

HILDE BACK EDUCATION FUND
A Kenyan charity supporting the education of talented children

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Welcome to our Newsletter

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EDITORIAL

Warm Greetings to all our Sponsors, Partners and Friends.

It is with much delight that we get another opportunity to communicate to you through our newsletter with the purpose of keeping you updated of how we are doing. This year, we sailed past the 800 mark in relation to the total number of children supported since HBEF humble inception. Even as we take great pride in this achievement, we are humbled that, this has happened as a result of the great trust bestowed upon us by our sponsors all over the world as they choose us as a channel through which they have been able to hold the hand of a needy child through the education sponsorship journey.....and for this we remain deeply grateful.

In this issue we have highlighted a summary of the yearly recruitment and selection process which we undertake in identifying bright needy students who will benefit from our scholarships. I thereby take this opportunity to invite you to read through the following insights.

Welcome

Sarah – HBEF Executive Director

2019 SPONSORSHIP +86

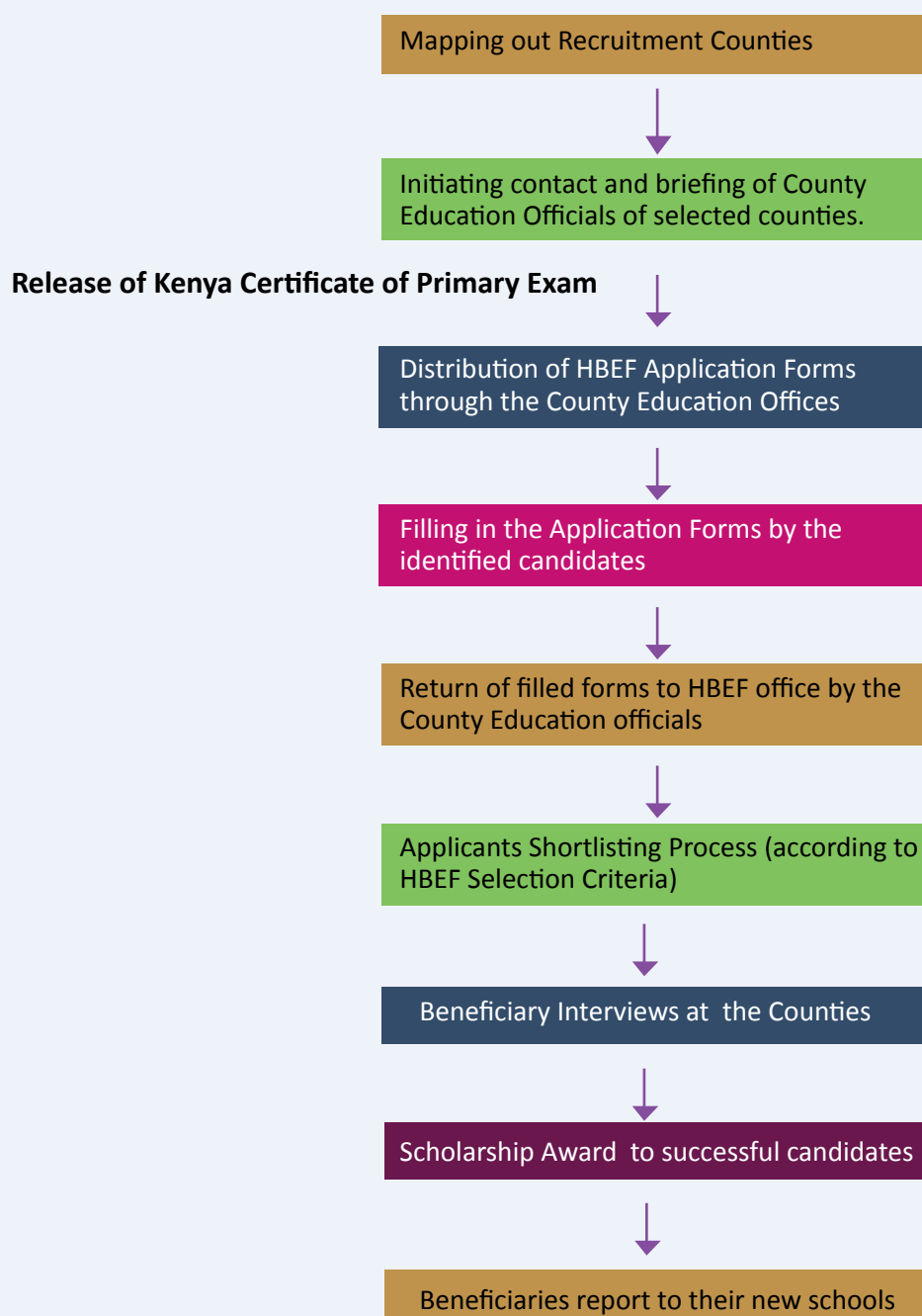
In November 2018 immediately after the release of the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education, HBEF commenced the 2019 Beneficiary Selection and Recruitment process in search of bright needy children who needed support in accessing secondary school education.

