

By 2003 the program was well established and word spread about it among a larger group of donors. Increased contributions allowed the fund to award eight new scholarships as well as to support previous recipients, now in forms three and four.



B. was born in 1988 in the Kisumu district. Her parents both died from disease when she was young. She has five siblings, all below 18 years. She was always out of school until she was admitted to the scholarship program. She lives with an aunt, and the children, having no source of income, rely on well-wishers. She scored well on the KCPE and was admitted to Ngiya Girls High School. She will complete form four in 2005.

C. was born in 1987 in the Nyeri District.

She is the last born in a family of five children. Her father died when she was in primary school, and the burden to bring up the children was left with her mother, who is poor and unemployed. The family relies on 1.2 acres of dry and unproductive land. C. was the brightest pupil in Ihururu primary school and was consequently sponsored by Likii High School in class 7 and 8 as a marketing strategy for the school. She is now a student in Alliance Girls High school, a leading national school for girls. She will complete form four in 2005.

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F. was born in 1985 in the semi-arid Makueni District. His father died when he was a very young boy and he is supported by his single mother.

Although he scored well, F. could not go to a provincial school as he had no one to pay school fees for him. The Budd scholarship has enabled him to attend Ititu Secondary School, and he will complete form four in 2005.

G. was born in 1988 in the Kilifi district. His father passed away when he was in primary school, leaving the mother, who is a civil servant, to care for him and his sister. His grandmother also depends on his mother for upkeep. He scored very well in the KCPE and is now a respected leader at the Lenana National School.

S. and J. are twins born in 1985. Their mother contracted malaria in 1988 and became paralyzed. Their father died of cancer in 1994 when the children were in lower primary class three. They have four siblings and the children were under the care of well-wishers who helped them join Maseno school. Their mother sold a piece of land and was able to pay for the boys to join form one. They got a sponsor who eventually disappeared with their money and their plight was highlighted in the Kenyan newspapers. The boys learned that Daniel Ritchie was visiting Eldoret, and personally went to present their case to him – and their dream to pursue education was restored. They both completed form four in 2004.

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C. is the 2nd born in a family of 11. She was admitted to St. Bridgit's Girls School but could not join due to lack of school fees. She joined a local secondary school after a harambee* was conducted and managed to raise Kshs.15,000 (about \$200) which only covered 1st and 2nd terms. After she was admitted to the program, she was able to join St. Bridgit's Girls where she is studying and will complete form four

in 2005.

L. was born in 1987 in the Nairobi District. Her mother, a single parent, lost her job, has had a major operation and now works as house help. Her father walked out on his family leaving the children under the care of the ailing mother. L scored very well and was admitted to Pangani Girls School. She will complete form four in 2005.

** A harambee literally means "working together", in this case a fund-raiser.*