

JAMBO!

A Great, Big Thank You!



Three years ago Kenya Keys faced a real dilemma: our sponsorship program was growing faster than we could keep up with. We dreamed of having a Sponsorship Coordinator who could help us maintain the high level of personal contact associated with our sponsorship program.

Our dream came true when Roslyn Wilson, an amazing, dedicated woman, approached us because she wanted a way to contribute to making the world better. Her organizational skills were a perfect fit! She helped develop a system that allows us to serve many additional students. Thank you, Roslyn for all your hours of service! You facilitated beautiful connections between countless students and sponsors.

As Roslyn had to "retire," we knew we had to find a great volunteer to continue what she started. Linda Allen has sponsored multiple Kenya Keys students over four years. She loves the sponsorship program, so when she heard of our need for a Coordinator, she stepped up. Her bright mind and attention to detail will allow us to continue our steady growth.



Thanks to two great women!

Look What's New:

Letters for Your Students: Brent and Rinda have to gather over 200 letters before leaving in just over a week! That's a huge job. You can make it easier by getting your letters to us right away!! Mail your letters to 5314 Tualata Ct. Lake Oswego, OR 97035.

Facebook Updates: Have you seen the great content on our [Facebook page](#)? Keep watching to follow our exciting Kenyan trip.

A Sponsor's Perspective

Laura Green is an amazing sponsor from Manchester, England. When Laura decided she wanted to sponsor a student in Africa she went to the internet

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Send Your Letters Today!

Your students are eagerly waiting to hear from you! It won't take long, and it's a lot of fun! Thank you for sending your letters today.

You can email your letter to: linda@kenyakeys.org.

Laptops Going to Kenya

Thanks to the generosity of several individuals, we are taking 8 used laptops to distribute to deserving students in Kenya. You can't imagine what a difference a laptop



Laura and her student, James

and found Kenya Keys. She quickly became a sponsor, then went on to support libraries and contribute her marketing expertise to our marketing and outreach efforts. Listen to Laura's enthusiasm about her interaction with her student:

I really enjoyed receiving my first letter from my student...Getting the letter made the sponsorship feel so much more real, and it was great to hear about the range of subjects that he enjoys...He is obviously a hard worker, and I'm sure he'll go far. These students really do know how to make the most of their opportunities don't they? They could teach us a lot!

We Are FINALLY Going Back to Kenya!

Our US team is headed to Kenya on June 12th. Ongoing terrorist activity has complicated the trip, but Brent and Rinda Hayes and the rest of the team are determined not to miss this trip.

We have a great team! Each individual has many talents and all are eager to be part of this experience. While in Kenya, we will focus on Global Classroom projects, libraries, the special needs school, girls' education, and providing support for all our sponsored students.

Learn more about our interns by clicking [here](#). Visit [Kenya Keys' blog](#) in the month of June for updates about our team's experiences in Kenya.

Teaching About Women in the World

The World Affairs Council of Oregon recently hosted a conference: "Teaching About Women in the World." It's inspiring to see how many people care about education and social causes. Educators and youth leaders gathered at Portland State University for an all-day conference to discuss global women's issues such as history and equal rights, education and leadership, politics and governance, trade and economics, media literacy, culture and the arts, and many others.

Rinda Hayes was honored to be asked to present a session focused on turning awareness into action through our Global Classroom program. We met many great educators who are excited to have us come to their schools and help connect a US school to a school in Kenya in need of support. As the conference emphasized, "think globally, teach locally." It's exciting to see our program grow!



Director Rinda Hayes presents the Kenya Keys

will make you see these students. We are grateful to all the individuals who donated used laptops. We especially want to thank George Lewis for his work preparing the laptops for us.

If you're interested in donating a used laptop to Kenya Keys, email Brent Hayes: brent@kenyakeys.org

Want to see how much impact Kenya Keys is having?

[CLICK HERE](#)

Send Your Student a Letter!

Have we mentioned it's time to send your letter? Check out the story on the left about a sponsor like you connecting with her student through a letter.

Then send us your student's letter today!

Asante sana!

You can email your letter to: linda@kenyakeys.org.

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DID YOU KNOW?

This intern team is paying a high price to go to Kenya, especially given recent complications. We thought you should know what each of them is really giving by going to Kenya:

Each is putting his or her professional and personal life on hold for about 3 weeks, that means loss of income, missing family and events, and more.

Trip cancellations resulted in countless hours on the phone with Delta negotiating ticket credits

A Student's Gratitude



Salma Muya Testimonial

Have you ever wondered how your student feels about his or her sponsorship, and about you? Click on the picture to watch this inspiring video of Salma. She beautifully expresses what her sponsorship means to her.

If you prefer, at any time, to opt out of receiving this newsletter, just go to the bottom of this email and click "SafeUnsubscribe". Hakuna Matata (no worries).

Hundreds of extra dollars were paid by each intern for canceled tickets and change fees. The ticket price was also much higher in June than in October, so this trip is a costly one (but well worth it!).

Despite heroic efforts by our Kenyan team to pick up the slack from each canceled trip, work has been piling up in Kenya, which means that these interns will be very busy!

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