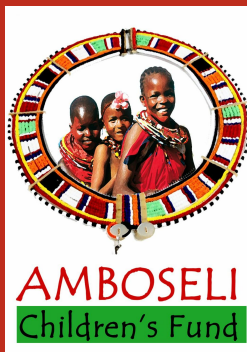


ABOUT US

NEED HELP

WAYS TO GIVE



This is Nelly, our future pharmacist at home while on a short break. Her smile says it all!



Fall greetings ACF Sponsors & Donors!

There are many unsettling events going on in our world today - and while I don't want to minimize them, I do feel encouraged that we still have a lot of good things happening as well.

When I look back on our 10th year I am amazed at how many new sponsors and donors have joined our ACF family and the students whose lives have been transformed. Yes, I use the word "transform" a lot - there is simply no other way to describe what your support is doing for these kids. They have NO way

out of their lives of poverty and illiteracy without our assistance.

It's true I am more invested with these students because I know them personally. Please let me assure you of just how much they appreciate the opportunity you have given them. Not one of our kids takes their sponsorship for granted.

To bring you up to date... ACF has 24 students in primary school, 12 in secondary school and 4 in university for a total of 40 children. Cynthia, one of our pioneer students, has just secured an internship with a large government agency (read more below). Without our program she would be married with many children by now. Not only was she saved from FGM and early marriage, but her daughters will be too.

Be sure not to miss the photos (at the bottom of this email) of our 3 young men headed to college or trade/vocational school next year - along with pics when they first entered the program as boys years ago. Each one says they are determined to make life better for their families.

We want to give a **big THANKS** to the folks at the Woodmoor Church for their continued support of our efforts; and the two individuals who are taking on the additional costs of their students university fees - it's all so very much appreciated!

To say we're living in challenging times sounds like both a cliché and an understatement. Yet I hope all of you take some comfort in knowing that because of your generosity - a child's life has been forever transformed.

Shari Young

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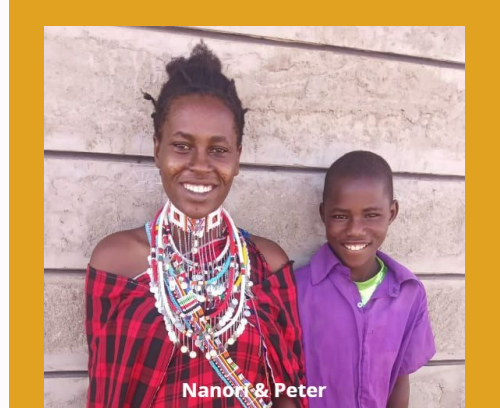
"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

Nanori came to Leonard last spring at a gathering in Amboseli of several Maasai families. She told him of her son Peter and how she had lost her husband and could not continue paying school fees. Nanori pleaded with Leonard to consider her son for our program.

Peter fit our criteria of being a good learner/high performer as well as living in extreme need. And fortunately, now that we have the **ACF Scholarship Fund**, we were able to accept him into our program. This fund allows us to place a child in one of our preferred academies while he or she is awaiting a sponsor.

Leonard receives these requests quite often; more than 35,000 Maasai live in the Amboseli region. Since the Kenya government provides no assistance, these families really have no where else to turn for help.



Nanori & Peter



Peter in class



Donate now!

Transform a child's life...

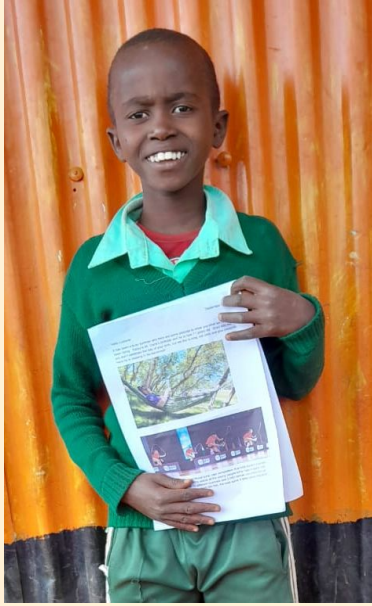
**Scholarship
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Letter writing 101

Even though the students won't be out of school again until December - I want to give everyone a nudge about letter writing.

