Amboseli Children's Fund 2nd Quarter Newsletter 2022



From all of our sponsored children:

"ASANTE and we wish
you many blessings!"



We are excited to announce that an extremely generous couple have given us a wonderful opportunity for our NEW Scholarship Fund:

They will match donations up to

\$10,000

It's our goal to raise these funds by the end of 2022. **We need your help!** Please share the news with your friends and family or if you have a group or organization that would allow ACF to make a presentation, let us know and we'll be there.

Grab the popcorn and check out our new ACF video! It's about 13 minutes long and is designed to give an overall view of our program. Your feedback is welcome.



ACF Presentation Video



Summertime greetings ACF sponsors, donors and friends!

So much has happened in the last few months that I barely know where to start. Here are some of the highlights...

First, our trip to Kenya was absolutely amazing. It's hard for me to describe how much progress we are already seeing from our efforts with these kids. We say "transform a life" - and that is exactly what ACF is doing. These children have a whole new future thanks to your support.

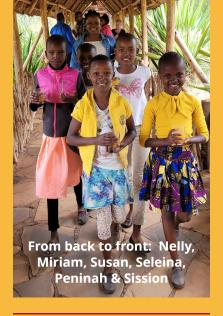
During our time there we provided several workshops, career counseling and individual mentoring. The older youth toured two universities and received instruction on what lies ahead from current students - Cynthia, Milton and Nelly.

None of the kids had ever been to a big city like Nairobi before. I realized how sheltered they actually are when I had to show them how to use the hotel elevator!

My sincere thanks goes to **Basia Christ** for accompanying me to Kenya. A third world country can be challenging, but through it all Basia remained upbeat and positive. Honestly, I couldn't have managed all these children without her.

Everyone who sponsors should have received updated news regarding their students, along with pics/videos but I am available anytime if you wish to discuss further.

On another note, while in Kenya we added two young girls to our program who recently lost their mother due to HIV complications. The father had to sell off all of his cattle to pay her medical bills and couldn't afford to keep either of his daughters in school. He was in the process of planning an arranged marriage for Purity (who just turned 13) and sending the younger one, Dorcus to live with her aunt. While ACF does not





"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant."

-ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

typically take on siblings, we felt this situation called for our assistance.

And I am so pleased to report that these girls already have sponsors! Please give a warm welcome to **Mike and Maureen Morgan along with Jeff and Anne Campbell** who are friends of mine from Colorado. We are thrilled to add these couples to the ACF family and appreciate their support of our mission.

I would also like to give special recognition to **Charlie Ann Hayes** for inviting ACF to give a presentation at **The Church at Woodmoor** in Colorado. In addition to a donation for our new Scholarship Fund, they plan to show our video and distribute ACF fliers to their congregation in the Fall. This is truly exciting news and we are extremely grateful for Charlie Ann's assistance in making this happen!

In closing, let me say again; your dollars have such a **HUGE** impact. So many of our kids (who have been with us from the beginning) are now young adults with a wonderful, bright future ahead of them. Their families, communities and future generations all benefit from your generosity. **We THANK YOU for choosing to support ACF and wish everyone good health and happiness always!**

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ACF SCHOLARSHIP FUND - New for 2022

With three students in University this year we have become more familiar with how the Kenya post-secondary education works and the costs involved.

Just to get admitted into one a student must score B- or higher on their final exams. Which school, which program and what the costs will be are all determined by this score.

The government will actually pick up a portion of the fees (the higher the score, the more they will pay), but room and board are additional. Students are also required to have laptops and internet service.



We realize that not all sponsors will be able to increase their level of support, so additional funds have been set aside. However, actual costs are about twice what was anticipated - so this has become something we have to address. In two years we will have eight students in University - the year after it will be eleven.

It is vital that we raise the money to cover their fees apost-secondary education is a must to breaking the cycle of poverty for these youth and bringing about real change. Other key components needed are career counseling, mentorship and future job placement. Going forward we hope to provide this for all of our students before they make the transition to post-secondary school.

To address this issue, we have developed the ACF Scholarship Fund. All donations - of any amount are welcome! And for those donors that do not want to sponsor a child but would still like to support our program - this is the perfect platform.

DONATE TODAY

Funds will have TWICE THE IMPACT, due to the DONATION MATCHING this year.

Please help us by spreading the word - share this email on your social media, speak to your coworkers and friends. Together we can and will make a difference!







Expanding the ACF Program

We are all volunteers at ACF - no one takes a salary and I cover any administrative costs so that 100% of donations go to our sponsored kids.

But as I've mentioned before, we are limited in how many more children we can take on as Leonard has his hands full working with 13+ schools and 28 students.

I'm pleased to report that Anne Reya (who is a teacher, Leonard's niece and on our board) has agreed to take on the role of Coordinator for the primary school kids.

In addition, both Cynthia and Milton have offered to assist with our program once they graduate in a few years.

This is wonderful news and we are thrilled to have them on our team. Again - no one will take a salary - so 100% of donations go to the sponsored students.

With that said, we are also working with another non-profit; MEET5.org founded by Gina Rodgers with Liz Nassi handling the Kenya operations.

Currently they have 5 girls who will be sitting for



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their final exam this year. MEET5 does not cover post-secondary education so we have made a commitment to step forward. Should any of these students score high enough to be admitted to a government university - we will take them into the ACF program.

I have met these young ladies and Liz presented at our workshops; I'm excited to be working with this group and look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship. We will keep you updated once results are in!





Amboseli Children's Fund is committed to transforming the lives of Maasai children living in extreme need in the remote area of Amboseli, Kenya. Government assistance does not exist for these people. Without our help, they have little hope of breaking free of this cycle of poverty.

Education has been proven to be the most single, most effective means of change and your donation gives these children the ability and confidence to set a new course for their future. Please join Amboseli Children's Fund in our mission to give back to those less fortunate.

Give to the ACF Scholarship Fund today!



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