



## World Children's Day Friday, November 20th

**HEART** commemorates World Children's Day on November 20 with the aim to promote children's welfare. This year's theme "*Investing in our future means investing in our Children*" resonates with HEART's Kids For School (KFS) project, which aims at keeping the WEEP mothers' children in school through school fees payment, provision of school supplies, mentorship and offering psychosocial support. Leah Gatiba and I visited the the Taita Hills children on Thursday, November 19th and distributed donations made by Eden's Song, founded by Roy and Deb Killian. Thank you Roy and Deb for bringing joy to these children!

When the year began, KFS beneficiaries had hopes of an amazing year as it was going to be a time they begin new classes and grades. However, with an unseen pandemic sweeping across the globe, the world faced unprecedented times, which did not spare these children. The inevitable closure of schools by the Kenyan government to mitigate the spread of COVID 19 among the children meant that all students must stay at home.

Nevertheless, the government introduced radio lessons, television and online learning to ensure continuity of learning at home. This came with its fair share of challenges such as internet access and lack of devices to access online learning. The government has been working on gradual re-opening of schools and we just learned the Kenya Government just guaranteed schools to reopen in January 2021! We are thrilled about this, but have several high school and college students that do not have scholarships!

Can you help us support one of these children from Gucha and Taita Hills? Click on the photos below to view the student profiles.

	<b>I was born in 2001</b>	<b>My mom is Gladys Monyenye</b>
	<b>I have 3 siblings</b>	<b>HEART Centre: Gucha</b>
	<b>My annual fees is \$600</b>	<b>My dream job Doctor</b>

*Cyrus Ocharo*



*Florence Wakjo*

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- My mom is Pamela Wakio
- I have 3 siblings
- HEART Centre: Taita Lower
- My annual fees is \$600
- My dream job is Engineer

**HEART has impacted over 10,000 children across Kenya through:**

- **Food provision** for 1,214 children during the COVID 19 shutdown in all parts of Kenya
- **239 girls in the remote Maasai village of Oldonyonyokie supported through primary school education.** Many of these girls were rescued from early marriages
- 767 children supported with school fees for an average of 3.2 years each; 3,730 children supported with uniforms and scholastic materials; 1,101 children mentored and offered psychosocial support.
- **4 schools benefited** from significant infrastructure improvements that have created conducive learning environments for thousands of primary school students.
- **8,841 children supported** with OVC service standards: *shelter, nutrition, health, protection, or support for psychological and social problems.* This is creating an impact that reaches the next three generations.
- **3,042 children in 1,014 households benefitted with solar lamps** through the Kids for School (KFS) project in 6 counties to enhance children's learning, light and income generation for the households.
- We have a wealth of alumni who are now **working professionals.** 3 medical doctors, 1 lawyer, 1 industrial chemist, 2 nurses, 1 actuary, 1 social worker, 1 food scientist, 2 accountants and 14 teachers. We have 254 others are being supported in primary & secondary schools, colleges, and universities.

HEART has a waiting list of **269** children needing school fees in 2021. With a \$600 donation you too can be part of the future by investing in a child's education for a year. Any amount will help make a difference and all donations before December 31, 2020 are tax deductible.

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With Gratitude,



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