

# Bidii Children's Charity

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Hi there,

The year 2015 was great for Bidii Children's Charity thanks to your generous support. We are now providing a unique opportunity to six needy but motivated students to attain high school education. We are building bridges for these young people to break the cycle of poverty.

We are excited to offer two new more scholarships to two deserving students in 2016.

Thank you for being an agent of change.

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**Bidii Children's Charity**  
Transforming lives through education.

## Upcoming Events

**May 7**

3<sup>rd</sup> Bidii Children's Charity  
Run for Africa



## 2015 Fundraising Activities

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Bidii Children's Charity for Africa

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Bidii Children's Charity held on May 10, 2015 was successful. You came from far and wide to support our flagship event. We all had fun as we raised money to keep our students in school and we are proud to see this event grow into a favorite family event in Durham region.



### Bake Sale at Ontario Power Generation (OPG)

Bidii Children's Charity held a bake sale fundraiser during the Charity Campaign at OPG. We received great support from colleagues that volunteered to make this event a success.



## The Bidii Students



Name: Samuel Kinyua

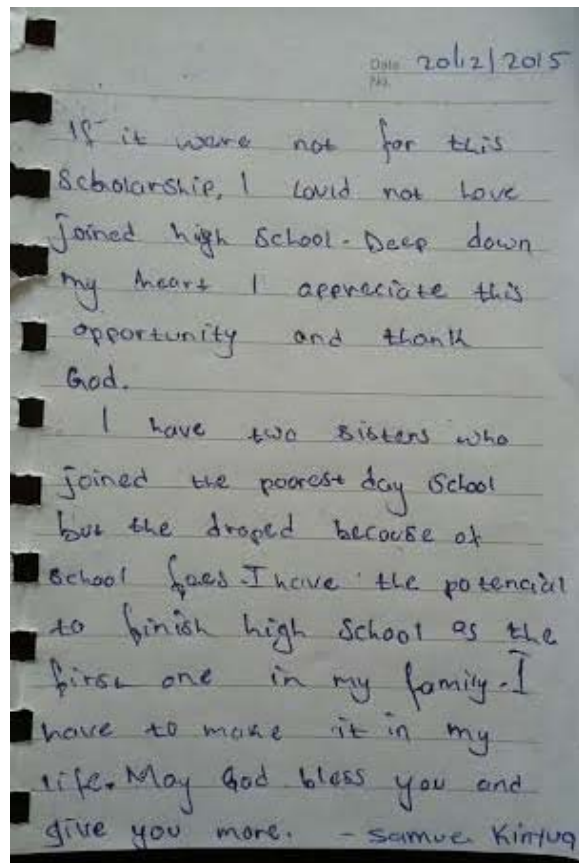
Grade: Form 2 (2016)

School: Kibirichia Boys

**What motivate you to go to school?** When I see the challenges my family goes through and realizes that education is what can make all the difference and change the situation. I am the only child out of 9 who has this opportunity and I must make best use of it to save my family from Poverty. Getting a chance to be in a boarding school is my biggest opportunity to advance my education.

**Who is your role model from your village?** Dr. Kirimi who is currently on internship at Isiolo district hospital. He went the same primary school as I i.e Mbuju. Similar challenging home background, it is through sponsors and community Harambees that enabled him go through school and be where he is today. He remained focused and was not put down by family poverty but instead made the best use of his potential and opportunity

**What message would give to a younger child looking up to you as the big brother?** Education is very important regardless the class they are in school. They should take it seriously at all levels.







Name: Irene Nkatha

Class: Form 2 (2016)

School: St. Mary's Girls Egoji

**What motivate you to go to school?** I want to live a better life than which I have been brought up and education is the only way. I have seen my parent struggle to make ends meet and I would want to make their lives better too. Collecting heavy loads of firewood from the forest to burn charcoal, doing irrigation in our farm at night to take advantage of the scarce water so that our crops don't dry up.... tough life! Need better living standards than this.

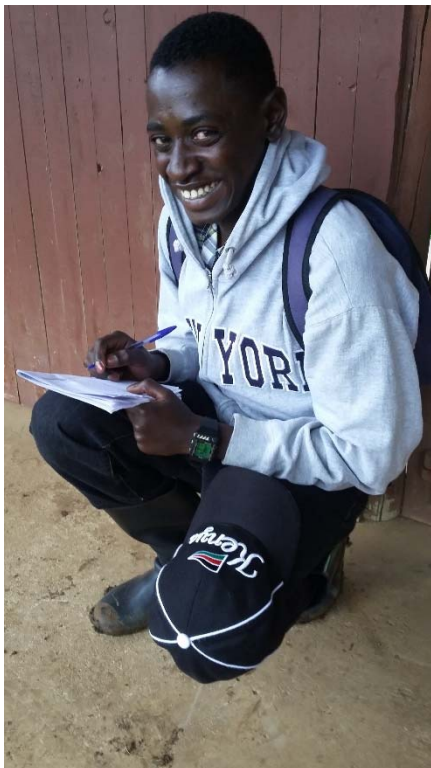
**Who is your role model from your village?** My former teacher, Mr. Mworia. He is full of wisdom and always encouraged us despite the challenges we were facing and since now am in one of the best schools in the country his inspiration is making sense. Am happy I followed through and now leaping the benefit.

**What message would give to a younger child looking up to you as the big sister?** Work hard and be positive, life is not easy.

