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KSF to the world!

KSF's Owan Logodori signed with the Arkansas Razorbacks

Huge congratulations to Owan Logodori. Our very own KSF recipient, through Hakeem Aquil Scholarship Fund, has made us proud.

In July 2025, he was awarded a full ride scholarship to the University of Arkansas Razorbacks.

He is a 1,500-meter runner, who recently became the 2025 African Under 20 Championships silver medalist.



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His journey marks more than just a personal victory; it is a national story of hope, talent, and opportunity. Your future is bright!



Congratulations to gospel artist and KSF Alumni Peninah Wambui for her growing family.

Volunteer Waridi's visit to Kenya

In July 2025, 23-year-old Waridi Kaba, Executive Director Alice's niece's daughter, visited Kenya for the first time to volunteer alongside her grandmother. Here's what she had to say about her experience:



“Visiting Kahuho Uhuru High School was truly touching. The boys shared some of the challenges of their upbringings, but despite their hardships, they spoke confidently and with a positive, future focused mindset. I thought it really showed their maturity and motivation. They also led us through an excellent tour of the school, sharing more about their experiences and introducing us to their classmates. It was a truly pleasant and inspiring visit. Speaking with the girls of St. Catherine Lema over a call was equally positive and uplifting. I’m excited to see where all of their journeys lead.”

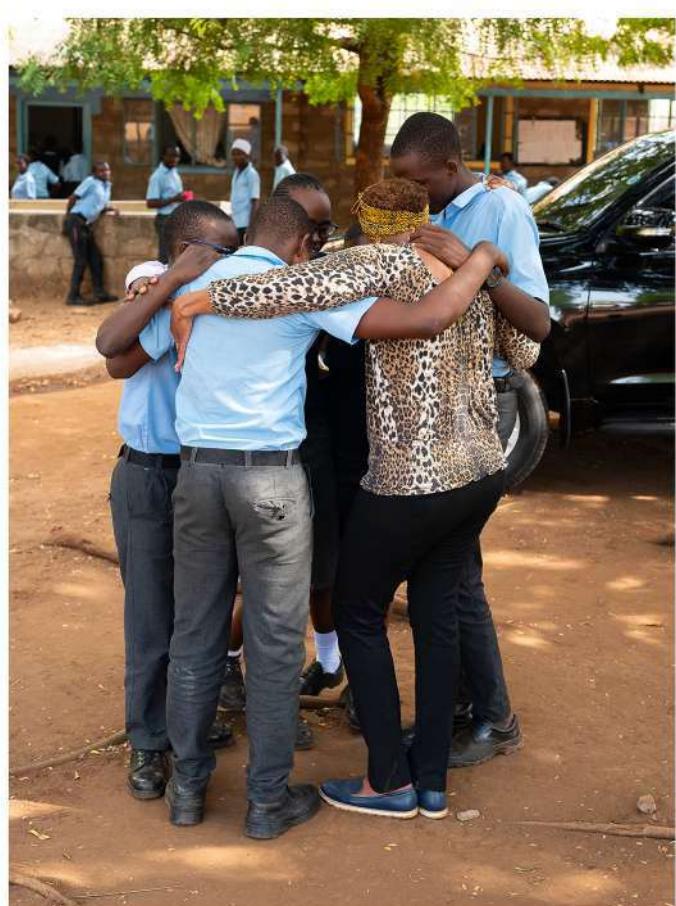
Waridi Kaba
KSF International Volunteer, Massachusetts, USA



Waridi and other volunteers touring Kahuho Uhuru High School.



School Visits



Antonny's Success Story



Antonny during the school visit to his former high school Kahuho Uhuru High School.

May of 2017, It's back to school and I like all the other students was on my way to school, well aware that I just did the previous end of term exams out of mercy of the deputy principal.

The arrears have already started stacking and this is just my first year. Luckily I am allowed to school but with a stern warning that those who have not paid at least 50% of the fee will be sent home that coming weekend, and there I was not having touched a cent.

It is not out of ignorance or defiance but out of circumstance and lack.

I've faced my fair share of challenges. My parents struggled to support my brothers and me through our educational journey. My mother worked as a customer assistant at a wholesaler, while my father took on casual manual labor jobs. Their combined income barely covered rent and food, let alone our school fees.

Though I struggled during my primary education, I performed well on my Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) exams. However, my certificates were withheld by the school due to arrears.

Immediately after completing KCPE, hoping to pay off at least half of my arrears, I started working casual jobs. After months of effort, the primary school headteacher agreed to release my certificates on the basis that I was the first student from the school to achieve such results.

