



"You can make a living by what you get, but you can make a life by what you give"
Winston Churchill

LT COL HENRY SUGDEN RUNS LEWA MARATHON AND RAISES KSH 25,000 (£170) FOR US!



Henry is seen here with his daughters, Isabella and Jessica with much needed refreshment.

MAJOR JUGSY UNSING CELEBRATES HIS BIRTHDAY BY CLIMBING MOUNT KILIMANJARO IN AID OF THE KAREN STREET CHILDREN



Jugsy (seen here on the right) on top of Mount Kilimanjaro after a grueling 5 day climb takes in a magnificent African sunrise from the top of Africa's highest mountain. Jugsy handed over a whopping KSH 48,000 (£322) after this valiant achievement.

FOCUS ON DANIEL MURANGA



My name is Daniel Muranga and I was born in 1997 into a family of three. I studied primary education at Dr Muthiora Government Primary School. My parents could not manage to raise my bus fare to school thus I walked to school every morning. Despite having many problems at home I worked hard and passed my final primary school examination with 350 marks and was position one in our school. I was then offered a place at Githiga Boarding High School.

It is at this point that I felt like life has no meaning. My parents could not raise my high school fees. I had no hope of joining secondary school and I was at a dead end. I then decided to walk around asking for help from well-wishers. Unfortunately, I was turned down by everyone I spoke to. I then heard of the Karen Street Children's Trust. Early the next morning I and my mother were knocking at KSC's doors. We were joyfully welcomed by Claire. My papers were checked and I was booked for an interview after which my home was visited for assessment. I was then given the good news that KSC would sponsor me. This remains my happiest day.

By the way we were treated by everyone at KSC I found hope at long last. Apart from paying my school fees KSC has been very helpful to me and my mother. I can't get words to express how I feel; my life has been totally transformed.

How can I ever thank the KSC donors and Directors? I can only pray to God to bless all of them abundantly and to help KSC to expand so as to be in a position to give hope to many other desperate children.

Daniel is sponsored by Stephanie & Jeremy Mantell from the UK. If you would like to sponsor a child, please get in touch with us.

CLAIRE LEAVES KSC IN KENYA FOR PASTURES NEW IN THE UK

After 18 months working with KSC, Claire has left us to return to the UK. However she is not giving up on KSC and, once Claire has unpacked, has vowed to continue fundraising and ensuring the children get their much needed laptops.

Claire's farewell in Kenya was, although tinged with sadness, a celebration of the work she has achieved and a thank you from all the KSC family.

'It has been an honour and a privilege to work with all the children at KSC and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to help and guide such a lovely group of young people. I hope everyone achieves the success they deserve and wish you all much happiness in your futures. I will never forget my time working with you and you will be forever in my heart and mind.'



DONATE WHILST YOU SHOP!

For our UK based supporters - you now have the option to donate to KSC whilst you shop online at all of your favorite stores. And what's more, the donation does not come out of your own pocket.

Easyfundraising.org.uk provides a FREE fundraising service where you can raise funds for KSC when you shop online with shops like M&S, John Lewis, Boots, Amazon, Tesco Direct, Sainsburys, Boden, Crew Clothing amongst many!

THE KAREN STREET CHILDREN'S TRUST

For the past 16 years the Karen Street Children's Trust has been working to build a brighter future for impoverished and disadvantaged children from the slums surrounding the Karen suburb of Nairobi. To date we have helped 138 young people building worthwhile lives through education, training and employment opportunities and currently we are working with 48 bright sponsored students. Each has been selected on the basis of hardship at home and the potential to benefit from a good education. We are proud that so many have grasped the opportunity and worked hard to achieve top grades. It is our policy to educate each sponsored student to the level from which each will benefit and then to equip them with skills which will help them to earn in an increasingly difficult employment environment. We have also been working with the Dynamic Business Start-Up Programme which assists young people with self-employment business skills.

So many bright children in Kenya have no hope of education beyond the state-subsidised primary schooling. All secondary schooling has to be paid for and this is beyond the realms of possibility for so many.

All our students are in boarding schools and colleges across the country where they are getting an education in a safe environment with food provided and a bed to sleep in at night. Many of our students are not assured of even these basics at home. We are proud to be able to provide for a small group of bright children what so many elsewhere take for granted.

CURRENT BOARDING FEES FOR 2011

PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARDING FEES KSH63,250/£550 per annum

SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARDING FEES KSH92,000/£800 per annum

This is based on actual costs for the year 2011 and includes school fees, food and accommodation for boarding pupils, text books and stationery, all uniform, shoes, transport, tuck, pocket money, holiday activities, cover for medical emergencies and the pastoral care and support of our qualified counsellor, Catherine Gachui.

HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER!

We would like to thank ALL our donors for their continued support. Without you The Karen Street Children's Trust would not exist. From everyone at KSC we hope you all had a very happy and relaxing Summer Holiday!

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