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# JAMBO!

## International Day of the Girl



International Day of the Girl Celebration in Taru

When you look at the pictures, can you sense the excitement that permeated the Taru celebration of the International Day of the Girl? This important day, established by the United Nations, exists to raise awareness of the challenges girls face and, more importantly, the potential girls have to change the world.

As champions for girls, the Kenya Keys team welcomed a day to celebrate the progress being made to support girls education and empowerment. An official motorcade led the girls as they walked down the highway with their banner. It was a grand way to begin their celebration. Attendees then heard from multiple speakers, enjoyed a special cake made just for them, and encouraged one another to stay motivated and working hard toward achieving their educational dreams.

## Be Inspired in Two Minutes or Less



On our most recent trip to Kenya in June, we were fortunate to capture on video the desires and perspectives of several secondary school girls. Their passion, their hope, and their dedication is a reflection of the hearts and minds of all the girls we know in Kenya. **Take a moment to watch the powerful video**

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### Giving Tuesday

Americans have a day for giving thanks. We have two for getting deals.

Now, we have #GivingTuesday, a global day dedicated to giving back. On

**Tuesday, December 2, 2014**, individuals around the world will come together for one purpose: to celebrate generosity and to give. If you want to join this movement, watch for ways you can give to Kenya Keys on #GivingTuesday.

**Portlanders:** Looking for a fun concert and a chance to support a great cause? Check out the **Rising Hope Concert** on Sat., Nov. 15th at 8 pm.

You can purchase tickets [here](#). All proceeds support Rising Hope, an

[here](#). Share it with friends and be sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel so you don't miss any of the great new content we're producing.

## Women Helping Girls

The setting was perfect and the day beautiful. But even a stunning autumn afternoon couldn't compete with the beauty of a group of intelligent and compassionate women gathered at the home of Barbara Tanner to learn more about the girls of Kenya and the power of education.



Barbara and her student Gloria

Director Rinda Hayes used photographs and videos to tell the inspiring stories of the girls Kenya Keys serves. She told the group she wouldn't spend much time talking about the overwhelming challenges these girls face, even though it is important to understand the obstacles they overcome on a daily basis. Instead, Rinda chose to focus on their matchless determination, hard work, and hope. The women who attended asked thoughtful questions and were eager to get involved in the work of Kenya Keys.

organization dedicated to fighting poverty in Uganda through education and mentoring.

### Wycliff Nyange

We are mourning the tragic loss of one of Kenya Keys' bright, young sponsored students: [Wycliff Nyange](#). Our thoughts and prayers are with Wycliff's family and community.

### Jeffersonian Dinner

Thanks to Andrea Lampert for the successful Jeffersonian dinner she hosted last month. Attendees enjoyed an in-depth discussion of poverty and how investing in girls is the key to overcoming it. Engaging in such discussions is an integral part of addressing the world's problems. Thanks to Melinda Robinson, who facilitated the discussion and Portland photographer, Linnea Osterberg for sponsoring it.

## Legacy of Service



Angie and Eliza Parkin at event

For the second year in a row, Kenya Keys participated in the Legacy of Lowell event hosted by the Lowell Bennion Community Service Center at the University of Utah.

Over 50 volunteers joined the Kenya Keys group and their work resulted in 70 sanitary kits to distribute to girls in Kenya. Angie Parkin, the Kenya Keys representative who organized the opportunity, said that the most

rewarding part of this year's experience was seeing returning volunteers-- individuals who loved the project last year and are making it a tradition to sew sanitary kits with Kenya Keys each year. We offer our sincere gratitude to Angie and Eliza Parkin for orchestrating this great opportunity. This year, they were joined by Kenya Keys interns Morgan Hale and Dorothy Winters. Thanks to everyone who made this day a success!

## Spotlight: Samson Charo

We love how Kenya Keys graduates return to their villages to give back to the community and schools. Samson Charo is a perfect example: though busy as an employee of Equity Bank, over the last three years, he was frequently found in Taru mentoring students. In addition, Charo has served on the Kenya Keys Board, helped the American interns, and supported the work of Kenya Keys in many ways.

That won't be happening over this next year though, because Charo was recently awarded a prestigious Chevening Scholarship by the UK. He is now completing a master's degree in International Banking and Finance in Bath. This young man is learning so much and expanding his view of the world. We have no doubt that he will be a great success in his graduate program. We're also positive

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### DID YOU KNOW?

The theme for the 2014 International Day of the Girl was "Empowering Adolescent Girls: Ending the Cycle of Violence."

This day was

that as soon as he is done, he will be back in Kenya--contributing all he can to help others improve their lives and achieve their dreams.



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United Nations in  
2011

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this international day  
that's all about and  
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