- African Proverbs -

If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

To get lost is to learn the way.

The youth can go faster, but the elders know the road.

He who learns, teaches.

Give the Gift of Education

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I Am an African

I am an African
Not because I was born there
But because my heart beats with Africa's
I am an African
Not because my skin is black
But because my mind is engaged by Africa
I am an African
Not because I live on its soil
But because my soul is at home in Africa

When Africa weeps for her children
My cheeks are stained with tears
When Africa honours her elders
My head is bowed in respect
When Africa mourns for her victims
My hands are joined in prayer
When Africa celebrates her triumphs
My feet are alive with dancing

I am an African
For her blue skies take my breath away
And my hope for the future is bright
I am an African
For her people greet me as family
And teach me the meaning of community
I am an African
For her wildness quenches my spirit
And brings me closer to the source of life

When the music of Africa beats in the wind My blood pulses to its rhythm And I become the essence of sound When the colours of Africa dazzle in the sun My senses drink in its rainbow And I become the palette of nature When the stories of Africa echo round the fire My feet walk in its pathways And I become the footprints of history

I am an African
Because she is the cradle of our birth
And nurtures an ancient wisdom
I am an African
Because she lives in the world's shadow
And bursts with a radiant luminosity
I am an African
Because she is the land of tomorrow
And I recognize her gifts as sacred

by Wayne Visser

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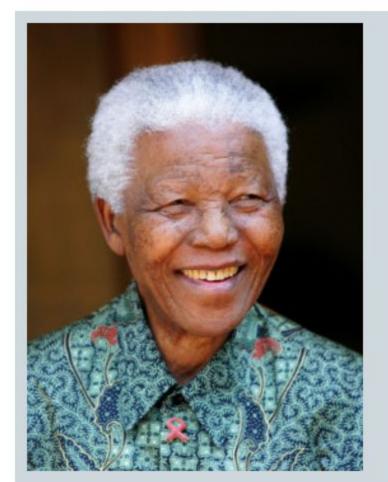


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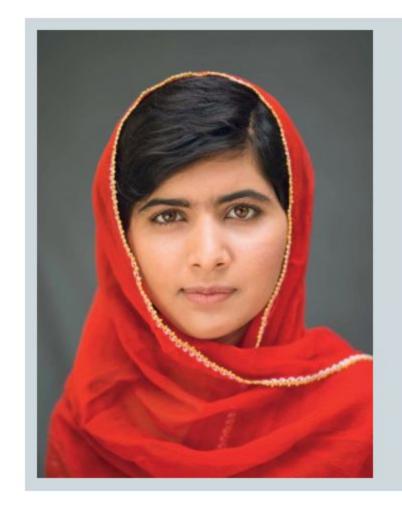
Providing scholarships to financially disadvantaged students in Moshi, Tanzania

Our inspiration comes from many sources but especially from the following outstanding people...



Nelson Mandela
Nobel Peace Prize 1993

"Education is the most
powerful weapon which
you can use to change the
world."



"One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world."

Malala Yousafzai



"When educating the minds of our youth, we mustn't forget to educate their hearts."

Dalai Lama

Who we are...

The Kate Lynch Scholarship Fund was created in 2008. It was initiated by Lavinia Hann following her time as a volunteer-teacher at St. Louis Primary School in Moshi, Tanzania. The Fund is named in memory of her mother, Kate Lynch, who strongly believed in the transforming power of education. Funding is provided by a network of family members and friends, mainly in Canada and Ireland. The number of recipients of scholarships has grown from three in 2008 to present number of ten.



Where we work...

Originally all our sponsored students attended St. Louis English Medium Primary School in Moshi. Now many of those students attend secondary schools: Kibosho Girls' Secondary School (www.kiboshogirls.sc.tz), St. Joachim Boys' School, Majengo Secondary School,



Why the KLSF is important...

Two of the sponsored students are orphans. The remainder are mostly from single-parent homes. Support from the KLSF gives the students an opportunity for a good education and a more secure future. Education is a human right; it is also an investment in the family, the community and the country.