



# Amazing Maasai Girls Project

Annual Report 2014



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# Letter from the Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

It is with pleasure that we present this year's Amazing Maasai Girls Project Annual Report to you, our donors, sponsors, supporters, and friends.

## About the Amazing Maasai Girls Project

The Amazing Maasai Girls Project (AMGP) was founded as a U.S.-based 501c3 non-profit organization in 2011, with the mission to fund the secondary school education of girls from the various Maasai communities that surround the town of Kimanjo in Laikipia North, Kenya. Specifically, the scholarship funds the school fees of academically high-achieving and dedicated girls whose parents would otherwise be unable to afford to send their daughters to secondary school.

At the time last year's Annual Report was published, in September 2013, a total of 28 girls had places in school. We are pleased to outline in this report the details and results of the past 13 months' activities.

## Amazing Maasai Marathon, 2013 & 2014

In just four short years, we have been thrilled to see the success and expansion of our main fundraising event, the Amazing Maasai Marathon (AMM). The inaugural race in 2011 was a grassroots, off-the-radar community-based event, funded and attended by personal friends of the AMGP. Since our previous annual report was published, however, the 2013 and 2014 races have established the AMM as one of the "[25 Best Adventure Marathons in the World](#)" and drawn hundreds of runners from dozens of countries to participate. Additionally, the AMM has also expanded globally, taking on a burgeoning franchise format.

Year 3 of the Amazing Maasai Marathon (then called the Amazing Maasai Ultra) took place on September 30, 2013, shortly after publication of last year's Annual Report. Over 300 runners from more than 12 countries registered for the 75km, 42km and 21km races, and more than US\$42,000 was raised from the event. Race results can be found [here](#).

To ensure the race's continuity and longevity, in 2014 the AMGP partnered with [Drumbeat Ltd.](#), the Kenya-based team behind the Nairobi Marathon, to take over race operations and work with our ever-committed local Laikipia team to put on the event, and with Boston-based experts [Marathon Tours](#) to take over the International Travel package and welcome runners from their wide network to attend a week of safari & cultural immersion before joining Race Weekend.



Year 4 of the race was held on August 30, 2014, and continued in the very same spirit as previous years: a colorful community-based run alongside local Maasai runners, and a totally unique Kenya experience. To make the most effective use of limited resources, the 75km ultra marathon was dropped (and hence the Amazing Maasai Ultra was rechristened the Amazing Maasai Marathon) and greater emphasis was placed on the popular marathon and half-marathon distances. A 6.75km Fun Run was added and is here to stay. Results can be found online at [here](#). In total, 122 runners attended and over US\$14,600 was raised in online donations. This is a wonderful achievement for the first year of operations under new management, especially considering Kenya's current downturn in tourism. We look forward to working with Drumbeat and Marathon Tours as they continue building the Amazing Maasai Marathon brand into 2015 and beyond.

### **Global Run 2014**

On August 30th, the very same day as the AMM in Kenya, more than 1,000 individuals in 39 locations across 15 countries joined the first annual Amazing Maasai Global Run. From London to Alaska, runners laced up their sneakers and hit the road, donating a run in support of girls' education in Kenya.

To date, the Global Run has generated over US\$10,600 in donations, as well as a tremendous volume of infectious enthusiasm and support. Combined with donations to the Amazing Maasai Marathon, over US\$25,000 in new scholarship funds has been raised; not bad for a day of running! Special thanks to our City Captains for making the Global Run the smashing success that it was!

Big plans are already in the works for 2015's Global Run, but in the meantime, you can view the Global Run 2014 video montage [here](#).

### **Campaigns & Community Events, 2013-2014**

- **Shanghai's Silent Auction, September 2013**

Led by our Shanghai expatriate friends Quan Trinh & Heather McIsaac, the Silent Auction event raised US\$3,500 by auctioning and raffling prizes that included weekend resort getaways, multi-course dinners, iPhone accessories, photography lessons, frozen yogurt and fitness classes!

- **Montreal's Musical Fundraiser, April 2014**

A committed group of students at Montreal's McGill University partnered up with The Amazing Maasai Girls Project in April this year, to hold a spring concert fundraiser for girls education in Kenya. The student event, led by Maya Stein and her friends Evelyn Kaczmarek & Sandhya Sabapathy of Ettuchantes Student Music Society, raised \$200 in one night, enough to cover the secondary school fees of a girl in Kenya for half a year.