The process was undertaken across 12 Counties in Kenya. This resulted in HBEF welcoming 86 new beneficiaries (44 boys and 42 girls) into its Scholarship program.

Their addition brings to 802, the number of children supported by HBEF since its inception.

The 86 students all reported to their new secondary school, all of them to a boarding school away from home for the first time.

Understanding the Beneficiary Recruitment and Selection Process.



LIST OF 2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECEIPIENTS

	NAME OF APPLICANT	GENDER	SCORE KCPE	SEC. SCHOOL ADMITTED	COUNTY
1.	Sharon Jepkorir Kipyegon	F	381	Chogoria Girls High School	Baringo
2.	Cynthia Jerop Koech	F	420	Pangani Girls School	Baringo
3.	Valentine Nyakwama	F	387	Njonjo Girls High School	Baringo
4.	Samuel Kibon Kimengich	M	383	Nakuru High School	Baringo
5.	Collins Kipkurui	M	386	Makueni Boys High School	Baringo
6.	Winstone Kapanat	M	384	Kapsabet Boys High School	Baringo
7.	Lenox onyango	M	385	Moi High School - Mbiruri	Baringo
8.	Linus Kibet Boiywo	M	385	Kapsabet Boys High School	Baringo
9.	Brian Olesoite	M	395	Chewoyet High School	Baringo
10.	Glen Ridah Kisiola	M	410	Friends school Kamusinga	Baringo
11.	Amos Kiplimo Masai	M	383	Chewoyet High School	Bungoma
12.	Ivonne Lobura Aworun	F	389	Chogoria Girls High School	Isiolo
13.	Stephen Keri	M	387	Nanyuki High School	Isiolo
14.	Alex Lawrence Mutembei	M	381	Nyambaria High School	Isiolo
15.	Kisinde Witness Frank	F	386	Mugoiri Girls	Kajiado
16.	Noel Benneriah Kerubo	F	380	St. Mary's Mumias Girls	Kakamega
17.	Tabitha Nekesa	F	399	Lugulu Girls High School	Kakamega
18.	Sheylah Luyayi Miheso	F	390	Archbishop Njenga Girls	Kakamega
19.	Ann Murugi Nganga	F	382	Mukumu Girls High Shool	Kakamega
20.	Abraham Onyaiti	M	395	Kakamega High School	Kakamega
21.	Hosea Mutinyi Manyasa	M	415	Starehe Boys Centre & School	Kakamega
22.	Moses Atonya Gwehona	M	408	Eshikulu Boys School	Kakamega
23.	Jane Wanjiku Ndiba	F	380	St. Francis Girls High	Kiambu
24.	Lydia Njoki Chege	F	395	Precious Blood Kagwe Girls Sec	Kiambu
25.	Samuel Ndungu Ndungu	M	380	Kanga High School	Kiambu
26.	Mike Museti Marakau	M	391	Kakamega school	Kiambu
27.	Alex Karanja Wanjiru	M	387	Kerugoya Boys High	Kiambu
28.	Zachariah Kamau Wanjiru	M	429	Alliance High School	Kiambu
29.	Steve Omweri Mayaka	M	394	Kisii School	Kisii
30.	Alice Kavata Muthoka	F	386	Mbitini Girls Secondary school	Kitui
31.	Samuel Maund Kingonde	M	402	Corner Brook	Kitui
32.	Joyce Munyao	F	407	Bura Girls High School	Kwale
33.	Joyce Mwaka Nyundo	F	389	Njonjo Girls High School	Kwale
34.	Christine Mishi Marahaba	F	390	Mama Ngina Girls-Mombasa	Kwale
35.	Domitila M Ndunge	F	382	Bunyore Girls High School	Kwale
36.	Mohamed Abdi Shee	M	381	Ribe Boys School	Kwale
37.	Samson Nyawa Wato	M	392	Ribe Boys School	Kwale
38.	Andrew M. Nzaphila	M	382	Corner Brook	Kwale
39.	Victor Kiboi	M	411	Kagumo High School	Laikipia
40.	Faith Nzilani Nduku	F	380	Precious Blood Kilungu Girls Sec	Makueni
41.	Risper Mukiri	F	392	St. Mary's Igoji Girls High	Meru
42.	Brenda Makena	F	381	Chogoria Girls High School	Meru

