



**There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.
Nelson Mandela**

ANNUAL PRIZEGIVING IS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH 'THE FRIENDS OF DAGORETTI CHILDREN'



For the second year, KSC joined forces with The Friends of Dagoretti Children to hold their annual prize-giving ceremony. All the outstanding students are justly awarded and the day is a celebration enjoyed by both charities. Daniel Muranga (above) won 3rd academic prize, Marvin Mwangi (below left) won 2nd academic prize and Ann Wambui (below right) who won a prize for best extracurricular activity achievement. She was chosen to represent her school in Germany last year.



It is with immense sadness that we report the death of Jacinta Wanjiru who died after falling and suffering brain injuries. Jacinta was in Year 2 and aged just 17. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.



FOCUS ON FAITH WAMAITHA



It was in 2006 when I finished my primary education and passed. I was terrified that I had passed because I knew going to a secondary school would not be easy. My parents could not be able to see through the secondary education, because my elder brother had dropped out in form 2 due to lack of school fees. My mother began searching for help everywhere. She visited many charity homes with no avail and also sought the then area member of parliament, but all of them had reasons why not to help me. I was told of KSC when I had lost hope of furthering my studies and was even ready for anything. Luckily I got picked by the KSC committee and my life became so much better in every way.

I joined Gitwe Girls in Githunguri for 4 years and managed to get a B+ in my KCSE. I wanted to do medicine but my grades won't allow me to get enrolled in a medical school, therefore I resulted in taking a course in nursing.

I enrolled in Daystar university in 2011 and my journey as a nurse began. I have done various practicals and have found nursing fulfilling to me. I have recently worked in Pumwani Maternity Hospital and have enjoyed the experience a lot. I have developed a passion for children overtime and enjoy working in a pediatric ward.

KSC has been with me every step of the way, supporting me both financially and morally. They have made me who I am today and am forever grateful to them.

JOSEPH KARANJA MUCHINA, ANTHONY MWAURA & JOHN MUNYIRI GRADUATE!



Congratulations to Joseph Karanja Muchina who has graduated with a degree in Engineering Electrical & Electronics (Computer Option) seen here celebrating with his brother, sister and nephew. Anthony Mwaura who has graduated from GilGil in Electrical Engineering and John Munyiri who has his Diploma in Food Production from Nairobi Aviation College.

THE KAREN STREET CHILDREN'S TRUST

For the past 17 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 146 young people building worthwhile lives through education, training and employment opportunities and currently we are working with 49 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 SPONSORSHIP COSTS FOR 2014

Despite rising costs in Kenya for education both in primary and secondary schools we are endeavouring to keep our sponsor fees the same aware that many of you are also feeling the credit crunch. It does mean we will probably have to find cuts somewhere along the line, but assure our sponsors that none of our children will suffer as a result. The sad news is that this puts education even further out of the reach of the majority of the population of Kenya.

PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARDING FEES KSH 63,250/ £445 pa
SECONDARY SCHOOL BOARDING FEES KSH 92,000/ £650 pa

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

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THE WELL-DESERVED PATS ON THE BACK

Local artist, Dominique Thoenes, (pictured above at the Christmas Craft Fair), donated 10% of her sales from her recent Talisman exhibition raising a massive KSH 100,000 (£700),

This year's Christmas cards, once again designed by local artist Katy MacIntyre-Brown, raised £445 (KSH 62,700) for KSC.

Our biggest thanks must go to the Karen Golf Club who once again donated KSH 500,000 (£3,500).



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