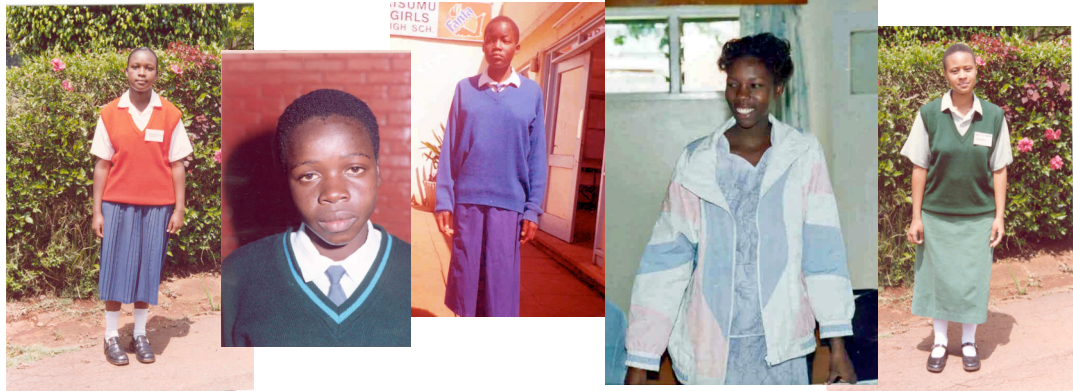


***In 2001 six new Budd scholars were selected. Here again are some of Grace's notes about them:***



M. was born in 1985, the last born in a family of four. Her father and mother died in 1992 and 1998 respectively, and she is under the care of her aunt, who organized a fundraising to enable her to go to Kisumu High School. She improved quite a lot after getting the scholarship and obtained a B- in her final exams, a grade good enough to take her to a National Polytechnic. However, she is still at home because her guardians are not in a position to assist her.

P. was born in 1984 in the Nyeri District. He is the 6<sup>th</sup> born out of 10 children. His parents are peasant farmers and have no education. He put his kidney up for sale to enable him raise funds for his secondary education. He joined Kagumo High school, one of the leading provincial schools, where he managed to get a C-; a grade the school said was below their expectation. He hopes to take some course to become self-reliant.

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S. was born in 1985 and is an only child. The father abandoned his family and married another wife. S. joined Kaaga Girls School, a provincial school, and was above average when admitted to the scholarship program. She lost her mother due to illness in 2003 just before she sat for her exams, which shattered her dreams. In spite of this blow, she went ahead and obtained a B-, which can secure her a place in a polytechnic or private university. Her radiance, commitment and optimism stand out as key characteristics.

M. was born in Enosupukia. She lost her mother in the genocide there and was rescued by some good Samaritans. They traced her biological uncle, who has been caring for her. M is composed, quiet and very committed to whatever she chooses to do. In spite of what she has gone through in her childhood, she radiates warmth and hope and encourages those who listen to her story. She joined St. Anne's Lioki and did her form four exams in 2003, scoring a B-. She could not secure a place in the university but still hopes to join a college and work in the NCKK scholarships office.

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W. was born 1986 in the Taita Taveta District. She is the only child of a single mother. Her mother's financial status could not sustain her only daughter, so one of the uncles took her and organized for her form one fees. She scored well in the KCPE and secured a place in the prestigious State House Girls. W. was quite stable in school, is outgoing and curious to learn more things. She received a B in her form four final exams, good enough to take her to the university. But this did not work due to too many candidates who scored better grades. She is still at home and hopes that one day she may pursue medical or engineering courses.

M. was born in 1985 in Trans-Nzoia. She is a beneficiary from Kinyoro Primary school and her parents are peasant farmers. She is a quiet and very reliable person. She joined Nasokol Girls, one of the best schools in the area, and scored a C+. Under normal circumstances this grade was good enough to take her to one of the local public universities, but there were too many students who qualified. She is still at home and hopes to join a college one day. She does not want to get married without any certificates to secure a job in the near future.



*A spirited game of Rabbit, Gun, Wall has become a traditional part of meetings between donors and the students.*