



AMBOSELI
Children's Fund

**"ASANTE - we wish
you many blessings!"**



ACF Scholarship Fund

One of the key elements that sets ACF apart from many other child sponsoring charities, is that we provide funds for universities or vocational and technical schools. We feel this higher education is absolutely vital in breaking the cycle of poverty for these youth and bringing about real change.

That being said, school fees along with room and board are quite a bit higher than our regular sponsorship covers. To address this, we started the **Scholarship Fund** which will help cover the additional expenses of post secondary education, as well as any gaps a student might incur if he/she loses their sponsor.

We are thrilled to announce that due to the generous donations we received last year, this new fund is off to a great start!

It has proved to be the perfect fit for individuals that do not want to sponsor a specific child and/or organizations that just want to show their support of our mission,

That being said - we still have a ways to go in building up this fund for the future. **We're asking your help - any amount is appreciated!** Please click below if you would like to contribute.

Winter greetings ACF sponsors, donors and friends!

We are off to a grand start this year as 2023 marks our **10 year anniversary!**

It's been quite a journey, filled with some challenging moments as well as amazing triumphs and accomplishments.



Over the past years, we have been adamant about ensuring that funds were being spent in a way that benefited the child the most. Our goal is to bring about real change **in this generation** - which we believe is already happening!

For those of you that may be unaware; I cover costs that do not relate directly to education such as administration, marketing, travel and any medical issues. This ensures that 100% of your donations go to your sponsored child or the ACF Scholarship Fund.

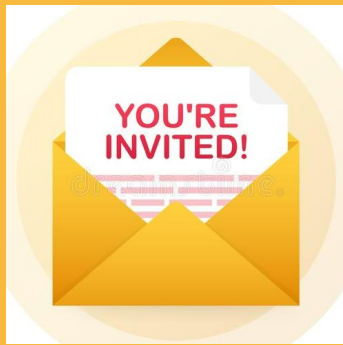
Recently though, we expanded some of our efforts to address healthcare concerns. During the COVID crisis when all the markets and trade were shut down in the Amboseli area, we ran a successful campaign to provide food staples to our students and their families.

And during Kenya's on-going drought situation, we put together the **"Goats for the Holidays"** campaign which was well received and resulted in all of our families getting meat and/or an income source.

Yes, our overall growth has been slow - but this was actually intentional as there are so few of us involved behind the scenes to do the work. None of us take a salary - and we want to keep it that way for as long as possible.

What we envision for the future will allow for continued expansion. Our students will start

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**The Church At Woodmoor
presents....**

Amboseli Children's Fund Journey Through Kenya

Please join us as we enjoy a traditional Maasai meal followed by an informative presentation. Shari Young, Basia Christ and Rich Fisher will speak of their firsthand experience with the ACF students and life in Amboseli.

WHERE:
The Church At Woodmoor
18125 Furrow Rd.
Monument, CO 80132

WHEN:
Sunday, March 26

TIME:
11:30am
*(Following the 10am
worship service)*

graduating soon and we will have many more "feet on the ground" so to speak in Kenya. All of the students have the mindset of giving back - and have expressed a strong desire to assist with the ACF program as needed. So bright days are ahead!

In closing, let me say again; **NONE of this would be possible without your support, input and encouragement over the years.** Words can not adequately convey the heartfelt gratitude we have for your generosity.

The world we live in can be quite chaotic, but we hope you take some small satisfaction in knowing that you have transformed the life of a child in desperate need. Truly, your dollars have a **HUGE** impact. Not just for our students, but also their families, communities and future generations.

We THANK YOU for choosing to support ACF and wish everyone good health and happiness in 2023!

Shari Young

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Never doubt that a small
group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can
change the world. Indeed,
it's the only thing that
ever has.

- Margaret Mead

ACF New Sponsor Highlight



Children's Ministry makes Valentine's card for their sponsored kids!

The Church At Woodmoor

We are thrilled to announce that two of our new students; **Michael and Emmie (pictured below)** are being sponsored by the **Children's Ministry of The Church At Woodmoor** in Monument, CO.

Celebrating 50 years strong, this church is rooted in faith and open to all. They celebrate life through worship and service across many Christian traditions. They serve the people of the Tri-Lakes and surrounding areas as well as having an active outreach and missions program. All are welcome!

Many thanks go to Charlie Ann Hayes who is the chair for the Outreach Ministry Committee and Melissa Billiard, the Children's Ministry Director. These two ladies have truly campaigned on behalf of ACF and we are so appreciative of their efforts! In addition to sponsoring these two students, they are also organizing an event where members of their congregation (and the general public) can attend, eat some Maasai food prepared locally and hear a presentation by myself as well as board members Basia Christ and Rich Fisher.

We are very excited to have this opportunity and hope we can increase our support/sponsorships in this area. **For any of you reading this that may live in CO - please feel free to join us! (See above for date/time/place.)**



Michael



Emmie



Dental Fluorosis in Kenya

We all know that fluoride can help to fight cavities, but over-exposure to this component can be very damaging.

