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The Power of One



Alicia with pictures of her sponsored students

It's easy to feel overwhelmed by the world's problems. The next time you're tempted to underestimate the difference you can make, consider the incalculable effect of one generous donor: Alicia Richardson. She is directly or indirectly responsible for sponsoring 23 secondary students through Kenya Keys. Of those, 12 of them have gone on to college, and Alicia continues to sponsor them as they complete their higher education.

As impressive as that is, Alicia's story doesn't end there. She has visited Kenya three times and recently began sponsoring 33 special needs students at Ndohivyo. It's not just those 56 students whose lives have been changed: considering the long-term, positive effects of education, there's no way to measure the impact Alicia has had in this region of Kenya. Thank you to Alicia, and to all our sponsors, for changing the world!

Education Is...

What does education mean to you? No matter how you would answer that question, you will be amazed and humbled when you hear how our Kenyan students responded.

These students know that education is the best way for them to change their lives, their communities, and the world.

Read the inspiring story and see the stunning images [here](#). Watch a short video of the students expressing their perspective on the value of education by clicking [here](#).



Turning Garbage Into Progress

About a year ago, Gloria Hope, a Kenya Keys' student, taught the Save Our Sisters (SOS) girls advocacy group how to make purses out of used plastic (grocery) bags.

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Kenya Keys 2014

We are so grateful to our Kenya Keys 2014 intern team for all their work in Kenya. Here are a few highlights of what they accomplished:

Distributed approximately 900 books to schools and libraries

Interviewed 80 students

Gave 300 sanitary kits to local girls

Taught 450 students in science-focused classes

Thanks team!

Kenyan Libraries

Kenya Keys' intern Marilyn Lewis was part of the 2014 team. While in Kenya, she spent much of her time working with Kenyan school and community leaders to



It's a great way to recycle the bags as well as an opportunity for them to make some money to support their efforts to educate and mentor young girls in the region. While in Kenya, we learned that the girls have been busy. Not only have they made purses, they also experimented with

different products: placemats and fruit bowls. Selling these products brought in enough money to sustain their work for the entire year. These girls never cease to amaze us with their ingenuity, enthusiasm, and determination.

gauge the effectiveness of library practices in the area and to improve local libraries. In a region that had no libraries just 8 years ago, their progress is impressive. Read Marilyn's story [here](#).

Want to see how much impact Kenya Keys is having?

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A Kenya Keys Special Olympics



David carries the torch

Not even torrential rain could dampen the enthusiasm and energy at Ndohivyo Special Needs School in Samburu. Thanks to the generosity of Bill and Peggy Self and Special Olympics Oregon, the students at Ndohivyo had the opportunity of a lifetime: their very own Special Olympics.

It's impossible to describe the heart of these students. Watching their faces as they ran their races and then as they each received a medal was pure magic. It was a beautiful experience for everyone. Read more about it in Rinda's [blog](#).

An Orphan's Life

During her visit to Kenya, Rinda was particularly touched by the plight of several orphaned students. Read her compelling article [here](#).

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DID YOU KNOW?

It's back-to-school time in the U.S. Here are some facts about education in the US and Kenya:

There are nearly 50 million students attending public elementary and secondary school in the U.S.

In Kenya, primary and secondary school enrollment totals approximately 11 million students.

There are just over 3 million public school teachers employed in schools in the U.S. That equates to a student-teacher ratio of 16-1.

The student-teacher ratio in primary schools in Kenya is 56-1, and the ratio in secondary school is 31-1.

One Intern, So Many Connections

Dorothy Winters contributes to Kenya Keys in so many ways: she and her husband sponsor two students, and in 2013 Dorothy began heading up the Global Classroom Initiative. In June she traveled to Kenya as part of the US team of interns. She was central to the work accomplished by the Kenya Keys team. No matter what each day brought, Dorothy

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Dorothy Winters in Taru

responded with enthusiasm, compassion, and wonder. She was tireless, especially when the children in the village wanted a "muzungu" playmate. Click [here](#) to read Dorothy's account of a powerful moment of global connectivity in Kenya.

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