



**The School
of St Jude**

Fighting poverty
through education

You've made change happen!

- Your long-term commitment to sponsoring a scholarship for a St Jude's student is amazing!
- See how much your unwavering and generous support has achieved in building St Jude's into the success story it is today.
- Gemma thanks you, our students thank you, and their families thank you.

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2002

First day of school. The School of St Jude story begins in Moshono on a hot Tanzanian morning on the 29th of January. With only three students and one volunteer teacher, St Jude's commences its journey to provide these youngsters with a quality education.



2003

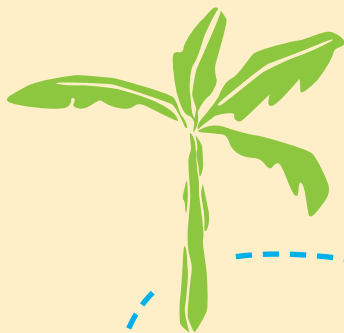
One year in and the number of students rapidly grows to 120! This would not have been possible without supporters like you. By this stage 23 local staff are employed along with several international volunteers. Up to this point, these passionate volunteers have been staying in tents but this year the first volunteer accommodation is built.



2004

As the year progresses, rapid expansion and developments are happening. With up to 423 students, St Jude's infrastructure grows with the construction of the library, football field and 12 new classrooms; all to provide students with an optimal environment to learn and thrive.





2005

This year, the St Jude's highest class level, Standard 4, sit their first ever national assessment and rank third out of 204 schools in the region. This achievement marks the first of many academic milestones to come.

2006

School traditions are created. The first Cultural Day is celebrated at St Jude's: a day when students and staff celebrate the richness of their Tanzanian and tribal heritage through song, dance, fashion and food. In the same year, the day of St Jude is commemorated on the 25th of October as a day of Thanksgiving, where the students present gifts to the less fortunate. Now annual events, both Cultural Day and St Jude's Day have grown into large celebrations full of life and colour.



2007

As the oldest classes are reaching their final years of primary, plans are drawn up to open a secondary campus. Expansion becomes a reality after purchasing 30 acres in Usa River for an additional campus and land is bought in Moivaro for a boarding campus. This year, the first team of volunteer international medical specialists arrive to conduct health checks of students in all year levels. Since then, these health checks have been carried out by volunteer international specialists on a yearly basis.



2008

The St Jude's community of both students and supporters like you is growing exponentially. By this year, 989 students are educated and 330 local staff employed. The first Standard 7 class sit their national examinations and make us all proud by ranking in the top 10% of schools in the country.



2009

The very first secondary student selection process occurs this year. With 51 students enrolled into the first Form 1 class, the new secondary campus in Usa River is put to good use. By this stage, three Tanzanian headmasters have been appointed to take care of the Lower and Upper Primary schools at Moshono and the new Usa River Secondary school.



2010

With the backing of dedicated sponsors, including you, St Jude's academic performance is taking the region by storm with high rankings in every national examination and assessment our starting class faces. In the national assessment, the Form 2s rank third out of 302 schools in the North West region, putting St Jude's on the map as a top performing school.



2011

Improvements to the infrastructure of the Moivaro Boarding Campus are made this year. Most notably, moving away from total reliance on a generator for electricity. The installation of power lines to the campus make living conditions even more comfortable and convenient for our boarders.



2012

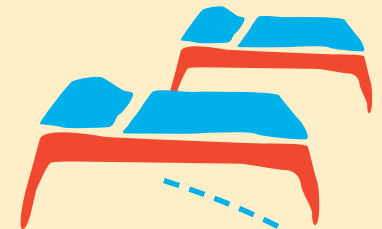
St Jude's turns 10 years old and the first Form 4 class rank number one in the national examinations for the region!

In just 10 years of operation, St Jude's is educating over 1,300 students, is employing over 300 staff and is serving over 850,000 meals a year to students, staff and visitors. And, it's all thanks to your commitment and support. This year the contributions of both the Sisia and Smith families are commemorated by naming the primary and secondary campuses after them respectively.



2013

Boarding accommodation is finally completed on Smith Secondary Campus. Allowing students to board helps them prioritise their education and learn fundamental skills that will help them in the future – it also helps ensure their constant attendance at school.



2014

St Jude's becomes a full school at last! With the starting class in Form 6, their final year of school, the school board approves the St Jude's Beyond High School program. Later renamed Beyond St Jude's (BSJ), this program is the next step needed to guide our students toward securing their future career. Beyond St Jude's is an optional two part program that enables Form 6 graduates to give back to their communities during a Community Service Year (CSY). Through the Tertiary Fund, the program also provides the funding they need to access higher education in East Africa.





2016

After completing CSY as interns, teaching over 10,000 children in 21 government schools, the first BSJ scholars begin their higher education with over a third enrolled in medicine. The second class of graduates finish Form 6 and St Jude's is now in full swing, educating over 1,800 students, 1,400 of which are boarding. And, its all due to your generous sponsorship.



2015

The entire St Jude's community, along with its supporters, are exhilarated as the first graduates emerge from Form 6 and celebrate their achievements with over 1,000 guests including their families, the school and international visitors.

This is just the beginning of our graduates' career journey as many of them start their CSY internships as volunteer teachers in government schools or support the work of our business teams.



2017

This year, St Jude's is honoured and privileged that the Queen's Baton Relay finds its way to St Jude's en route to the 21st Commonwealth Games held on the Gold Coast, Australia the following year. Welcomed by crowds of cheering students, the relay brings much excitement and intrigue to the school, and gives students a chance to discover more links between Australia and Tanzania.



2018

St Jude's and our supporters celebrate this year as one of awards and success. After taking home three trophies at the annual Frasalian Interschools Cultural Competition, and a Form 6 student obtaining a scholarship for Strathmore University in Nairobi by coming first in a mathematics competition, our students are securing St Jude's a place as one of the top performing schools in the region. Adding to this, the BSJ program's impact on students' communities is tripled with the CSY interns teaching core subjects to over 30,000 students in government schools.



2019

Exceeding all expectations, this year is another of many firsts. Reaching the end of their education journey, the first BSJ tertiary scholars graduate from university this year. The St Jude's Alumni Association is formed and alumni start giving back to St Jude's through the Alumni Spirit initiative. Our Form 6 Advanced Mathematics students rank first in Tanzania in the national examinations! And our Standard 7 students climb into the top 0.3% of primary schools in the country. Having come full circle, St Jude's stays true to our students' motto "challenge yourself" by committing to opening a new girls secondary school. This is approved by the school board kicking off student selection with a higher number of scholarships available for next year's new bold step.





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What an incredible journey so far!

- Your unwavering commitment and generosity over the years has enabled these developments to take shape and come to fruition. St Jude's is only able to make change happen for our students because of you.
- Your support and impact will always be remembered. Everyone here is excited to see what else we can achieve together in the future.
- Thank you for fighting poverty through education with us, we are proud and grateful to have you as an integral part of the St Jude's community.
- From all of us at St Jude's!



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