- **Global Giving Campaign, June 2014**

Back in June, the AMGP participated in the Global Giving "Open Challenge", a one-month online campaign, which generated US\$1,325 in donations – and wonderful momentum for this year's fundraising efforts. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped us raise awareness of the AMGP via this fundraising platform. More information about the Global Giving campaign can be found [here](#).





## Fundraising

The AMGP raised over US\$46,000 and US\$32,600 in additional scholarship funds in 2013 and 2014, respectively, bringing the cumulative scholarship funds raised since 2011 to over US\$135,000.

Though funds raised in 2014 are notably less than those raised in 2013, owing largely to reduced international runner participation in the Amazing Maasai Marathon following Kenya's current downturn in tourism, the success of the Global Run opens up the path for increased donations and more diversified fundraising sources going forward. We also anticipate donations directly generated from the race to climb back up to 2013 levels and higher as tourism improves and under the new leadership of Marathon Tours and Drumbeat.

As a matter of financial prudence, the AMGP does not allocate the entirety of a given year's fundraising to scholarships for the next year's intake of students, but holds some of those funds in reserve for two reasons. The first is to build a buffer or contingency fund to account for inflation in school fees (which in Kenya can be both high and volatile) and ensure that each of our Amazing Girls' scholarships is adequately funded to see her through all four years of schooling. The second reason for withholding a portion of each year's fundraising is to allow the AMGP to build an endowment fund, which would generate a stream of investment income to fund scholarships. Such an endowment would enable the AMGP to award a minimum number of new scholarships annually into perpetuity, independent of future levels of fundraising, or even in the event of a discontinuation of the Amazing Maasai Marathon or other fundraising activities, thus ensuring a continuing legacy of educating Maasai girls in Laikipia North.

A more detailed breakdown of funds raised is provided in the Fundraising Summary section on page 56.

## Amazing Girls - 2014 & 2015 Intakes

In February 2014, 10 new girls started secondary school on four-year scholarships funded by the Amazing Maasai Girls Project, bringing our current total to 38 Amazing Girls.

It costs US\$1,600 to 2,000 to educate a girl in Laikipia through all four years of secondary school, depending on which school she attends. The budget for each year's intake is carefully calculated, allowing for anticipated inflation in school fees over four years. It is then the responsibility of our scholarship coordinator, Solomon Kimani, in consultation with local headmasters and community representatives, to decide how to allocate this budget - whether to put more girls into day school (Il-Polei or Kimanjo Mixed Secondary Schools) or *fewer* girls into the more expensive but higher-achieving local boarding school, St. Francis Secondary School for Girls, and then to select which girls to award the scholarships.

For the 2014 school year, Solomon had the very difficult choice of selecting this year's 10 Amazing Girls from more than 60 qualified applicants, each of whom had written detailed application letters and attended the selection weekend interviews held in January 2014. Based on the fundraising totals for 2014 to date, we estimate that the AMGP will be able to award another 6 to 8 new scholarships for our 2015 intake.



### **A Note on Teen Pregnancy**

Over the summer, two of our Form 3 students had become pregnant. This matter, and the approach the AMGP takes in response, is obviously of great significance both to these girls and the wider program.

Pregnancy is a difficult situation for a young teen, regardless of where she is in the world. In Laikipia, out-of-wedlock pregnancies are regarded as shameful; girls are not welcome at school and must stay at home for the duration. There are many factors and influences that lead to childhood pregnancy in Maasai culture, but statistics show that just staying in school reduces the chances of childhood pregnancy enormously.

We believe that young mothers can still benefit greatly from additional schooling, and are committed to working with these girls to keep them in school. It has been confirmed that our sponsored girls will be permitted to return to their schools after childbirth; they will be required to repeat Form 3, but both girls have expressed their wish to resume schooling. Additionally, we have held a sex education workshop for the students, and it is our hope and goal to offer additional workshops in the future.

We welcome any questions or comments on this subject or any other at [info@amazinggirls.org](mailto:info@amazinggirls.org).