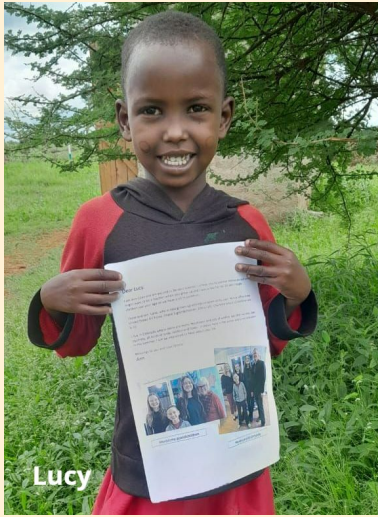
Anne tells me that the primary kids (K-8th) literally "light up" when they receive letters and they show them to anyone who will look!! They love having their picture taken with the letter - it definitely makes them feel special.

If you have trouble coming up with what to say, [click here](#) for an example of a great letter that was sent by Shelley Pruett to



her sponsored child Luyiana, shown here on the left. The rule of thumb is to keep it simple and remember they live in a developing county with few comforts. (No electricity or running water - and very little technology if any.)

Please feel free to send me letters any time between now and December. It's a simple gesture that really, really means so much!



Lucy



Godson



Beatrice

Spread the word - help us help others!

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Goats for the holidays

Back by popular demand...

This is becoming an ACF tradition and we are pleased to be able to offer it once again! Leonard has made arrangements to purchase these goats for our students at \$50 each (another NGO is offering them for \$120 - we say bravo Leonard!!)

The Maasai people depend on goats and cows for a living. They have many uses including selling the milk and/or breeding. To a Maasai, having a goat is like having money or a bank account for an American.

Just \$50 will help ensure that your sponsored child and his family receive this special gift by Christmas.

If you do not sponsor a specific child, your donation will be used to purchase a goat for those families with the greatest need.

Give a
Goat!



SPONSORS NEEDED!!

We currently have 3 boys
and 2 girls awaiting
sponsorship

*\$48 per month covers books, tuition,
uniforms, room & boarding*

Sponsor a child
today

ACF covers all medical and administrative costs so 100% of your donation goes to your sponsored child.

Please join us in transforming the life of a young Maasai child through education!



What do college students worry about the most?

Most are worried about their academic status, others about relationships and another percentage on drugs.

With freedom comes responsibility and every action has its consequences whether positive or negative.

Peer pressure is real here and no one is watching over you so you can do whatever you want to.

I say it's the test of how you were raised up and your character development stage.

Cynthia, Business & IT Technology program at
Joma Kenyatta University



Cynthia secures internship at Nairobi Nat'l Transport & Safety

As part of her degree program Cynthia must secure (on her own) a 3 month internship both this year and next. After weeks of applying to numerous companies Cynthia was ecstatic to receive a callback from the Nairobi Nat'l Transport & Safety Agency.

This is a large, government run agency that is opening (and staffing) a new division for road safety. She rides the Metro bus 1.5 hours each way, Monday through Friday. Already she is solving IT issues and interviewing applicants. Each evening she goes online to submit a school report that details her day.

Chances are good that once Cynthia graduates this agency will hire her for permanent employment - assuming she makes a favorable impression.

She is a true pioneer for the ACF program and we look forward to watching her progress and cheering on her efforts!



Rose admitted to KCA University

Rose begins her 2 year program in Business & Information Technology with a lot of enthusiasm and excitement!

Fortunately, our other college students were able to fill her in on what to expect - both on campus and in her student housing.

Up until now, Rose has only been in all-girls boarding schools with little if any independence. Now she must rely on her own self discipline and motivation to do what is needed to succeed in her program.

Last year we were able to have several workshops with the secondary students to help prepare them for this big step in their development and educational journey.

Three more of them - Isaac, Kato and Elvis will be taking their national exams at the end of this year. Their scores will determine what programs and schools they may apply to in 2024.

Please note: we understand that not all of our students will be able to attend university.

That's okay! Trade and vocational schools are available also and at times are a much better fit for an individual.

We try to never lose sight of our

main goal: which is to enable these youth to obtain viable employment and break the cycle of poverty in their generation!

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