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43.	Dollycate Kamathi	F	382	Moi Forces Academy-Lanet	Meru
44.	Miriam Mukami	F	392	Karima Girls High School	Meru
46.	Hezekiah Angana Otakwa	M	388	Meru School	Meru
47.	Kelvin Mawira	M	389	Nakuru High School	Meru
48.	Collins Mwirigi	M	391	Nkubu High School	Meru
49.	Grace Wanjiku	F	382	Mumbi girls High School	Murang`a
50.	Jane Wangui Waweru	F	402	Mugoiri Girls	Muranga
51.	Winfred Atieno Otieno	F	377	Mugoiri Girls	Nairobi
52.	Christine Wambui Omina	F	380	Mugoiri Girls	Nairobi
53.	Reagan Kosen Lairumbe	M	393	St. Josephs Boys - Kitale	Nairobi
54.	Miriam Chepkemioi	F	392	Kipsigis Girls High School	Narok
55.	Jane Nailantei Tikani	F	406	Nakuru Girls High School	Narok
56.	Sylvia Siamanta Muntet	F	387	Maasai Girls Secondary	Narok
57.	Rodney Marieta Bogonko	M	397	St. Josephs Boys - Kitale	Narok
58.	Joshua Kikutia Mepukori	M	420	Alliance High School	Narok
59.	Delstaford Isaiah Omondi	M	380	Maseno High School	Narok
60.	Nicholas Kintae Giso	M	404	Kapsabet Boys High School	Narok
61.	Erick Ndegwa Mwangi	M	409	Alliance High School	Narok
62.	Leah Wanjiku Mbuthia	F	392	Bunyore Girls High School	Nyeri
63.	Bonaya Ilhan Adan	F	398	Njonjo Girls High School	Nyeri
64.	Racheal Njeri Wambugu	F	406	Njonjo Girls High School	Nyeri
65.	Irene Wangui Maina	F	391	Tumutumu Girls High School	Nyeri
66.	Cecelia Waithira Nyawira	F	390	Tumutumu Girls High School	Nyeri
67.	Peterson Maina Mwangi	M	405	Baricho Boys High School	Nyeri
68.	Brian Thiari Kabachia	M	396	Kagumo High School	Nyeri
69.	Anne Oduor Akinyi	F	393	Ng`iya Girls High School	Siaya
70.	Sharon Achieng Ochieng	F	385	St. Mary's Lwak Girls High	Siaya
71.	Emmaculate Achieng	F	388	St. Mary's Lwak Girls High	Siaya
72.	Benter Anyango Ouma	F	391	Moi Girls Nyabohanse	Siaya
73.	Otieno Flavian Rose Auma	F	384	Nangina Girls High School	Siaya
74.	Victor Ochieng Otieno	M	385	Nyambaria High School	Siaya
75.	Michael Ochieng Owuor	M	396	St. Josephs Boys - Kitale	Siaya
76.	Bryon Omondi Oketch	M	393	Butula Boys High School	Siaya
77.	Calvis Onyango Otieno	M	387	Oloolaiser High School	Siaya
78.	Veralyne Oyiela	F	399	Lugulu Girls High School	Vihiga
79.	Lucy Akinyi	F	403	Mary Hill Girls High School	Vihiga
80.	Trevian Bunyiwa	F	392	Nyabohanse Girls High	Vihiga
81.	Nicole Livoi	F	392	Moi Kapsowar Girls High	Vihiga
82.	Oliver Onunga Okeyo	M	412	Kakamega High School	Vihiga
83.	Vincent Omondi	M	394	Baricho Boys High School	Vihiga
85.	Ian Kidundu Keronye	M	406	Chavakali High School	Vihiga
84.	Ryne Lidede Muloma	M	395	St. Joseph Boys - Kitale	Vihiga
85.	Gabriel Khan Baraka	M	401	Chavakali High School	Vihiga
86.	Lewis Kikuyu	M	398	Mbita High School	Vihiga



Recruitment Interview in Kwale County



Recruitment Interview in Isiolo County



Sarah (HBEF) awarding scholarship cheque to Glen Kisiola



Mr Machochi the then County Director of Education (Baringo County) offers advice to Collins Kipkurui as he congratulates him.