### **AMGP Annual Report 2014**

In the following pages are photos from the Amazing Maasai Marathons and Global Run, introductions and updates from our Amazing Girls, and our profit & loss statement for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2012 and 2013.

We must emphasize that none of the girls in the pages that follow would be in school without the generosity, support, and contributions of you, our donors. Instead, they would most likely be married by their families by the age of 15, destined to stay in the villages of their husbands, and tending to their children and livestock. Your donations have given these girls a chance to transform their own trajectories, avoid childhood marriage, and gain the skills and resources they need for employment and greater independence as adults.

By the end of 2014, the AMGP will be awarding scholarships to its 4<sup>th</sup> intake of girls to secondary school for the school year commencing January/February 2015. If you would like to contribute to changing the futures of more talented young ladies, we wholeheartedly welcome any support through our online fundraising page, found [here](#).

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the AMGP and all our Amazing Girls, we hope you find this report educational and thank you for your continued support.

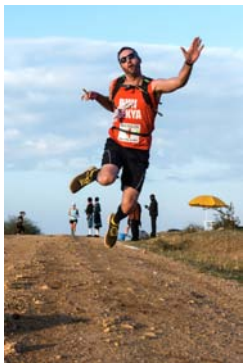
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AMGP Board Members  
October 5, 2014



# The Amazing Maasai Ultra 2013











# The Amazing Maasai Marathon 2014









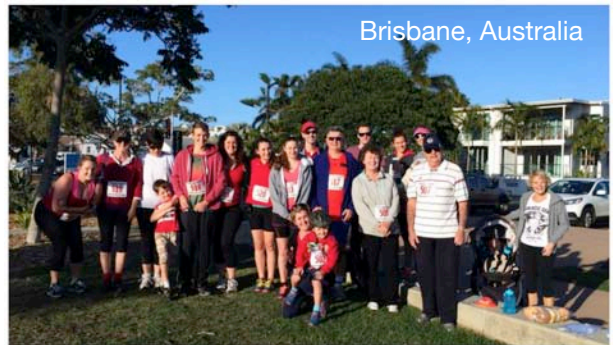


# The Amazing Maasai Global Run

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Brisbane, Australia



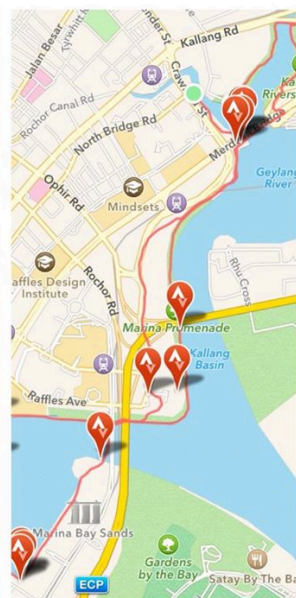
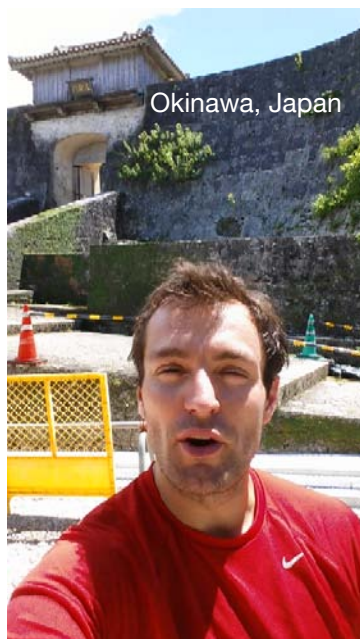
Alice Springs, Australia



Ayer's Rock, Australia







*Over 1,000 participants in 39 locations in 15 countries  
in support of Maasai girls' education*