I secured a spot at Kahuho Uhuru High School, where my secondary education began. But the struggles only intensified. During the first term, I was among the top-performing students. By the second term, I returned to school without having cleared the first term's fee balance.



That same term I was asked to apply for a scholarship at KSF International by the school liaison. Luckily, I was awarded the scholarship and since then my academic journey took a different trajectory. KSF International paid my academic fees up until my final year. Their financial help gave me assurance of education helping me try and be my self-best, academically.

I then graduated from Kahuho Uhuru High School in 2021 with an A- average and was able to secure a spot at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology to pursue B.Sc Electrical & Electronics Engineering. Even today, as I still pursue my degree and volunteering with KSF, KSF continues to support me in very many ways and I forever will be grateful to all partners and volunteers at KSF especially Mrs. Alice Hastings-James.

I am close to achieving my dreams and KSF made them within reach.

Preventive Mental Health Awareness Graduation



Students at Bethany Joy Academy pose with their earned certificates.

From October 8th to 23rd, Beyond the Vision Initiative (BVI), in co-partnership with HNA Mental Health Awareness Inc, (Hakeem's Space) marked the graduation of 647 learners from 8 local institutions and 34 teachers from its two-year preventive mental health education program through school-based workshops.

This program is aimed at helping participants journey toward becoming effective self helpers and support others facing mental health challenges.

The key partners for the program who are school patrons were recognized for their dedicated support in ensuring the sessions went on successfully and in creating a favourable environment safe for learning.

Each participant was awarded with a certificate of completion and a branded t-shirt, for the learners to symbolize their journey, and for the teachers symbolizing their vital role in supporting the learners throughout the two-year program.

"I've learnt to deal with my problems without hurting myself or others"

The ceremonies were rich with emotion as learners shared heartfelt testimonials, reflecting on how the sessions helped them manage emotions, make healthier choices, and support peers in need. One student remarked, "I've learned to deal with my problems without hurting myself or others," capturing the quiet yet profound transformation taking place across the schools.



Beyond the Vision Community School students.

In communities where access to mental health support is limited, these stories underscore the power of preventive mental health education.

Through these achievements, the Hakeem's Space program continues turning pain into purpose and equipping young people with emotional resilience to thrive.

Computer Donations

On April 25th, 2025, KSF International volunteers gratefully received Ashford United Methodist Church's Tutorial Programs' donation of gently used laptops and assorted school supplies.

Because of the high cost of shipping, the last batch will arrive in Kenya in December 2025. Needy community centers will benefit from this generous donation.



Laptops and other accessories donated by Ashford United Methodist Church being prepared for transit to Kenya.



KSF Board Member Rhoda Matiru (second left) receiving assorted school supplies for her project: Spreading the Joy of Reading.

On the same note, we are thrilled to announce the successful shipment of iPad donations to three partner high schools in Kenya.

This ongoing initiative was made possible by our generous partner Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart, Houston, Texas, USA.

The Nairobi team, led by Kevin Odhiambo, received and distributed them to the three partner schools.



Alice Hastings-James receiving Duchesne Academy's annual iPad donations.



Students at Jomo Kenyatta School were speechless with gratitude.



OUR REF: NHS/DON./iPADs/01/2025
Your Ref:

22TH OCTOBER, 2025

KENYA SCHOLARSHIP FUND (KSF) INTERNATIONAL

Dear Sir/ Madam,

RE: APPRECIATION FOR THE DONATION OF iPADS TO NANYUKI HIGH SCHOOL

On behalf of the Board of Management, staff, and students of Nanyuki High School, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to you for the kind donation of five iPads to our school on Monday, 13th October 2025.

This thoughtful contribution will go a long way in enhancing our learners' digital skills, improving access to educational resources, and supporting our efforts to integrate technology into teaching and learning.

Your generosity and commitment to empowering young minds are truly commendable. We deeply appreciate your continued support and partnership in shaping a brighter future for our students.





MISSION

To provide scholarships to needy students.

ABOUT US

Kenya Scholarship Fund (KSF) International was formed by several professional Kenyans living in the United States and wishing to give back to their communities. KSF International is a volunteer-run organization, which relies on funding and support from family, friends, well-wishers and private fundraising events. The board comprises eleven volunteers who lovingly dedicate many unpaid hours to manage the affairs of the organization.

This non-profit organization is an Equal Opportunity Organization that does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, tribal affiliation, gender or religion.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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