caroline Kasiva. I was born and raised in the slum, in a place where dreams often end before they even begin. Many girls I grew up with never had the chance to finish school. Some ended up on the streets. Others were

married off very young, some even as second wives, not because they wanted to, but because there seemed to be no other option. For a long time, I thought that would also be my story. Then AWEF came into my life.

Through your sponsorship, I was able to join Mamma Africa Secondary School. For the first time, I felt that my life had direction. I studied, I struggled, I sometimes doubted myself but your support never left me. Because of you, I completed secondary school and went on to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Teaching. What once felt impossible slowly became my reality. Today, I am back at Mamma Africa not as a student, but as a teacher.

Every morning when I walk into the classroom, I see my younger self in the faces of my students. I see fear, hope, and hidden potential. I teach not only with books and chalk, but with my own story. I want these girls and



boys to know that where you come from does not have to decide where you end up. I am living proof of that because AWEF made it possible.

Had it not been for AWEF, I honestly do not know where I would be today. Maybe on the streets. Maybe trapped in a life I never chose. But instead, I am here educated, working, and helping other students believe in their future.

My next dream is simple and very personal: to work hard, save some money, and one day build my mother a small, decent house away from the slum. She sacrificed so much for me, and I want her to live her later years with dignity and peace.

Thank you, AWEF, for seeing value in a girl from the slum. Thank you for believing in me before I could fully believe in myself. Your support did not just change my life—it is now changing the lives of many others through me.

*With deep gratitude,
Caroline Kasiva*



Save the Date for our Fall Fundraiser!

»»» Live Music & Dancing: Friday, October 9, 7pm-10pm at Grace Hall, 7 Old Post Rd, Ossining «««

Go to www.awef.org for more information or to donate.