Johannesburg, South Africa



10km to educate Maasai girls



London, England



Amsterdam, Netherlands



Bath, England



Petersborough, England

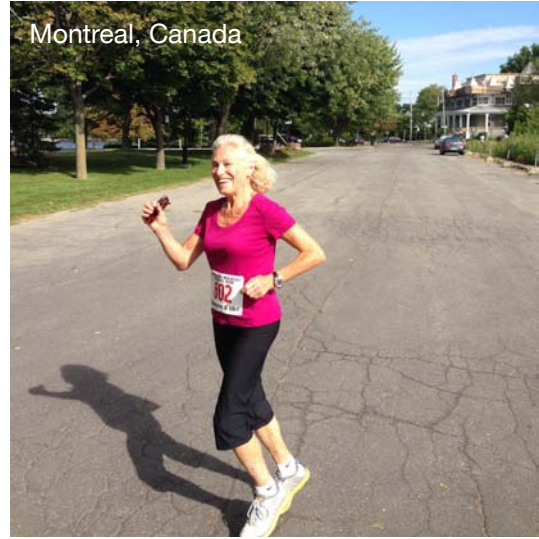
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Montreal, Canada



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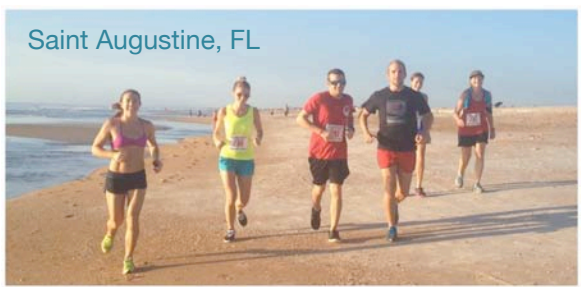


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Boston, MA





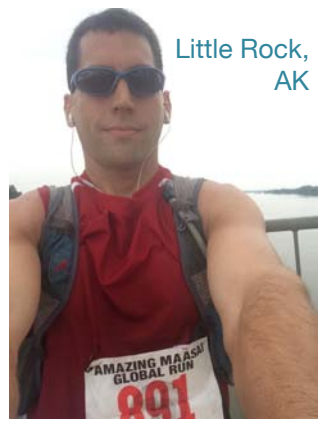
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Charleston, SC



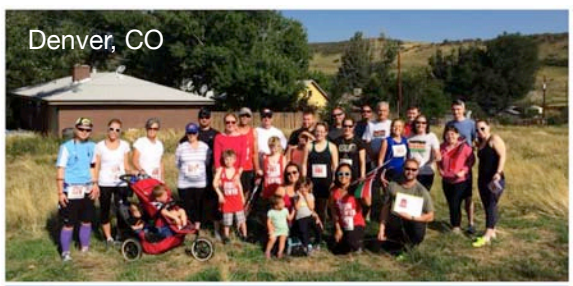
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Little Rock, AK



Euless, TX

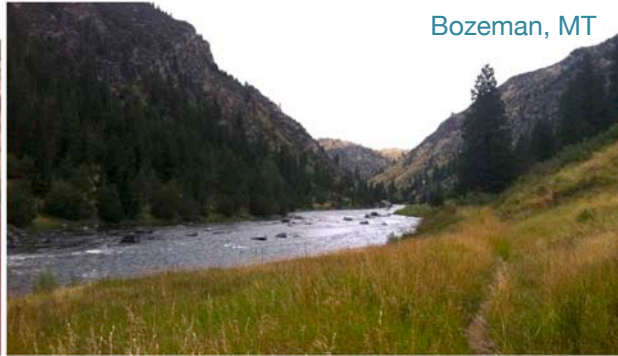


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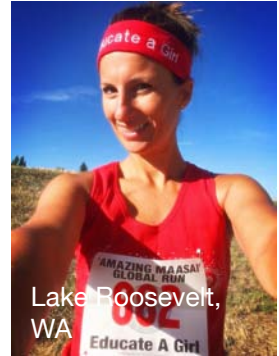


Yorkton, Canada





Bozeman, MT



Lake Roosevelt, WA  
Educate A Girl



Los Angeles, CA



Deer Park, WA



San Francisco, CA







Wenatchee, WA



Vancouver, Canada



Greenlake, WA



Alaska



# The Amazing Girls

The following pages are words written by 35 of the 38 girls sponsored through the Amazing Maasai Girls Project, starting with our 10 newest Form 1 girls, and progressing to our Form 3 girls, who at year's end will move on to their final year (Form 4) of secondary school.

