



*Introducing....*

# the ACF Cheetah Express

*To our ACF friends and family;*

**What, you ask, is the "Cheetah Express"??**

As much as I would love to personally update each and every sponsor on a regular basis - it's just not feasible with everyone's busy schedules. But many things are in the works and it's exciting - and most definitely worth sharing! Hence the creation of the **ACF Cheetah Express**.

So going forward, I will be trimming down the newsletter to a smaller, easier to digest size...and sharing news, events and happenings as they develop. **But don't worry; we won't deluge you with emails.** At the most it will perhaps be once a month. Please be sure to share with friends and family as YOU are our marketing team!

And remember - any suggestions are always welcome. Together we are making a huge impact.

**Shari Young**  
Co-Founder



*The private academies we use in Kenya are not comparable to those in the states; but they offer a much better learning environment than the public schools.*



## University Students Concensus

In October 2023, ACF started soliciting feedback from our college students in the form of monthly email reports. What started as a way to get to know our students better and monitor their well-being has now expanded into soliciting their opinions about potential program improvements. After all, there is no better source of information for the ACF education program than the very students who have lived it!

Recently, we polled our college students about how to make the most beneficial impact on their Maasai families and villages near Amboseli NP.

***Given four choices, a majority of students selected clean water and improved sanitation as their preferred option.***

Other options included ***livestock training, micro-loans to start a business or small scale farming.***

Based on this feedback, Leonard is already testing a Chujio water filter that may be of great help to our families and we have given our first micro-loan to our eldest student Milton (details to follow).



ACF will be focusing its near term development efforts on clean water and sanitation projects. Stay tuned to this space for exciting news in the future!



## Send your letters now!

Sponsors, please take a few minutes out of your day to connect with your sponsored child in

**Amboseli. We need your letters by Friday, April 11th.**

### A few tips:

Keep it light and keep it simple. Use the letter as an opportunity to just encourage your student. Odds are, your sponsored child is facing a lot of really difficult things.

Encourage them to work hard in school, tell them you are proud of them and that their hard work DOES pay off. Tell them you LOVE THEM! This is so huge, my friends.

Just type your letter into an email, attach a few photos and I'll take care of the rest:  
[young.shari2005@gmail.com](mailto:young.shari2005@gmail.com)



## 2026 Group Trip Update

We have an itinerary - hooray!! I've put this together based on my own experience with the various safari destinations, as well as my work with the children. My hope is that you will find these trip plans exciting and something to look forward to next year.

However, I've discovered that getting pricing for a trip this far out is not too easy. Currently, I am waiting on quotes from several different tour operators. Once I have this information I will reach out to everyone that has shown an interest. We will need a minimum of 12 people, but I think that is quite doable with our group.

We will depart in August, 2026 (as the children will be out of school then) which will allow us to witness the great migration. It's truly a sight to behold!

Unfortunately, travelling during this time is not inexpensive. I may need to revise the itinerary a bit to keep costs down - but rest assured; we will have unique experiences, visit hidden gems, and you will get to know your sponsored child in this once-in-a-lifetime tour with ACF. It promises to be an exceptional adventure!



**Welcome new sponsors of Josephine;  
Gloria Schultz and  
Anna Ferguson**

**We are so happy to have you  
join the ACF family!**

**[Amboseli Children's Fund 2026 Group Tour to Kenya](#)**

### ***Dear Friends,***

I'd like to take a moment to personally express my deep gratitude to all of our generous donors and sponsors. Your support has allowed Amboseli Children's Fund to have a tremendous impact on Maasai children living in Kenya.

**But we need a bit of additional assistance!**

We know you like to hear news from your sponsored child or children. To do this, we must gather them from various villages across hundreds of miles of Amboseli park grounds during their school breaks which are April, August and December. This is no small feat let me assure you!

For this April break we will be conducting evaluations in addition to the grade collecting, letter writing and photos. We have found a school that will allow us to use their classrooms at no charge, but we must still provide nutrition for the day plus the transportation. **Costs for this are not covered by basic sponsorship.**

**Any amount helps, and we'd be so appreciative if you'd make a donation to our ACF Scholarship Fund which picks up any shortages for special gatherings as the one mentioned above.**

Lets continue making our world a better place by giving today.

Many thanks,

*Shari Young*

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