



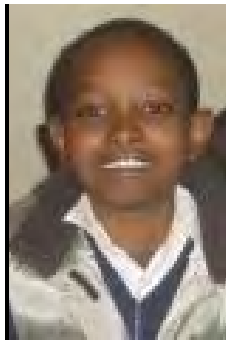
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Making Dreams Come True for African Orphans and At-risk Youth

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Ryan Rukundo Musungu (left) is an orphan residing in a slum in Nairobi, Kenya who has been diagnosed with a serious heart ailment, Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF). Ryan was diagnosed with this condition at age one and received a surgical procedure to help him thrive. He was to have follow-up surgery at age 6, but his father died as did his mother, and there were no resources to provide the child with much needed medical intervention.

He has been suffering with breathing difficulties while experiencing poor circulation resulting in a blue color in his limbs, eyes, and lips. Dream Sponsors has been networking globally to find resources to help Ryan obtain the needed surgery to save his life. He is in very poor health and is even said to be defying the odds, as most children with such a serious heart ailment typically do not live to age 12 without medical intervention.

Fiston Kahindo, Dream Sponsors Vice President, witnessed Ryan's poor condition personally during a visit to Kenya and said it was emotionally moving, "Ryan's fingers, eyes and lips are blue, he is very short of breath and faints often. However, he continues to smile and has a very strong will to live." Dream Sponsors is exhausting all avenues in Kenya to get Ryan the medical attention he requires; the organization's mission and resources do not cover major medical issues but the Board of Directors is doing everything it can to assist. Please read about a unique fundraising effort that was conducted to benefit Ryan on Page 3. Thanks to some young humanitarians, Ryan will now have a much needed heart catheterization; the results of this pre-operative procedure will then determine if he may qualify for further surgery to completely fix his heart ailment. Dream Sponsors is still in need of further financial assistance and medical support to help save Ryan's life while continuing to provide him, his brother and other orphans with basic life necessities. If you are interested in receiving more information or would like to help Ryan, please contact Dream Sponsors at 561-795-2223 or email lexy@dreamsponsorsinc.org.

This Valentine's Day...



Have a heart and share some love with an orphan whose suffering from a REAL broken heart!

RYAN (featured right) is in need of medical help. Dream Sponsors appreciates any donations you can share this Valentine's Day towards repairing his aching heart.



(The following speech was given by Ryan at a recent event in Nairobi; it is copied word for word. Though it may contain some grammatical errors, his message is clear and truly inspiring)

The year 2009 started on a very hard life but we had prayer for a long time and God was so faithful that he answered our prayers. We had a very difficult life we used to sleep without food some times no proper school, no books but all that took another direction when God sent some people to help us.

We were able to go to school, we eat and have got school uniform. I used to be very weak because I had little food and sometimes none, but nowadays I have enough food and am growing strong due to the fact that I have problems walking due to my heart problems but I have grown strong.

In school I feel just like other children who have got both of their parents, before I used to feel sad and the odd one out. Really God has a way to do things, he brought me a dream sponsor and my life became worth living and I promise to work hard in my heart problem. I pray that God will help me with my heart problem because I suffer a lot and sometimes miss out in school but I really try that the problem will not affect my school work. Dream sponsor came into my life and changed it. 2009 has been year to me. Long life dream sponsor God bless you and thank you my sponsor.

RYAN RUKUNDO MUSUNGU

Project Volunteer Hosts Holiday Celebration for Sponsored Children



(Above) Project Volunteer Liaison and event host John Peter Bunguke with sponsored children (l to r) Nancy, guest, Bryan and Diana

John Peter Bunguke coordinated a very special program for sponsored orphans, their caretakers and other community members on Sunday, January 3, 2010 to mark the start of the new year. The event included food, fellowship and specially prepared speeches by some of the orphans who have received basic needs assistance through Dream Sponsors. Many of the children met each other for the very first time and shared their joys and challenges over the past years, noting the positive change in their lives since the project support began.

Many offered sincere gratitude for the care and support offered by John Peter, their individual sponsor and the organization. Most of them thanked God for His hand in bringing them a sponsor. Ryan, age 11, who is in dire need of medical care for a severe congenital heart issue shared his feelings with the attendees, while Basil, his 13 year old brother, also read a speech that he composed, see copy below.