The selection process to award the scholarships is straightforward: the headmasters and headmistresses of local primary schools identify girls who are academically high-achieving but financially-needy, and refer those names to the AMGP's Scholarship Program Director Solomon Kimani. These girls are then invited to apply for the four-year scholarships and interview with Solomon and a panel comprised of the local academic board and community leaders.

The girls who pass the interview process do so as a result of hard work and determination, both at primary school and in the selection process itself; it is not uncommon for a student to walk 15km each way to attend these interviews, and even these words they had written for this report were in English, their third language after Maa and Swahili. As their words demonstrate, they continue to work hard as they gain the confidence in themselves to dream of a future greater than their parents could give.

It is important to note that every aspect of getting an education is a day-to-day struggle for a Maasai girl. Most if not all of the girls sponsored by AMGP come from extremely poor backgrounds, often being one of a half dozen children. Many of the girls' parents are unemployed, have chronic illnesses, or have already passed away. Further, females in traditional Maasai culture typically receive limited to no support or encouragement to pursue secondary education. After all, the marriage dowry for a girl is typically worth more than 10 cows and plenty of extras (goats, blankets, sugar etc.) to the family. To achieve even half-decent grades when faced with such obstacles at home is therefore no small feat. Nevertheless, these girls do so with quiet determination and dignity. They truly want to succeed, and find a way out of poverty for themselves, their families and their communities.

That said, it bears mentioning that 2013 and 2014 were marked by periodic and prolonged teachers strikes, which affected schools across the country, and negatively impacted the amounts of course materials taught (and hence learned by students). Exam marks reported by students in this report partially reflect the impact of these strikes, but it is hoped that as the national teachers union is able to reach agreement with the government, teachers will be working to get students back on track academically. That hope is also reflected in the attitudes of our Amazing Girls, and in their words in the pages that follow.

We hope you are as proud of and inspired by our Amazing Girls as we are!



# Agnes Nadutari Maasia

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 1

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Mathematics because it is easy.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C+/B

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have become a realistic girl.

## **Future dreams?**

To become a doctor.

## **What is your current home life like?**

I am a girl of a single parent and unstable family.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Thank you sponsors for your great support that you are giving to me and I would request you to pay for my full school fees.



# Christine Nelly Simpale

Kimajo Mixed Secondary School, Form 1

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Chemistry, because I want to become a veterinary doctor.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

B+/A-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have some changes due to knowledge enriches my mind and to have some future dreams.

## **Future dreams?**

To become a veterinary doctor.

## **What is your current home life like?**

Our home is very poor due to some problems that are facing me and my parents are not at work and that's why we are poor.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I gratefully thank my sponsor for supporting me to this far. I would like to tell you to continue supporting me and God will bless you.





# Francisca Mamaiyo

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 1

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Christian Religious Education, as it leads to my career.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C+/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

Finishing primary school is not the end of education.

## **Future dreams?**

To be a doctor.

## **What is your current home life like?**

I have a father and a mother and we have 2 goats.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Thank you very much for supporting me.



# Jackline Sumail

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 1

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

History, because I have to pursue my career with it.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C-/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have seen myself as a determined person in our locality.

## **Future dreams?**

To become a lawyer.

## **What is your current home life like?**

I am a girl of a single parent who is not employed anywhere.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I would like to tell them to continue to support us in our education to improve our life.



Mercy Sarioyo  
St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 1

**Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Geography and biology.

**Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

B-/B

**What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I feel to have a future now that I thought wouldn't have any.

**Future dreams?**

To be a doctor.

**What is your current home life like?**

They are very happy about your support to me.

**Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I am very grateful for your sponsorship and looking forward to performing well in school. Consider me for a university chance when I perform well.



Rita Meitiaki

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 1

**Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Mathematics, because I am able to manage the available resources through mathematical calculations.

**Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C+/B-

**What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I can now speak fluent English

**Future dreams?**

To become an accountant.

**What is your current home life like?**

My parents have no livestock.

**Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

To support me to the university after secondary school when I perform well.



# Sarbabi Pauline Sirite

Il-Polei Secondary School, Form 1

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Geography. Relates to my career

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C+/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I could join the rest of the world to enjoy the right of education.

## **Future dreams?**

To be a pilot

## **What is your current home life like?**

Because we are from Mukogodo forest, my parents depend on gathering honey and sometime go to the market to sell the honey to get money.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

God bless you for your generosity.