Dental fluorosis is a condition where the teeth change to brown in color or get mottled and is a result of excessive exposure to fluoride.

Dental fluorosis risk factors

Maasai children living in the Rift Valley or regions with salty water (such as Amboseli) are exposed to high levels of fluoride through drinking or cooking water sourced from the local boreholes, wells or natural watering holes.

The effect of fluorosis begins during the first 6 weeks of pregnancy when the teeth and bones



Melissa & Purity travel to Nairobi with Anne & Leonard

Happy New Year 2023 everyone! I hope this finds you well...

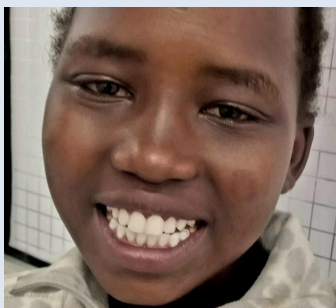
First, let me thank you for the support you've given us during the past year. I

of the fetus are being formed and continues up to year eight when permanent teeth are being formed in the mouth.

Fluorosis treatment in Kenya

We live in a world where self-consciousness is a big thing. The dark yellow to brown stains of dental fluorosis can badly hurt one's self-esteem. This can result in poor school performance or inability to socialize among children. In adults, lack of confidence can result in personal struggles that hurt individual growth at work or in relationships.

To help avoid the negative effects of dental fluorosis, there are many dental techniques available. **Dental masking** is one such treatment and is inexpensive and quite safe - with results guaranteed to make a patient smile!



can't thank you enough, but may the Almighty bless you abundantly. Then we thank you for the goats - you made our festive season wonderful, and we created memories.

Then, in our program, we had 2 girls - and both were given a new perception of life. Purity had her teeth done and she can now show her smile to the world. Melissa had her eyes checked and we can now address her issue of strabismus (roving eye).

During this fine day these two young ladies had never been to a city before (Nairobi), never seen cars overtake paved roads, never seen a railway line and big buildings, never imagined staying at a hotel.

They were used to the small manyattas at home, no electricity, no running water, no crowds. Now they visit a new place and they are just so amazed with how all this could be in their country and began relating that with their drawings in textbooks.

As if that was not enough, they visit a dentist to fix Purity's teeth, and they get to see such big machines and curious as they were they asked what is this and that for? Then each one said I'll like to be a dentist! Next we visited the optometrist for Melissa's eye to get treated and they were amazed even more and each one said I'll love to be an optometrist when I grow up!

Now they know all that just in a short while and have a better idea of what their future could be. Their parents couldn't imagine all this could just work that easily. They are happy and appreciate all the efforts you make for their kids to have a bright future ahead.

All of our parents send their warm greetings and wish you many blessings this year.

Anne Reya
ACF Coordinator

Dear Shari

How are you? How have you been? I'm so happy to write you this letter again. I and my family are doing great. They are so happy that my teeth have been cleaned.

We went to Nairobi on Monday. You know it was my first time to be there. The tall buildings, the many people and the many vehicles. You know I kept looking at the tall buildings and asking Ann lots of unending questions and thanks to her she was so friendly to explain everything to me. When we went to Sandton Hotel I was so amazed and for almost twenty minutes I kept looking at the menu not knowing what to choose. You know Ann told me to choose what I have never eaten and it was so delicious. The room was so big the bed I have never seen such, you know, I stayed in the shower for about one hour until Ann came to get me out. I was so happy and I wished my sister was there to also see but I have given her lots of stories.

I am so happy that my teeth have been cleaned. I am eager to go back to school to show my friends and tell how Nairobi is and all I had seen including the railway. It was such a short time with lots of experiences. I am now courageous to smile and thanks so much and my Dad is so happy to see ^{me} smile. Thank you of promise you. Thank you from Purity SILATO

**Start making a difference
today - Sponsor a child and
transform a life!**



Mark
Saidimu



Hillary Resiato
& her Mum



BECOME A
SPONSOR

Each child shown here is on a waiting list for our program. They live in remote villages with absolutely no outside assistance. Without our help, they have little hope of breaking free of the extreme cycle of poverty they live in.

For just \$2 per day you can literally change their future! Education brings hope and opportunities - please join us in our efforts to give back to those that are less fortunate.

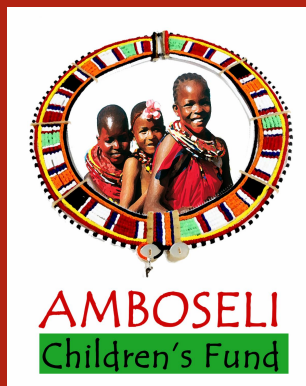
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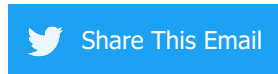
Beatrice Keritipa
& her Grandma



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