

# Creation of Hope

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## The passing of Sarah Makau on July 2, 2019



*Sarah Makau, residence matron*

It has been such a sad and heavy time to share news, with the sponsors and supporters of Creation of Hope, of the death of the Rolling Hills residence matron Sarah Makau on July 2nd in Kikima, Kenya. By now you would have all received the announcement with further details.

Sarah was the original matron of the first children at the residence and faithfully served in that role for almost 10 years. Sarah was strong and kind, gentle and quiet. She served so many. Sarah leaves behind an enormous gap not only to her four loving children and extended family, but to the current children living in the residence, to the Creation of Hope staff and to all who knew her. We are very grateful for the donations that have been received to help support the funeral costs for Sarah and for her children's education. Such support honours Sarah, the children she loved and the legacy in her memory. Thank you for your kindness.

In one of my trips to Kikima, Sarah took me aside to tearfully say thank you for what Creation of Hope had done not only for her but for her four children as well. She said that she thanked God every day for the care and the support she had been given. May she be at peace knowing that her children will be well cared for by Creation of Hope.



*Sarah and some residence children in 2010*

A special thanks to all who provided us with photos of Sarah from their trips to visit Creation of Hope over the years. We will cherish these captured moments!

## Sarah's love light will shine strongly!



*Sarah with the first residence orphans in 2009*

## Needing Sponsors

In the past several months, due to a demonstrated need, we have added a number of new orphans into the program and the residence. These new additions will unfortunately be the last children to be brought into the fold at the Rolling Hills residence for the near future. In order to maintain one of the principles of Creation of Hope - that is, to provide education to the highest level that each orphan is able to achieve - we are now in a position that we are focusing on having two sponsors for each orphan - one is identified as the Educational Sponsor. This allows the Hope budget to plan to adequately meet the costs of higher education.

If you know of any person who is;

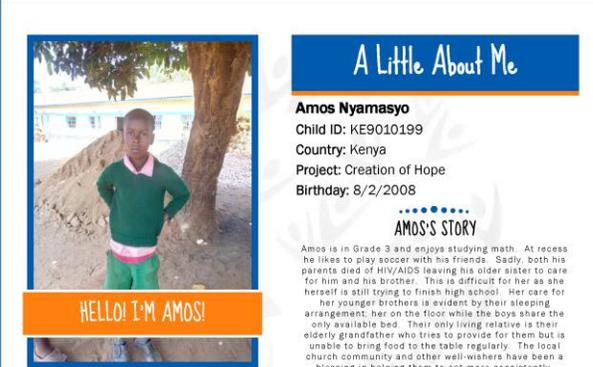
- (1) looking to justify their donation with responsible stewardship of funds,
- (2) wanting to have a personal and authentic relationship with an orphan,
- (3) looking for assurance that the focus of their funds is to build resiliency and independence in orphans and in communities, then please encourage them to look into sponsoring a child's education through Creation of Hope.

Hope Story uses only 15% of donated funds to cover administrative and salary costs - 85% of your donations (and 100% of school donations) goes directly into the community.

Creation of Hope has been so very fortunate to have long-term, faithful, generous and caring sponsors. We are honored to acknowledge and appreciate sponsors who have now supported an orphan and the program for over 10 years. It is the loyalty and generous involvement of these individuals that has allowed our program to grow, thrive and change the lives of many orphans. Our sincere thanks to:

Barb Ross	Brian and Susan VanNorman
Gail Duncan	Richard Levy and Jan Hoyle
Deb Ellis	Pat and Pauline Hanson
Pam Rutherford	Christine and Emily Mednis

With gratitude from Eric and Anita Walters and Hope Story staff and volunteers.



