



The Kate Lynch Scholarship Fund

Kibosho Girls' Secondary strives to encourage students to show determination, commitment, and perseverance in the pursuit of their fullest academic and personal potential.



Two of our sponsored students, Maurine and Neema, both orphans, have just completed their first year at the above boarding school. They have settled in well.

NEWSLETTER

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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*

Greetings to Family and Friends:



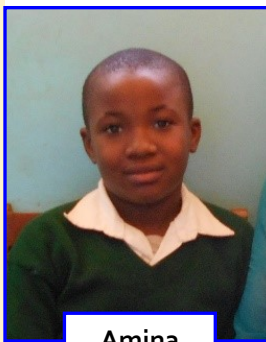
Flaviana

Welcome, *karibu*, as we bring you up-to-date on the activities of the KLSF. In January 2017 we will transfer \$9,635.00 in school fees to Tanzania (€6,454.00: £5,742.00). As always, our sincere thanks go to our generous donors; we rely entirely on your support. We would also like to thank our friend and agent in Tanzania, Mrs. Flaviana Msuya, Administrator of St. Louis Primary School. Her students are her priority. Though extremely busy, she always finds time to send receipts, report cards and news of our sponsored students.

Asante sana!

Flaviana

Our 10 Sponsored Students:



Amina

As mentioned already, Maurine and Neema attend Kibosho Girls' Secondary School (kiboshogirls.sc.tz). Catherine and Seleman have completed their third year at Majengo Secondary School, Moshi. In January Clementine will begin her third year as a boarder at Kifungilo Girls' Secondary School in Lushoto (www.kifungilo.ac.tz). She is one of the top students in her class.

Ally and Amina have just graduated from St. Louis Primary and will begin their secondary studies in January, Ally will attend St. Joachim's and Amina will be a boarder at Kibosho Girls' Secondary. Irene has one more year in Primary School at Lachish Academy in Dar-es-Salaam.

Zahla and Gloria continue to study at St. Louis Primary School in Moshi. Gloria has done well this year and Zahla is a top student.



Ally



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Our Supporters

We thank all our supporters who come from far and wide: from Canada, Ireland, England, Spain, Brunei, Australia and Japan. Every gift received makes a real difference in securing the education and the future of our sponsored students. This year we would like to feature the people who **ran** for the cause.

In February, Veronica Hann completed the YMCA 10 km event in Peterborough, Ontario. In April, Patrick Hann completed the London Marathon. Well done to both of you!

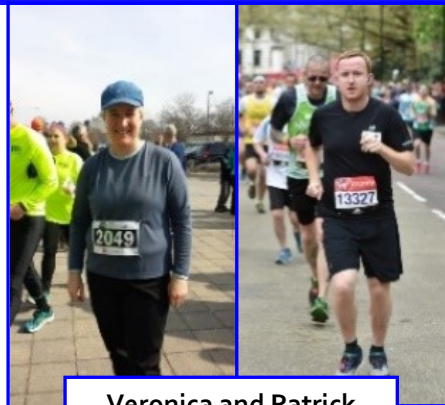


Tom

We would like to honour one of our most generous supporters in Ireland. This was Tom Hunt who died after a brief illness in March of this year. A few years ago the *KLSF* received its first major financial boost when Tom ran the *Mid-night Sun Marathon* in Tromsø, Norway, 350 km north of the Arctic Circle. He was sponsored by his family and many friends in County Kilkenny.

In August, a past student of Tom's, Aidan Cottrell, now living in New York, arranged a Memorial 5 km Run in Tom's honour near the school where Tom had been a much-loved headmaster. Tom's family members, together with the present headmaster of the school, teachers, staff members and the local community all helped to make this a wonderful tribute to Tom. All proceeds went to the *KLSF*. Well done Aidan!

Tom's guiding principle in life is best summed up by a quotation from Roger Bannister: "*However ordinary each of us may seem, we are all in someway special and can do things that are extraordinary, perhaps until then, even thought impossible.*"



Veronica and Patrick



Aidan

Coffee in the Moshi Region

The centre of the Tanzanian coffee industry is in the town of Moshi. Eight of the Fund's ten sponsored students live and attend schools in this district. The first coffee grown in this area was planted at the nearby Kilema Roman Catholic Mission in 1898.



Coffee berries

By 1925 one hundred tonnes were being produced each year. In that same year the Chagga planters formed the Kilimanjaro Native Planters' Association. This was the first of several Tanzanian coffee cooperatives, which enabled planters to sell directly to London markets and gain a better price.

The Coffee Board is located in Moshi where coffee from all over Tanzania is sold at auction to international buyers. Smallholders, those owning less than two hectares, represent 80% of the Tanzanian coffee production. The coffee bushes grow under the taller banana palms which provide shade.

The KLSF ... thinking ahead

The aim of the Scholarship Fund is to continue to pay the students' education fees until the youngest student, Gloria, completes Secondary School in eight years from now.

Should the need arise, my son Fergus, with help and advice from his brother Patrick, would continue the good work. They are both educators; have travelled to Africa with me to meet each of the ten sponsored students and their families and are already familiar with all aspects of the *KLSF*. They love Tanzania and its people as much as I do. So the future of the Fund is assured.



Patrick and Fergus with teacher Francis Mushi

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