

Jambo!

The NEW year has brought exciting
NEW happenings for Kenya Keys!

NEW CHAPTER Beginning for Kadii



Kadii, age 11, at Ndhivyo Special Needs School.



Kadii, age 18, ready to start high school.

Kadii Charro is off to secondary school, a dream she and her family never thought could come true. Kadii was born with deformities in both legs, forcing her to "walk" on her knees ([watch inspiring video](#)). She spent years at the Ndhivyo Special Needs School where, with the loving support of headmaster Raphael Galuka, she lived and learned alongside thirty other children with disabilities, sponsored by Kenya Keys. But unlike her peers at the school, Kadii was not mentally-challenged. Far from it! Kadii loves to learn! American sponsor, Bill Self, worked tirelessly with Raphael and our Directors to find a primary school in the region that could meet Kadii's needs. Last month, at age 18, Kadii proudly finished primary school!

That is not the end of the story, but the beginning! Kadii scored extremely well on the national exams - the highest of any girl in the region! She had the top science score in all of Kenya! Kadii was invited to attend a high-ranking national school hundreds of miles north of her home village. When asked if she would rather stay closer to home, she refused, knowing that she could handle whatever challenges the top schools might offer. Confidence, not fear, dominates Kadii's life. Outfitted in a new wheelchair provided by Equity

Bank of Kenya, Kadii is ready to roll into her new life with determination and pride.

NEW STUDENTS needing **NEW SPONSORS**



Students throughout the Taru region are anxiously awaiting the news: will they receive a Kenya Keys sponsorship? Will they be able to continue their education and achieve their dreams? Each year our Sponsorship Committee in Kenya has the arduous task of vetting the hundreds of applications of students recommended by village schools and community members. They select those students who best demonstrate academic potential, community service and are of the greatest need.

We are excited to welcome 48 new students to the Kenya Keys family! These incoming freshmen will attend schools throughout Kenya, based on their test scores on the national exam. Students in the Taru village area have had increasingly strong test scores. The hope for a Kenya Keys sponsorship, the access to books from our libraries and the additional education we have provided to local teachers has had a profound impact.

These new students need sponsors: it is easy and so rewarding! Each sponsor receives a photo and bio on their student. Through the yearly exchange of letters and photos, sponsors get to know their student and watch them grow to achieve their dreams. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in exploring what it means to sponsor a Kenya Keys student, please email our local [Sponsorship Chair](#) or visit our [website](#).

NEW OFFICES in Kenya



Kenya Keys will soon be opening our new offices in Taru, Kenya. Located on land purchased by our Kenya Board of Directors, this beautiful building will be the hub for all of Kenya Keys activities in the region. Hundreds of students will connect with our local staff here to obtain support, write letters to their sponsors, receive mentoring, career counseling and college application training, as well as

gain rare access to the internet for online applications. Outfitted with solar electricity and with easy access to people throughout the region, the new offices will enable Kenya Keys to continue to champion education and

leadership in the area. We give special thanks to all who supported our fundraising efforts to make this new building a reality.

NEW INTERNSHIPS

Forty-one Kenya Keys' sponsored students graduated from secondary school in December. That's 41 young adults that before only dreamed of an education and now have a high school diploma!

Serving as an intern in the local community is an important component of our Sponsorship Program. While awaiting decisions regarding college or employment, graduates give of their time and talents volunteering with community organizations, agencies and schools. This helps students gain a better sense of themselves and their abilities, and instills pride in now being able to contribute to their community as an educated young adult.



Some sponsored students serve as interns at the village medical center.

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