

Friends of AIC Kajiado Girls School



Welcome to the AIC Kajiado Girls School November 2020 Update!

Well this is long overdue!

Thank you to those who keep up to date on our website & Facebook page, we endeavour to keep the information coming! A group of us were lucky to visit the girls in January and see the upgraded kitchen (with immense thanks to Rotary!) and we have exciting news...as you read this – Rotary & three very special large donations from Nature Encounters guests – have funded the renovation of the girls dorms to include toilets & showers!!! Currently, the girls use long drop toilets and it wasn't until 2014, thanks to another amazing donation, the girls finally received water in the school and dorms. Prior to that, the girls lived on a "budget" of 5 litres of water a week for drinking, cooking and cleaning. Can you imagine that? Water is Life! And now.. life will become a bit easier with toilets close by and much more sanitary! We have been supporting the school for 20 years and can't wait to get back to see the girls and all these changes, all because of you! Asante Sana!



2020 What A Year! We have all said and felt it, some from our cozy homes with heat, food and entertainment... some from a mud and cow dung hut where selling your daughter for food seems to be the only option. I don't want to minimize the effects that Covid have had on us in North America. Sadly, some of you have lost loved ones or know someone directly affected ... so many heartbreaking situations right here at home. In Kenya, Covid 19 is also very real with numbers increasing as we speak. What is happening at AIC Kajiado Girls School? The girls that could go home did so in March. There were 42 rescue girls' "sisters" that could not go home due to their families still expecting to circumcise and marry them off for a dowry of cows. We have been supporting the girls with Covid supplies and food. The teachers have been taking care of their emotional needs as they are truly the mothers these girls have never had. The Bride Rescue Team, headed by Hellen, have recognized a number of girls that need to be rescued but due to Covid, cannot. We made sure there were funds for Hellen and guide Samson to go to the communities with food and Covid supplies so the local people know we care.

This is who
you're helping



And
this
is
how



Asante Sana!



What Have We Accomplished?

The last few years have been eventful starting with 2014, known as the year we got water – such an amazing gift! Every visit, we bring clothing and supplies lovingly donated. One year, over 100 bathing suits made it to the school giving the girls a chance to swim for the first time ever! In 2019 we received fantastic assistance from Rotary Calgary Downtown and Rotary Nairobi Karengata to upgrade the kitchen providing a more hygienic and safer place to work and serve meals. Our visit in January 2020 was so exciting to see the upgrades! This year after writing and rewriting proposals (thank you Dianne, Diane & Dave!) Rotary, once again, approved funding to renovate the girl's dorms to include 2 toilets and a shower, upgrade the outdoor long drop toilets, rebuild the septic system and train a local person to maintain the system. This all started with 2 very special donors from a safari in 2017 – Jane & Albert who set the ball in motion. Work started November 9 so keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for updates. One very dear family to us has been supporting primary & secondary girls and have given the gift of sending 3 young ladies to university... one becoming a lawyer! Can you imagine how her life has changed? We are forever grateful for each and every donation, from \$10 to \$10,000, we could not help & protect these girls without you.

Where do your donations go?

At our fundraisers, we are often asked where your kind and generous donations go. First of all, it is very important for you to know that everyone involved with Friends of Kajiado is a volunteer, giving freely of their time and effort. Not one penny goes to staff or administration. We have partnered with The Great Canadian Foundation who does all our donation accounting, receipts and Canada Revenue Reporting and their portion is either 8% (cash/cheque) or 10.5% (credit card) fee for providing that service. This allows us to ensure you receive official tax receipts. At every fundraiser, our hearts are deeply touched by your generosity. This is where your dollars are spent:

- *Personal hygiene - soap, shampoo, toilet tissue
- *Food – beans, rice, ugali (corn meal) are standard. Meat, fruit, milk are a luxury.
- * School supplies – notebooks, pencils, erasers, soccer balls & fun stuff, school uniforms, shoes
- *Mosquito nets - no cases of malaria since 2009!
- *Bed frames, mattresses, bedding, towels



Some donors choose to “adopt” a student, which supplies a girl with tuition, uniforms, boarding and supplies for one year. The cost for this is approximately per student/year:
 Grades 1-8 – Kajiado Girls School \$800 CDN
 Grades 9-12 – Secondary School \$1200 CDN
 University & Technical School \$400-10,000CDN



Our Friends of Kajiado Team!

We LOVE our teams in BC & Alberta and Hellen & Samson in Kenya! Check out our website for info on each of them!
 THANK YOU!



How Can You Help? We realize this is a tough time for everyone and there are many charities that need help. **Our budget for 2021 is \$25,000CDN** which includes: care for 10 Rescue Girls (uniform, books, boarding, supplies), Feeding for all rescue girls for 3 holiday months, Supplemental feeding throughout the year, Uniforms, Sweaters, Sanitizer & Masks, Books & some fun at Christmas.

If you can help, even a bit, CLICK THE BLUE LINK <http://friendsofkajiadogirlsschool.com> & then DONATE TODAY – complete the donation and we will ensure your donation will go to where you would like it to from beds to school fees to cabbage! Spreading the word is much appreciated!

We cannot thank you enough for your generous support, it is appreciated beyond words.

Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season and hoping for a better 2021!

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