20/12/2015

Just expressing my gratitude  
to this scholarship for paying  
my school fees. Sincerely speaking  
if it were not for it I could  
not be in such a national  
school and furthermore the  
best school in the county  
where we compete with the  
best brains. I promise to work  
EXTRA hard to improve my  
background and make my  
future better.

From,  
Irene Nkatha.



Name: Christopher Mana

Grade: Form 3 (2016)

School: Ontulili Boys

**What motivate you to go to school?** To get good education and upgrade my life. I want also to be a change agent in my village because I see so many of my age mates who have better opportunity than me to be in school wasting their lives in alcohol abuse and idleness. No one would have thought I would get this far but here I am now going to form three. Again, right now I find life in school more easy and comfortable than at home.

**Who is your role model from your village?** I admire the people from my village who have gone through school and are now in good jobs. I admire when they come in the village driving nice cars and very well dressed despite some of them having worn tattered clothes and without shoes when they were in school like us.

**What message would give to a younger child looking up to you as the big brother?** To press on because life is full of challenges

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I have struggled all my life because I lost my mother when I was only 3 years. My father left me with my sister at the care of our ailing grandmother. This scholarship is a great opportunity to change my life. I am now going to form three very excited to come this far and being the first in my family to attain high school education.

KARIUKI CHRISTOPHER MAINA



Name: Sofia Kendi

Class: Form 3 (2016)

School: Muthambi Girls School

**What motivate you to go to school?** I know I am bright and I can achieve the best in education by putting my brain into work. My family has never owned land and all the time we have lived in rented small houses. I feel very discouraged and unhappy when I see my parent very unsettled because we have no place of our own. I would what to change this situation by reaping the fruits of education of changing my life situation and that of my family.

**Who is your role model from your village?** The owner of the homestead where my family has rented a house. His parent died when he was still young and did casual work to educate himself where he studied accounts through correspondence up to the highest level. He got employment at Kenyatta university as an accountant and recently he graduated with a degree. He has an admirable family.

**What message would give to a younger child looking up to you as the big sister?** To be obedient and avoid bad company.

Date 20/12/2015  
No

Actually I count myself as a fortunate person having being sponsored. I have both parents but being a first born, it was a challenge for them to raise school fees and my destination was to be a district school. But due to your sponsorship I was able to join an extra county school in which I was called to join. And I feel so great being in the school for two years now I really thank you as I promise to beat my target A

Sofia Kendi





**Name:** Faith Kagendo

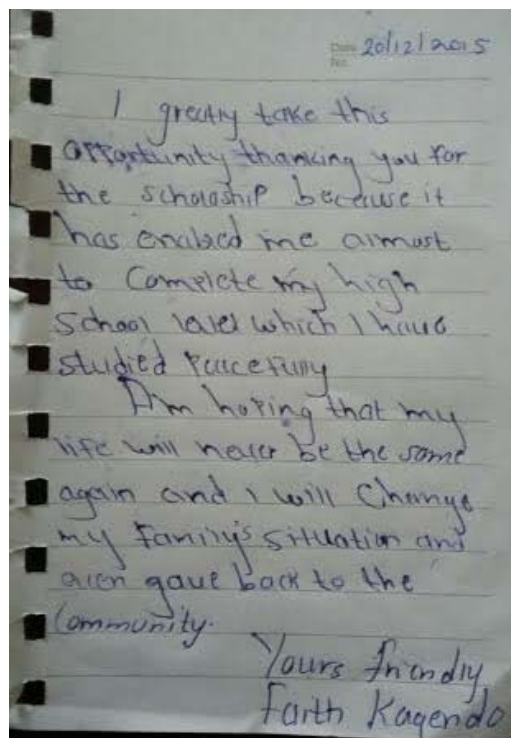
**Class:** Form 4 (2016)

**School:** Ruiri Girls

**What motivate you to go to school?** My family has gone through a lot after my father abandoned us. For us to have food on the table we must do casual work at people's farm because we don't have any land of our own. We live in a small rented house. I need good education to change my future and that of my family. I also want to help my community. During this holiday I have worked in the farm until I have blisters on my hands. I feel embarrassed when I go back to school and greet other student with my rough hands and therefore I want this situation to be for now only and get better in future when I will be working in an office and not farm where they pay is also very little compared to the tough work.

**Who is your role model from your village?** Mr Murithi, my former primary school teacher. He is kind, humble and hardworking. Many students who are learned from my village including our mentor Madam Makena have passed through him. When my brother was getting old without getting initiated to manhood according to our Kimeru traditions, he supported him and was able to go through this process. He also nominated me for this scholarship.

**What message would give to a younger child looking up to you as their big sister?** Never to give up and to be obedient children of God.





Name: Mary Wanja

Class: Form 4 (2016)

School: Nkuene Girls

**What motivate you to go to school?** Being a girl who has come from a challenging family background, education is the key to open a better future and be a change agent in my community and touch the lives of other girls like me. This is my motivation every day as I pursue my education. In school I have an opportunity to interact with students from diverse cultures and background thus giving me a better perspective on life issues. Have too learnt there are other students who have struggled to make it this far, some even having to undergo female genital mutilation and from very remote communities.

**Who is your role model from your village?** Kirimi from my village who is pursuing his education in the university. He has really struggled to be where he is now.

**What message would give to a younger child looking up to you as their big sister?** Your background does not matter, what is important it to do your best and who knows? Some might see your effort and reward you.