**A Little About Me**

**Amos Nyamasyo**  
Child ID: KE9010199  
Country: Kenya  
Project: Creation of Hope  
Birthday: 8/2/2008

**AMOS'S STORY**

Amos is in Grade 3 and enjoys studying math. At recess he likes to play soccer with his friends. Sadly, both his parents died of HIV/AIDS leaving his older sister to care for him and his brother. This is difficult for her as she herself is still trying to finish high school. Her care for her younger brothers is evident by their sleeping arrangement; her on the floor while the boys share the only available bed. Their only living relative is their elderly grandfather who tries to provide for them but is unable to bring food to the table regularly. The local church community and other well-wishers have been a blessing in helping them to eat more consistently.

HELLO! I'M AMOS!

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## Help us to PLANT a SEED



Our goal to find 100 new sponsors will ensure a sustainable future for the education of these children.



Ashley Mutio  
Born in 2012



Junior Mwende  
Born in 2006

Please contact Maggie at [sponsorship@hopestory.ca](mailto:sponsorship@hopestory.ca) for more information about children in need of an educational sponsor.

## Our own Faith Muthenya graduates from University!

We are so happy to share that Faith graduated this spring from Egerton University with a technology degree. Faith is now working in a research lab in Nairobi. Faith has been supported from the early Creation of Hope days by LaSalle Public School under the leadership of Martha Martin and in more recent years also by the Foster family in Nova Scotia. Faith is an impressive example of putting forth a strong effort in school and being rewarded greatly by the support of Creation of Hope. Faith was enabled to reach her potential - a university degree - by the generous support of sponsors and the Creation of Hope program as a whole. Thank you all!



Faith wrote:

*"Big thanks to those who lifted me up during hard moments, kept cheering me to be strong even when seasons dictated otherwise. My heart and whole being loves you dear ones." "I surely will be available for motivation and to inspire them (the other orphans) for greater achievements. The impact is greatly felt. nawapenda sana (I love you all so much.)"*

And about Ruth, the heart of our program, Faith wrote:

*"Ruth Kyatha - Shush - (grandmother) - a woman of substance - kindness and selflessness defines you. Am so happy for your support and encouragement. I have learned to be Strong from you. A great blessing you are. Much love shush."*

## Thank you to our amazing fundraising schools.

Each year there are many elementary and high schools in Ontario and beyond that raise and donate a substantial amount of money for Creation of Hope. We wish to thank them.

It is amazing how much difference a used book sale, popcorn and freezie sales, candy grams and cookie grams, and a variety of other activities can make.

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following schools for their ongoing loyalty and most generous donations in 2018-2019:

Chris Hadfield Public School  
LaSalle Public School  
Hillside Public School  
Ecole Harris Mills Public School  
Holy Family Catholic School  
Immaculata High School  
Joseyf Cardinal Slipuj Catholic School  
Fairview Public School

We wish to thank the many other schools who donated. The list is long and the space is short so we therefore have acknowledged the largest and most faithful donations as a recognition of ongoing support of Creation of Hope. With sincere thanks for all the donations we have received. May the 2019-20 year bring further successful fundraisers for Creation of Hope.

## Upcoming Events



FIND OUT MORE OR REGISTER YOUR TEAM AT: [HOPESTORY.CA/EVENTS](http://HOPESTORY.CA/EVENTS)

### Upcoming National Exams for our students

Be on the lookout for an email from Kay Mutinda about the national Kenyan exams. Some of you may have received your email already.

Students currently in Standard 8 (grade 8) will be writing the KCPE (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education) starting **October 29, 2019**. This exam will determine high school placement for all students.

High school Form 4 (grade 12) students will be writing the KCSE (Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education) starting **November 4th, 2019**. This exam will determine university opportunities for these students and then eligibility for college or trade schools.

These are very important exams for all our students. If you receive an email from Kay, please take the time to read it, understand it, and send a card wishing your sponsored child success. There is sufficient time frame provided to comfortably send a card. Messages of support and caring for these orphaned students from an adult or family a world away will be important and encouraging to them.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support! You will be informed by Kay of your student's performance and opportunities for further education early in 2020.

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