

New Hope Education Centre

Soweto, Nairobi, Kenya.

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Be sure to watch the video of the journey from Foundation Stone to the Official opening in 2025 in the Home

We are celebrating our new website! newhopeeducationcentre.org

Check us out! It will take you to various links that include the New Hope Vision, Newsletters, Resources, Gallery, Sponsorship, Videos, We are so grateful to one of our supporters who has created this website so that we can share the ministry of New Hope with others. Will you help us do that by sharing this website with your friends, your family, work colleagues, neighbours or church community? The New Hope Education Centre continues to need our support, not only to provide an education for children living in the Soweto slum, but in so many other ways that are described in this website.

From the School Director:

New Sponsorships: We thank God for the opportunities you have created for our children. Four more have received sponsorship this month. They were elated to hear that they had received the 'coveted' sponsorship. We are honoured to receive these messages of mercy. *(You can find photos and stories about other children who are waiting for a sponsor on our new website JT)*



Government Support: We have never received any financial support from the Kenyan government since our inception. They do not support any non government schools, however we are required to pay licenses, land rates, fire extinguishers fees, registration fees and so much more. Local education officials do help in things like keying in to government exam codes, having new or latest information concerning education standards and requirements etc.

Our children are happy in school. They work hard at their lessons, learning Kiswahili and English. Many of them go

through hardships in their home lives, yet we help them through mentorship, love and support. (Edward)



Meet ALOICE Omondi

Aloice is 16 years old and graduated from Junior High School (Yr 9) at New Hope in 2025 being one of the top students for gaining excellent grades. He was offered a place in one of the best Snr High Schools in Nairobi. However, school fees and other necessities that were required for Aloice to enrol, meant that he was unable to begin the school year.

Aloice wrote to us, explaining his situation: "My parents have not been able to help me to go to Senior School because of their financial instability. I therefore tried to create a small business for myself by selling fast foods beside the road hoping I could earn enough to buy some of the High school requirements but it was hard because of so much competition. So a friend asked me to join him in selling clothes which he said would be easy but I earned nothing the first week. Right now I earn \$2 or less per day but it is not enough to cater for my transport or lunch, so I did not eat during the day to save some of what I earned. My mother has tried her best to help me. My father is addicted to alcohol so any money he gets from his seasonal job is all spent on alcohol. He told me I don't need to go to school. But my mother wants me to go to school. I would like to thank you for taking your time to read this short description of my current situation". *(I am very happy to report that Aloice now has a sponsor and started at Homabay Boys School in early March.*

Pictured right is Aloice in his new school uniform. Janet)





Photo left: Children see their School Director, Edward Owino, driving his car to school. They love to pull funny faces to make him laugh. The children all love him for the fatherly love and care he gives them.

Photo right: Junior High School students have cooking lessons from time to time to help them make their own meals at home. Here they are making chapati on the coal stoves like those their mother's use at home.



**LETTERS received from our sponsored children last month:
(Here are a few paragraphs from some of them.)**

John Paul Gr 1) "My parents don't go to work so we have a hard life. But now you give us food to eat and you pay my school fees. I feel happy because of you. Our school is big. Our school is smart and clean. I love my school".

(Ian Gr 9) "We love our school. We are trying our best to perform well. The teachers are very kind and understanding. When we have problem they are there for us".

(Maryann Gr 5) "My parents are struggling to feed us at home that's why I want to work harder so that I can achieve my goals in life. Thank you for continuing to sponsor me".

I asked some children to tell us what makes them happy! This was Luiz Gustavo's reply: "What makes me happy is being with my mother. My mother is my happiness.

(George Okello Gr 9) "We thank God for enabling us to have a great school that teaches us all things we are supposed to be taught. Teachers in New Hope are amazing. We love them and I love them because they make my day and put a beautiful smile on my face. I thank God for sending you, (my sponsor) into my life because if not for your love and support, I couldn't be in school learning new things".

A Letter from Grateful Parents: *We are writing to sincerely thank you for your support for our son Ramsey Ochieng. We are truly grateful for your kindness and willingness to support our son in his education at the New Hope Education Centre. Your help has brought great hope and encouragement to our family. As parents, we do our best to support our family despite financial challenges. I, Ramsey's mother, work as a vegetable vendor and his father works as a casual labourer. Our income is not stable but we value education greatly and believe it is the key to a better future for our children. We are deeply thankful for the opportunity you have given Ramsey. Your support has lifted a heavy burden from our family and inspired us with hope. We promise to continue encouraging him to work hard to do his best to fulfil our dreams for him.*

(Photo) Ramsey Ochieng Gr 5



GLORIA MUTHEU : Grade 7

Sponsorship would mean so much to Gloria and her mother. It would relieve them of the burden of having to pay school fees. Gloria's mother lives with her two children in one small room in the Soweto. Following an accident which caused spinal problems, Gloria's mother finds it difficult to find work. She struggles to pay her house rent and is threatened daily with eviction from the landlord. It is only by receiving food parcels from the New Hope School Food Bank, that hunger and malnutrition has been kept at bay for this family.



Check out our website for more information about Gloria and her family.

SCHOOL VALUES:
Compassion, Integrity,
Respect
"Educating the whole person"

Janet and Mark Thornthwaite are partners with Global Development Group (Brisbane) endeavouring to support the children and families in Soweto, Kenya through school sponsorship and other basic needs through the New Hope Education Centre.

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newhopeeducationcentre.org