Selina Nasieku  
St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 1

**Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Biology, because it enables me to know more things about living beings.

**Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

A-/A-

**What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I can be able to think more mature than when I had not joined secondary school

**Future dreams?**

To become a neurosurgeon.

**What is your current home life like?**

My parents are poor

**Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Thank you all for your support.



# Teiya Josphine Kunini

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 1

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Chemistry.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C/B+

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have started and able to do difficult things and able to make my future bright.

## **Future dreams?**

Nursing.

## **What is your current home life like?**

My family are livestock keeping.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

For me is to thanksgiving you for the support that you had made for me.



# Unita Meshami

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 1

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Mathematics, because it is simple and I usually do well.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C+/B

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have known very well the importance of education.

## **Future dreams?**

My future dream is to be a doctor.

## **What is your current home life like?**

My family is poor and I have both parents and they are unemployed.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I would like to thank you for your support that you have given me.





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# Gloria Nakampio

Il-Polei Secondary School, Form 2



2013

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

History and English. Help my morale in studying.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

Good education. Good health.

## **Future dreams?**

Lawyer.

## **What is your current home life like?**

It was not stable but now is stable because I am learning.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

First thanksgiving because of the support they had given to me to continue with my education.



Hinda Merina

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 3



**Favorite subject at school, and why?**

History & Government. It helps me know the history of my country Kenya and Africa at large.

**Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C/C+

**What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have come to understand that reasoning is all about maturity and not age matters.

**Future dreams?**

To be a lawyer.

**What is your current home life like?**

My father works as a casual driver and my mother as a housewife

**Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Thank you for your support. Could wish to be support in the university when I pass well.



# Jane Ntetekwa Kaparo

Kimanjio Mixed Secondary School, Form 2



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Math, because I understand it more.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C+/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

My life has become better. I have seen that my future life will be better than being married (young).

## **Future dreams?**

Pilot.

## **What is your current home life like?**

Our home is poor that they could not support me in school.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

You have done great things in my life so thank you.



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## Jeniffer Samaita

Kimajo Mixed Secondary School, Form 2



2013

### **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Biology. Like the practical part of it and can apply this one day.

### **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

Not disclosed.

### **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

A big change because I would have not been doing my studies rather I would be married.

### **Future dreams?**

To be a teacher.

### **What is your current home life like?**

They are below the poverty line. They have no goats or any cows.

### **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I appreciate very much for your support. God bless you.



Lilian Halima

Il-Polei Secondary School, Form 2



**Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Christian Religious Education, because it teach more about the word of God.

**Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C-/C+

**What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have started working hard in my academics.

**Future dreams?**

I would like to be a journalist.

**What is your current home life like?**

The life have been changed and started a new life in my family.

**Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Thank you sponsors for your support and without your support my academics being lost.



# Lilian Ntiemu Pere

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 2



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Christian Religious Education, because I learn more about God's word.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C+/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

When I join secondary school, I was able to express myself fully in English.

## **Future dreams?**

To be an accountant.

## **What is your current home life like?**

Since I join secondary school they are happy of my education and very thankful to God for the sponsors.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I thank them for supporting me in my secondary education.



# Nancy Pamela Maiyani

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 2



2014



2013

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

History & English.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C/B

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

The style of studies have changed. I have been improving in exams.

## **Future dreams?**

Lawyer.

## **What is your current home life like?**

Since the time I got this scholarship my family have really changed and I know that after my education I would support my mom.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I would like to thank you for your support and may God grant you please and leave longer to continue support me.



# Nancy Morijo

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 2



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Agriculture.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C+/B

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

Wow! To be in high school is so great, hence there are a lot of changes both physically and mentally, such as in future dreams.

## **Future dreams?**

To be a lawyer and also a great lady in society.

## **What is your current home life like?**

Needy and thanks a lot for this sponsorship hence for this I will fulfill my future dreams.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Just a word of thanks for this sponsorship and blessing from great father.





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# Pamela Kaparo

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 2



2013

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

History, because it help with my career and also I perform excellently.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

B-/B

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

Improving better in terms of knowledge and skills and also doing best in my studies for believing my future life.

