



Annual Report 2018-2019

Starehe Girls' site: Starehe, Kenya



Our sponsorship program supports academically talented girls who come from poor families throughout Kenya. Girls are given the opportunity to study towards a university education alongside those of more privileged backgrounds. Sponsorship contributes to costs of boarding and educational materials. Most of the students who graduate from Starehe schools go on to university.



Education

Goals

1. To accomplish 100% transition to universities and minimize the number of girls who join tertiary institutions for diploma courses.
2. To ensure that all girls perform well and gain not only academic excellence but also skills that will enable them to survive in a highly competitive job industry.
3. To provide a supportive atmosphere where students can learn and actively and explore their interests.

Achievements

1. There has been an increase in the number of students who get direct entry to public universities through government sponsorship programs. Out of 119 students who sat for last year's national exam (K.C.S.E), 113 will join through direct entry.
2. Our girls participated in this year's Kenya Music Festival competitions and secured a chance in the coveted national finals.
3. Due to exemplary performance, our school served as a benchmark for secondary schools from other regions. Different schools visited us and got a chance to learn our teaching approaches and methods.



Health & hygiene

Goals

1. To advocate for a positive school culture towards health and health education.
2. To reduce medical cases amongst student by assessing unmet needs and monitoring the health status of our girls.
3. To ensure that we have skilled nursing services for students with complex healthcare needs.

Achievements

1. The school has recorded a huge development in terms of medical care with the introduction of services such as dental care machine that was previously accessed in external hospitals.
2. Healthcare and hygiene products have been purchased and supplied to our girls to maintain a daily healthy lifestyle.
3. Members of our community have consistently observed and maintained high standards of healthy practices and as a result cases of illnesses have reduced.
4. Critical needs funds saw three of our beneficiary get expert medical care.



Nutrition

Goals

1. To equip our girls with basic cooking skills and healthy eating practices and encourage them to pass the same to their families at home.



Achievements

1. With the introduction of modern farming, we are now able to provide sufficient quantities of nutritious food to our girls daily.
2. Students with chronic healthcare needs are now provided with special meals to supplement their diet.
3. The school implemented a nutritional training for our catering staff, they were taught on basic nutrition skills, food safety and how to prepare various types of dishes.



Family

Goals

1. To encourage active family participation in student learning by inviting families and caregivers to act as partners.
2. To collaborate with families to ensure that our girls have an effective in-home learning environment.

Achievements

1. We have continued to hold activities and events that promote family involvement in academic and personal development of our girls. This has allowed parents and caregivers to have a platform to share their hopes, concerns and opinions about their students as well as working together to set academic goals.
2. Most families of our sponsored students are engaged in charity campaigns that help us mobilize resources in support of school development. This year during our annual charity walk we had many families participating in establishing networks to raise funds and creating public awareness of our needs.



Community

Goals

1. To encourage community involvement in supporting and actively influencing development progress at our site.
2. To link academic work with activities that allows students to contribute to the well-being of the community and social capital.
3. To continue sharing our resources with the surrounding community.
4. To reach out to the community for resources that we do not have to strengthen our site and community binds.

Achievements

1. Our students have actively engaged in community service through voluntary services, such as visiting orphanages, planting trees and cleaning the school compound.
2. Our girls have continued to share their unused items with needy neighboring schools.
3. With the introduction of mentorship programs, community members such as church leaders and alumni groups offer free mentorship and trainings to our girls. Through this, our students learn from their various strengths, competences and experiences in developing their lives.
4. We had our Christmas party which we shared with the entire Starehe fraternity.



Family funding

Goals

1. To ensure that girls in college improve their living standards with the funds they receive.
2. To find ways of empowering students through workshops and other trainings so that they can have entrepreneurial skills.

Achievements

1. Through funds, families of sponsored girls have managed to venture into small scale enterprises and they can now rely on themselves and comfortably provide for the needs of their girls while at home.
2. Our girls can now afford to pay school fees and to provide for their basic needs while in college through these funds.
3. Some of our girls have used their special money in community service activities such as supporting needy children in education.