



Northern Magic Fund

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Happy Holidays from our Family to Yours!

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- Sponsor a secondary school student
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During this festive season, we would like to extend a warm thank you to all our caring donors for your continued support. It is because of your thoughtful support that we are able to share heartwarming and hopeful stories of our work in Kilifi, Kenya.

Your generous donations enabled us to provide a secondary school education to 112 students in 2018, evenly divided between boys and girls. Each school year, we require our students to reapply and requalify for sponsorship. After reviewing the applications received for this school year, we welcomed back 63 students in Forms 2, 3 and 4 and greeted 49 new students who were thrilled to learn that their dream of a secondary school education was going to be realized. We wish all of them great success in their studies.

Over the years, we have had the pleasure of working with many wonderful donors who have enjoyed a rewarding relationship with a sponsor student. We would like to share one of those personal stories with you.

Our donor wrote "Mary Anne and I became interested in sponsoring a high school student in Kenya and remembered the Stuemmer family's round-the-world voyage and their reports on the great need for this kind of support.

In 2007, we began our sponsorship of 14-year-old Evelyn Madzo Kittu. We genuinely enjoyed our relationship with Evelyn, maintaining a scrapbook of photos and letters received from her over the

eleven-year-journey .. one that continues for us today and into the future."



Late last year, one of our donors made a very generous offer to provide a post secondary education to a needy female student. We asked several high school principals to submit recommendations for a female student deserving of this very special gift.

Christine Kahindi, principal at Katana Ngala, highly recommended Salama Iddi Kalama noting that she was the best in her class and describing her as 'a brilliant girl and very needy'.

Salama was selected and joined Masinde Muliro University this Fall, working toward a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy. Grateful for this wonderful opportunity, she looks forward to breaking the cycle of poverty in her home.



Evelyn Kittu

years. While our initial intent had been to sponsor her through high school only, we chose to continue our support as she pursued a university degree, earning her Bachelor of Education in 2015. Evelyn now teaches at a school in northern Kenya, paying it forward as she shares her knowledge and wisdom with another generation of students. We are so proud!

We are very happy to have had the opportunity to support Evelyn's education and to get to know her as a person. It has been a rewarding pleasure to work with the Northern Magic Fund on this



Salama Iddi Kalama

The Magic Continues

Dr. George Ouma, a longtime beneficiary of the Northern Magic Fund, recently wrote to bring us up-to-date on his family life and educational pursuits. Now married with two beautiful children, he wrote: *"The kids are growing up well. Martha is already helping with small chores in the house. Enoch is doing what boys do best at one, causing havoc in his path and breaking every plate and cup as he tries to do things on his own! We are blessed to have them. Martha is already registered in kindergarten, ready to start next year!"*

George tells us that his wife, Florence, also a doctor, is back at school. She started a three-year residency program in Psychiatry this Fall. He noted that *"during her practice as a general practitioner, she discovered her passion was to deal with drug addiction and mental illness and my duty was to encourage and support her. I have done just that! Though hectic, I am happy that she is back chasing after her dream."*



George Ouma with wife, Florence and children, Martha & Enoch.

George too is planning a return to school. He is waiting for his official acceptance letter from Stellenbosch University in South Africa where he will be doing a four-year Masters program in Radiation Oncology, a program not available at a university in Kenya. He looks forward to starting this next adventure in the new year.

In the meantime, George is covering all the costs for his siblings' university studies. His sister, Phenny, earned a Bachelor degree in Nutrition and Dietetics and just completed her one-year internship this month. Kingsley, his younger brother, did well in Form 4 and joined university this Fall taking a program in Building Construction Technology at Masinde Muliro University. George is also helping with the high school fees for two nephews and two nieces. How's that for Paying it Forward?

George concluded his recent correspondence with a lovely note: *"I am humbled. Without the Northern Magic Fund, I would not be writing such an email. I don't know how life would be today. It's emotional to imagine how lucky I have been in life, how lucky I was to have met Northern Magic. Life has never been the same but has been getting better every day, not only for me but for many more in my family. Forever grateful. George."*

Thank you, George, for truly living and demonstrating the spirit of the Northern Magic Fund!

Share the Magic!

With so many worthy causes vying for your donation dollars, we are grateful to all of you who have chosen to entrust your donation to the Northern Magic Fund. In order to continue our good work, we need help throughout the year. New donors are few. May we ask your assistance?

When you are with friends, family and colleagues, help us spread the word. Please mention our fund and the great work we are all doing. We appreciate that one of the reasons you support us is that unlike other charities, many with very high administrative costs,

this Fund is wholly volunteer run, and apart from minimal expenses, your donation goes directly to the cause you intended—the education of Kenyan youth.

There are many ways you can help us Share the Magic:

- Directly sponsor a student — your commitment of \$40 per month will give a child the lasting gift of a secondary school education.
- Make a contribution to the Fund for the general pool of students.



- Host a fundraiser
- And most important of all, help us spread the word!

However you choose to help, your donation is greatly appreciated. A tax receipt will be issued for donations of \$25 or more.

Wishing You and Yours a Magical Christmas!