During their first term break in April, the students attended the **Beneficiary Monitoring and Support Visit** in their respective home counties and shared on their varied experiences in their new school. They got to know and write a letter to their sponsors sharing more about themselves, family and their new school.

Thank you to our sponsors for making this happen.



Monitoring session in progress in Narok County



Mr Sarafino, an Education officer at Nyeri County hands a cheque to Hezekiah

What the students had to say

“The environment of the school is really friendly”

– Winfred Atieno – Mugoiri Girls F1

“My mum and dad have been trying to find ways in which my school fees could be paid but they were not able.....I thank Hilde Back Education Fund for leading us to you. I believe that God sent you to us and I am not going to take the chance for granted”

– Mitchell Awinja – Lugulu Girls F1

“I am 13th born child and my father is a polygamous of 3 wives. Our 1st born to 7th born are standard eight drop outs due to financial affairs, 2 other completed secondary school and then got married because they could not go on to higher levels...I will try as much as possible to maintain the good grades”

– Nicholas Kintae – Kapsabet boys F1

“I am as fine as fiddle adjusting to my new life in High School.I am so thankful for your generosity in sponsoring me in my education”

From Sponsors on their new sponsored children

“We were thrilled to get a picture of Trevian & learn about her family! She has such a lovely calm look about her. We can't wait to hear from her.”

“Thank you for the update. We are so excited to get to know Sylvia! We will write a letter to her and send it to you soon.”

“We're thrilled to meet our new 'kids' and can't wait to watch them grow and learn and have these new experiences, for the next 4 years.”

CHEERS TO HBEF CLASS OF 2018

In November 2018, 50 HBEF sponsored students together with others in the country sat for their month long Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination. This examination brings into conclusion their 4 years in secondary school. It is also the university prerequisite examination.

Once again, we are happy to share that our students did very well. **Jennifer Muchai** (pictured below) was ranked **97th** in the country out of a total of **660,204** students who sat for the examination.

Congratulations Jennifer!!!

Summary of the performance was as follows:-

	KCSE GRADES	NO OF STUDENTS	NATIONAL FIGURES
1	A	1	315
2	A-	10	3,417
3	B+	11	8,268
4	B	9	16,403
5	B-	5	26,156
6	C+	9	20,131
7	C	3	40,707
8	C-	1	71,047
9	D+	1	114,176
10	D	0	147,918
11	D-	0	165,139
12	E	0	30,840
		50	660,204
	Mean Grade		B 61.72
	Qualified for University (C+ and above)		45 90%

The students have since received their University/College admission letters and have/will be joining from May - September this year. We wish them all the best in the next league of their journey.



Jennifer receives her recommendation from Zipporah (HBEF) during her last monitoring meeting after completing her examinations.



Students from Kiambu County during their last monitoring meeting after their final exams with Zipporah (HBEF) standing in the middle



Victor Mwangi at HBEF offices going through the results of his class. A top performer, Victor scored an A- and has been admitted to study Bsc Civil Engineering Course at the University of Nairobi.

Reactions from sponsors concerning results

“ That is wonderful news about Evalyne and Kevin’s scores. My mother and I are so happy! ”

“ Congratulations Mercyline! We are so proud of you for passing your exams. All of your hard work has led to your success. We hope you will now be able to attend the University’ ”

“ We are very proud of you Angela for all of your hard work in school. Congratulations! It has been an honor to help you pursue your dreams! ”

On University Admission

“ Thank you for sharing the wonderful news about Margaret’s next step on her educational path. We are so proud of her and hope she will stay in touch with us. Congrats on all the beautiful lives you are changing. Margret is our fourth student to graduate from high school! ”

“Thank you so much for this news. It's made me very happy for Rose. My family will send a congratulatory video message to you for Rose in the coming days.”