(Pictured Right) Mrs. Sylvia Honda , John Peter's wife, serving food at the party.



Guests listen intently to speeches given by sponsored children and learn more about Dream Sponsors program

Basil's Thank You Letter

The year 2009 was actually a year that I was supposed to show what I had learnt for the past eight years. I was in primary school, I was starting standard eight which is the last class in primary school. I was supposed to sit for my K.C.P.E. examinations.

The year started with hardships. Our family sometimes lacked food to eat. As the Kiswahili saying goes, "Mungu hamwachi mja wake" in quick translation it means, God doesn't leave his people. He touched the hearts of some good people and they decided to sponsor us.

The sponsors aided us by giving us food, clothes and even stationeries. We were very thankful to our sponsors and the living God in heaven. Thanks to the sponsors, we even had our school fees paid. Although the sponsors came from far, we had a chance to talk to some of them and even shake hands. We also had a photo with them.

Through my judgments, I was able to conclude that the sponsors are people with good hearts, and they love children. I will be forever grateful to them for assisting our family, especially my brother who has a heart problem. He was able to visit some of the best hospitals in Nairobi for check-ups. Thanks for them.

I did my K.C.P.E. exams and got 354 marks out of 500. I thank the Almighty y God, our sponsors and also John Peter for making this possible. May God bless you all. Long live Dream Sponsors!

From
MUSUNGU BASIL MUNYENDO

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND A PROSPEROUS 2010

Greensberg, Pennsylvania Teen Has a 'Heart' For Ryan

Carlie Masterson decided to 'give back' in a big way for her 18th birthday. She and her parents Dr. and Mrs. James Masterson celebrated her entry into young adulthood by throwing a party at the Ferrantes Lakeview in Greensberg, PA on a very snowy Saturday, January 9th 2010. In lieu of birthday gifts, Carlie's friends and family brought donations to go towards the health care needs of 11 year-old orphan, Ryan Musungu, who lives in a slum in Nairobi, Kenya.

Over 50 young guests danced the night away, munched on a sumptuous taco bar and birthday cake, while raising over \$800 for Ryan's healthcare. Ryan (featured on page 1 of this newsletter) has been struggling with a severe cyanotic congenital heart condition for years. Ryan's health is rapidly declining and Carlie did not want to celebrate her birthday without sharing part of it with him. The Masterson family has been sponsoring Ryan through Dream Sponsors, Inc. providing school fees, food and clothing. Dream Sponsors wishes to thank Carlie, her family and all her guests that contributed so generously, to giving Ryan a chance at a healthier life.



Carlie (second left) with her father, Dr. James Masterson, sister Lexi, and mother, Carrie



Pictured left: Ryan Musungu (center) with his aunt who became his caretaker after both his parents died, and Fiston Kahindo (Vice President, Dream Sponsors Board of Directors)

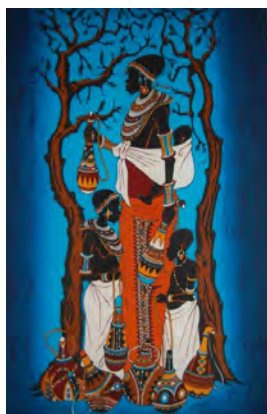


Carlie Masterson with her guests

'Giving Thanks for A Dream' Benefit Event a Great Success in Wellington, Florida Raising Awareness, Funds and New Sponsorships

Over 120 guests attended Dream Sponsors 'Giving Thanks For A Dream' benefit event hosted by Whole Foods Market, Wellington on November 7, 2009. The event raised additional funds to further the mission of Dream Sponsors while two orphans were added to the program thanks to new sponsors that attended the event. Attendees enjoyed Kenyan culinary delights prepared by Whole Foods Demo Specialist, Joe Colavito and also sampled African wines as they mingled and participated in various activities. A variety of professional photography of the wildlife and landscape of the continent was offered for sale, raffle and silent auction. Guests danced to the music of Positively Africa while Zom Zi African dancers, who were adorned in colorful African fabrics, dazzled the crowd with their fancy footwork.

