

Friends of AIC Kajiado Girls School

After



Welcome to the AIC Kajiado Girls School November 2021 Update!

Thank you to those who keep up to date on our website & Facebook page, we endeavour to keep the information coming! We have accomplished a lot this year thanks to you! All 10 dorms now have newly renovated washrooms with

TOILETS!! YAY AND SHOWERS YAY!! They are located inside the dorm at the back, so the girls do not have to leave the dorms at night. Some of you may remember the smell of urine as the girls were doing their business on the concrete or in basins. The girls were too afraid to go outside to the long drop/pit toilets after dark. We haven't seen the new loo's yet but it sounds like they are very nice, clean and they and septic system are being maintained regularly. What a gift! Asante Sana to our spearheads Albert, Sue & Jane that donated enough to get this started. And to Dave & Diane, Dianne and Rotary Downtown Calgary, Rotary Karengata Nairobi for your work on this project. We couldn't have finished it without Rick and Family, Jill, Patricia and each and everyone of you who donated to help the girls. You are amazing!!



Before



2020 What A Year! 2021 Enough Already!

Hopefully we are on the "up" side of this pandemic – hopefully – and most of you are starting to return to a new normal. Our girls are back at school full time with the new dorms and staying healthy – no Covid cases in the student population and 2 teachers that tested positive isolated and gratefully have healed well.

Covid has affected the Maasai community by rendering some children orphans, business loss and a general increase in poverty due to restricted movement. However, things are looking up and most of the businesses are now open. There has been a prolonged dry season currently which also affects the community. Thanks to Hellen for this update.

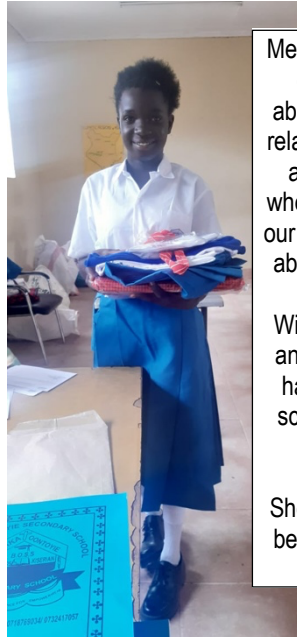


THIS IS WHO YOU ARE HELPING

All stories thanks to rescue coordinator Hellen



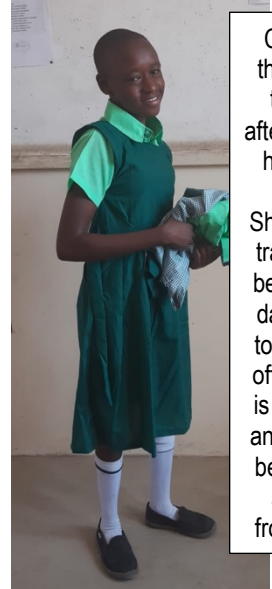
This sister was rescued as her father had already arranged for her marriage because he couldn't afford to keep her. She had finished her national exam with no hope to join high school and now she will.



Meet Esther who is an orphan and was abandoned by all her relatives. She worked as house help but when she heard about our school, she walked about 20 miles to get to the school. With lots of guidance and counselling, she has fit in well at the school and last year excelled in her national exam. She is now one of the best girls in school in Kajiado County.

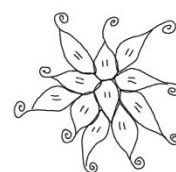


These two are siblings. We have been requested to help them go back to school because they were abandoned by their parents



Check out the smile of this cutie after receiving her school uniform. She came so traumatised because her dad wanted to marry her off. Now she is in grade 7 and happy to be in school and safe from threats

ASANTE SANA! THANK YOU!



**Beyond
Bride Rescue
Foundation**

Rescuing Girls for a Better Tomorrow

AMAZING AND EXCITING NEWS!!!

We are so grateful for an incredibly generous donation which has allowed us to launch a new charitable arm of Friends of Kajiado ... **Introducing Beyond Bride Rescue Foundation (BBRF)**. The board of this new registered charity (same board as Friends of Kajiado) are excited to share our plans.

For many years, the girls and young women in the Bride Rescue Program of the Kajiado Girls School have been supported by your wonderful generosity. Through you, they have been enabled to complete their primary education.

At the end of their time at primary school, only a few have been able to continue their education through a variety of individual donations - many have not been able to find funding so they can continue on their career journey. We are thrilled to announce that through BBRF, we can now offer financial and mentoring support to these amazing girls to continue their educational journey and become the successful young women they dream about being. As well, part of this donation will be further renovations to dorms and dining hall to allow for more rescue girls joining us in 2022.

What is important for you to know is that you now have choices in how you would like to direct your support. Here is an example of what you can do:

1. **Continue supporting the primary school girls at Kajiado Girls School in the same way as you have done in the past. This program will continue to provide strong support for our rescued girls. Donate Here: <http://friendsofkajiadogirlsschool.com>**
2. **Choose to direct your donation to the Beyond Bride Rescue Foundation to support the young women in their pursuit of secondary or post-secondary education. Many of them have dreams of owning a small business or having a flourishing career or profession in a variety of fields. You can help them to achieve that success! Donate Here: <http://www.beyondbriderescue.com>**
3. **Choose to support one specific girl through primary school and into secondary education and beyond. If this is your choice, all you need to do is contact us and we can match you with a specific student.**

You cannot imagine how grateful we are for this amazing gift! We are incredibly excited to be able to offer even more support to the girls and young women of Kajiado.

This is What Your Contributions Accomplished in 2021! What a Year!

- *Renovate dorms to add toilets & showers
- *Rescued and supported 30 primary girls
- *Launched 10 girls to high school
- *Mentored 4 villages providing food and supplies (so they don't marry off their girls for money)
- *****Watched a past student BECOME A LAWYER!! Being called to the Bar in February 2022



How Can You Help? For the last year, things haven't really changed for charities, there are many that need help. We continue to get in new rescue girls – 8 in the last few months – and we want to keep them safe, healthy and educated. If you feel you can help, even a bit, please go to either of our websites to donate (**see next column**). If you have a specific requirement, send us an email or put it on 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!** Through your support, we can change the lives of future communities in Kenya! We cannot thank you enough for your generous support, it is appreciated beyond words.

*Wishing you a wonderful Holiday
Season filled with love and health!*

**Questions about Friends of AIC Kajiado Girls
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