‘a small act Jamii’ Initiative

On 3rd Oct 2019, as we celebrated Ms. Hilde Back's 96 Birthday, together with the board members, parents, post beneficiaries and friends, HBEF made a remarkable step by launching ‘a small act Jamii’ initiative. This is a forum that brings together all HBEF stakeholders in supporting our work. The initiative has brought together current beneficiary guardians, post beneficiaries and their parents and guardians and friends of HBEF who give contributions that go into the ‘a small act Jamii’ basket. In January 2019, out of the 86 scholarships given, 1 boy, Samuel Kimengich and 1 girl, Yvonne Aworun are sponsored using funds raised from ‘a small act Jamii’



“a small act Jamii”

TAKE THE NEXT STEP!!

In attendance for the launch was Mr Tabiro; the Sponsorship Officer at Starehe Boys Center. Starehe is an institution that was began in 1959 by the late Dr Geoffrey Griffins and two others to provide support to needy children. As at 2019 more than 15,300 boys have gone through Starehe Boys and the Old Starehe Society comprising of the former students forms a very large support base for the school currently. Likewise, it is expected that ‘a small act Jamii’ is the beginning of an awesome journey into the future of HBEF where those supported will be the engine which drives the organization.



Celebration during 'a small act Jamii' Launch



Samuel Kimengich; supported by 'a small act Jamii' discusses his progress with Sarah (HBEF) during his first monitoring meeting in Baringo County April.



Parents/Guardians of Baringo County students contribute to 'a small act Jamii'

KIMANI GRADUATES



In our July - December 2014 issue, we shared that Kimani; one of the stars of 'a small act' documentary and a Post Beneficiary of HBEF had been offered a scholarship at University of Wisconsin Parkside courtesy of the kind gesture of Ms Lynda Hochschild and her family. After 1 year at Parkside, Kimani transferred to North West University where he was studying a Degree in Communication with Minors in Business Administration. On Saturday 18th May marked a glorious day for Kimani, his family, HBEF Family as he graduated with a Degree in Communication with minor in Business Administration.



For HBEF, it is so satisfying retracing the steps Kimani has walked and being part of his great journey from his humble beginnings where he was so unsure of his future.

Kimani has clearly shown that the sky is the limit and we continue to cheer him on in the journey to his dreams.



Young Kimani at his home village in Mitahato

Call for 2020 Sponsorship

.....Long Live the work of HBEF..as long as another boy, another girl from a financially challenged background is unable to afford quality education, the work of HBEF continues. Join us to sponsor a child through 4 years secondary school beginning January 2020.

Visit our website www.hildebackeducationfund.com for more information.

One Off \$ 4000

Yearly \$ 1000 (for 4 years)

Monthly \$ 85 (for 48 months)

Telling it in Pictures



Chris and Edward of the 2017 class run in France. Edward is a student of Sciences Po University courtesy of a Mastercard Foundation Scholarship.



Baringo applicants who attended recruitment with guardians. Far right is Mr Koech, Quality Assurance Officer in the County



Chris (middle) with staff during a recent visit to Kenya



Wishing our candidates success with a card



Moses - HBEF Program Officer





Mitahato Village



Zipporah and Sarah graduate from a Local Fundraising Course



Chris at Harvard



Alphonse Ochola of the 2017 class joined Waterford Kamhlaba in Swaziland courtesy of a scholarship



Martin Mburu, HBEF board members, unveils the 'a small act Jamii' logo during its launch



Students and guardians in a monitoring meeting



– Form 1 students from Nairobi County during their first monitoring meeting in April 2019



Kiambu students after a monitoring meeting



Monitoring in Voi County



Nyandarua County students making their 'a small act Jamii' contribution



Winfred Atieno at HBEF Offices on the day she was to join Mugoiri Girls



Later on at Mugoiri Girls in her new uniform



Recruitment session in Meru County



Chris and Hilde celebrate her 96th Birthday in Sweden



Staff team building session



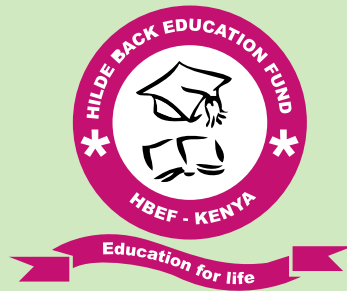
Cynthia and her grandfather go through the Scholarship Acceptance Letter

*We wish to sincerely thank all our sponsors,
partners and friends for
your support over the years.*

"You are the wind beneath our wings.."

God Bless You all.

From HBEF Board Members and Staff



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