## **Future dreams?**

Becoming a lawyer.

## **What is your current home life like?**

Some struggles because parents are jobless and also they just have a wish to thank you all sponsors for the great work for me. But in spite of challenges and struggles they have reasons to thank you.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Mine is just to thank you and also to pray for you for God's blessings to be upon you people. My prayers and desires in hearts be fulfilled.



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# Samaria Monto

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 2



2013

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Physics. Helps me in day to day life.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

B-/B

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have realised my own rights through education.

## **Future dreams?**

To be a teacher.

## **What is your current home life like?**

They are below the poverty line. They have 3 goats and no cows.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

They are doing a wonderful job in supporting me and the rest to pursue the right of education.



# Consolata Safari

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 3



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Mathematics, because it is easy and concerning to my career.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C-/C+

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have become intelligent.

## **Future dreams?**

To become a nurse.

## **What is your current home life like?**

I am a girl of a single parent and unstable family.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I would like to thank my sponsors for the support that they are giving to me and God bless them so much.





# Elizabeth Ndira

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 3



2014



2013



2012

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

History & Government. It leads me to my career.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

Education in secondary school has changed myself since I have known the importance of education, and morals of working hard is now stimulated since I want to achieve my goal.

## **Future dreams?**

I would like to be a psychologist.

## **What is your current home life like?**

We are a family of 4 children and a single parent.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

That as a kind request, when I complete my Form 4 level, they take me to the university. I also REALLY APPRECIATE them for support my education. God bless.



2014

# Erina Pardoero

Il-Polei Secondary School, Form 3



2013



2012

### **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Chemistry. I like the equations.

### **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

D+/C

### **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I am able to defend my rights.

### **Future dreams?**

To be a nurse

### **What is your current home life like?**

My father is a honey collector, sell in the market for a living.

### **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Continue with that spirit of supporting me.



# Hellen Meshami

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 3



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Biology. I would like to pursue my career with it.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C/B+

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have seen myself as a determined person in our locality.

## **Future dreams?**

Being a doctor.

## **What is your current home life like?**

My family is made up of 9 children. Both my parents are household. They are earning their living through making crafts and selling.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I would really like to thank them for the support that they have given me. May God bless them and continue to sponsor more girls.



# Jecinta Naserian

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 3



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Business, because it will lead me to my career.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C-/C+

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have adapted to school life and being an educated person who will become a leader tomorrow and help others.

## **Future dreams?**

To become a bank manager.

## **What is your current home life like?**

I am from a humble family.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I would like to thank them for the scholarship and praying for them.





# Joyce Naimado

Kimajo Mixed Secondary School, Form 3



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Geography/history.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C+/B+

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have seen myself changing because I find myself learning well and start knowing things which I was not knowing.

## **Future dreams?**

I would like to be a lawyer.

## **What is your current home life like?**

Our home life currently is not running well because I don't have a place to study so I would like to join a boarding school.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Thanks for the school fees.



## Juliet Sinoi

Il-Polei Secondary School, Form 3



### **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Business, because it matches with my career after school which is to be an accountant.

### **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C-/C+

### **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

Actually there has been a big change since I never thought I could be an achiever because I was not best in primary school but since I joined secondary school I realized that passing or achieving depends on my hard work.

### **Future dreams?**

To be an accountant.

### **What is your current home life like?**

The family is not well up at this moment due to poverty.

### **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

These are my words to you, dear sponsor. I am very much grateful for your good support. Thank you very much sponsor and may God bless and grant you peace.



# Lilian Legei

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 3



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Geography, because it is easily understandable.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have become more intelligent.

## **Future dreams?**

To become a doctor.

## **What is your current home life like?**

I am a girl of both parents who are illiterate and not employed.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I would like to thank my sponsor for supporting me in my education and I promise to work hard in order to improve my grade.



# Magdaline Larpei

Il-Polei Secondary School, Form 3



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Christian Religious Education because it teach more about life and how to overcome some challenges in life for the good life in future.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C-/C+

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have been working hard in my academics so that I have the heart of helping other people.

## **Future dreams?**

I would like to be an accountant.