The evening culminated in the raffle of a week long stay at a log home in the mountains of North Carolina donated by Dream Sponsors Board Members Tom and Carla Neumann. The raffle alone raised over \$4000 in support of the orphans. Tickets were sold in 3 different states, and the winner was Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Knight of Oil City, Pennsylvania, who have generously supported the organization by sponsoring Sheila. Kaitlyn Knight, their 17 year-old daughter, has also coordinated youth fundraisers in the small town in Western Pennsylvania.



Pictured above from left to right: 1. Zom Zi dancers performing to the music of Positively Africa while teaching guests various African dance steps 2. Kenyan art on sale and for auction at the event 3. Ms. Karen J. Hardin, an avid supporter of Dream Sponsors was among those awarded for their generosity and dedication to the orphans 4. Dream Sponsors Founder and President, Carla Neumann conducting the raffle for various prizes. 5. Some of the Kenyan food samples prepared and donated by Whole Foods Market, Wellington (Pictures courtesy of Tara Connelly)

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Dream Sponsors, Inc. is a registered 501 (c) 3, tax-exempt, non-profit organization based in Wellington, Florida, USA, serving needy orphan youth in Kenya, Africa. Dream Sponsors is committed to creating networks of support through meaningful sponsorships designed to assist the youth with the emotional, financial and logical means to transform their dreams into reality.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL CHILD SPONSORS:

Dr. & Mrs. James Masterson and daughters Carlie and Lexi
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Knight and daughter Kaitlyn
Dr. & Mrs. Stuart Krost and children Chelsea and Dylan
Mr. & Mrs. John Debich and daughter Larisa
St. Mark's Catholic School Builder's Club
Palm Beach Central High School Interact Club
Mrs. Ruth Long
Ms. Karen Hardin
Mr. & Mrs. George Bell
Mr. Jim Cummings
Ms. Christina Louis
Ms. Sasha Mitchell-Fuller
Ms. Cynthia Efrein
Ms. Amy Liebenson

Dream Sponsors Vice President Visits Sponsored Orphans in Kenya



Fiston Kahindo with Basil

Fiston Kahindo, Vice President of Dream Sponsors' Board of Directors, recently wrapped up a two week tour of Africa in Kenya. Kahindo met with Dream Sponsors Project Liaisons John Peter Bunguke from Nairobi and Susan Otuma from Bunyore's Kenyan Advisory Committee. The liaisons provided Kahindo with full reports on the orphans' progress and the trio discussed current issues affecting the children's growth, health and ongoing education.

Kahindo also spent time with each of the sponsored orphans in various slums in the city and assisted in the delivery of food and basic items for the children. Kahindo commented, "I was extremely impressed by the motivation and sincere generosity of my dear friend John Peter, a volunteer, who has donated countless hours of his time and energy to make sure these orphan children have what they need. He sincerely has the heart and passion needed to provide quality work with the children and demonstrates a total investment in their care and well-being."

Kahindo also discussed the ongoing hard work and dedication of the Volunteer members and Project Liaison, Meridah Otuma who works with the orphans in rural Western Kenya. "We are so grateful for their commitment to our mission and to the well-being of the orphans," he concluded. Kahindo reported that the children are doing very well and improving in school while thriving in their homes. He also brought home letters from the children to deliver to their sponsors, thanking them for the needed support. One child, Sheila wrote, "Before this sponsorship, I used to suffer a lot, most of the time I used to go to school without anything to eat or drink. I even never used to work well in school because of lack of school fees. Being an orphan, nobody cares about you. But, by the grace of God, He opened my way, because through my sponsor, my body changed and I am now a smart girl. I never used to go to school trips, but through your sponsoring I went for a trip and am doing better in my classes." A team of Dream Sponsors officials and volunteers will visit the children again in late April and early May of this year.



Susan Otuma, Fiston Kahindo (center) and John Peter Bunguke meet to discuss the children's progress. Susan oversees the program in Bunyore, Western Kenya, while John Peter manages the project in the city of Nairobi.



Some of the sponsored children working hard in school