## **What is your current home life like?**

Their life have not been good since the little they earn in their life has been used to provide only for the needs of the family.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I would like to thank them so much for the support they have given me and my family and tell them to have still that heart of helping other people and may God bless them.





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# Martha Mosiany

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 3



2013



2012

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Agriculture; it boosts my grade.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C-/C+

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

Less time being wasted due to lack of school fees.

## **Future dreams?**

To be a better person in the community. To be a doctor.

## **What is your current home life like?**

It is a very poor family where less people are educated due to lack of money and wealth like livestock.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Thank them for the great support towards our education.



# Mary Regina Larpei

Il-Polei Secondary School, Form 3



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Biology because of my career.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C+/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

A big change since I want to achieve my goal.

## **Future dreams?**

To be a teacher.

## **What is your current home life like?**

They are a happier family because of your great support.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I want to thank them for the great support they are giving to us.



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## Rose Kiloku

Il-Polei Secondary School, Form 3



2013



2012

### **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Christian Religious Education. Loves the Bible.

### **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

D+/C

### **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I got motivative friends who are making a change in life.

### **Future dreams?**

To be a secondary school teacher.

### **What is your current home life like?**

Because my parents are supportive on education and they will try whatever way to help me to pursue my education, they ask me always to use this opportunity for I was lucky to get this scholarship.

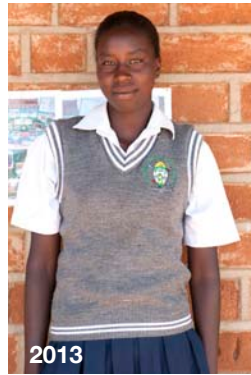
### **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

Thank you for your wonderful support.



# Silvia Meshami

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 3



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Business, because I do perform well and also I love it very much.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C-/C+

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I became more intelligent and I know the importance of education.

## **Future dreams?**

To be a doctor.

## **What is your current home life like?**

Poor.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

To thank you for your support and I also promise to work hard and improve my grades.





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# Teresia Mayiani

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 3



2013



2012

## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

Mathematics, because it is simple and understandable.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have become realistic and able to express myself.

## **Future dreams?**

To become a better person (lawyer).

## **What is your current home life like?**

I am from a very poor and humble and family.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I would like to thank my sponsor who has been supporting me up to this level.



# Valerie Julius Silakan

St. Francis Girls Secondary School, Form 3



## **Favorite subject at school, and why?**

English, it leads me to my career.

## **Grade in last exams? Target grade for next exams?**

C/B-

## **What changes have you seen in yourself since you started secondary school?**

I have adopted the school life and have been able to overcome the challenges in school.

## **Future dreams?**

To become a lawyer.

## **What is your current home life like?**

I am from a humble family with no livestock and not working.

## **Anything you would like to tell your sponsors, who live in different countries across the world?**

I would like to tell them thank you for the support they are giving us and for making us become somebody in society.



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# Income Statement

<b>(US DOLLARS)</b>	<b>Fiscal year ending December 31</b>	
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Corporate sponsorship & fundraising	12,970	2,232
Race/Program Fees	42,026	50,323
Race Income	54,996	52,555
Donations & book proceeds	40,860	42,415
Interest Income	11	44
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>95,867</b>	<b>95,014</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Race Campsite Costs	10,500	10,693
Race Operating Costs	18,324	25,695
International Program Cost	11,666	9,696
Overall Race & Program Costs	40,490	46,083
School Fees & Scholarship Program	8,060	13,703
Organizational Expenses	4,578	2,088
Community Contributions	1,819	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>54,946</b>	<b>61,875</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>40,921</b>	<b>33,139</b>





# Fundraising Summary

	<b>(US DOLLARS)</b>
<b>2013</b>	
Online donations & race registrations	42,583
Silent auction event	3,500
<b>Total funds raised*</b>	<b>46,083</b>
<b>2014 YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	
Online donations (Amazing Maasai Marathon)	14,644
Direct donations (Amazing Maasai Marathon)	775
Payment from race operators (estimated)	5,000
Online donations (Global Run)	6,432
Direct donations (Global Run)	4,229
Global Giving Open Challenge	1,325
Montreal fundraiser	200
<b>Total funds raised*</b>	<b>32,604</b>

\* Net of administrative fees charged by online platforms



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