

Program/Activity Report Educational Access for Two Students (Girls) in Kenya, East Africa

Date: September 2023 **Location:** I Can Fly International Butterfly House High School

Facet(s): International Trends and Services

Situation: ITS identified countries in which large female populations traditionally are deprived of obtaining an education and live in extreme poverty. Girls are frequently raped, subjected to child marriages, female genital mutilation, and abandonment/orphans. These conditions exist for young girls in Kenya, East Africa.

Mission/Vision: International Trends and Services (ITS) Mission/Vision for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is to continue the financial support with affirmations that encourage students (girls) at I Can Fly International Butterfly House High School to receive a quality education, shelter, meals, and enrichment activities that have been affected by extreme poverty, female genital mutilation, early marriage, tribal war, abandonment, and orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

Goals of the program/activity To continue to provide a way for our two sponsored students to experience an improved quality of life and future through education. To provide these two Kenyan girls with the tools to be positive role models in their communities upon completing their education.

Participation: Two students (girls) desiring an otherwise unaffordable education will continue to be provided with financial support and encouragement to complete their high school education. This also includes continued secure housing in the I Can Fly Butterfly House. Additionally, providing financial support for uniforms for incoming freshmen students.

Description of the program/activity: (1) I Can Fly International Butterfly House High School support of two sponsored students. (2) ITS and Services to Youth are collaborating on National Read a Book Day and International Literacy Day. Each WA Chapter ITS Chair was asked to buy three 4th or 5th-grade level books.

Outcomes: Short Term – (1) To continue virtual communication with the Founder and CEO Sha' Givens regarding our two students (Elizabeth Weisko, and Joysheryl Atieno) progress. (2) Support of a school in Jamaica as part of the National Read a Book Day and International Literacy Day. Books were mailed to Ms. Patricia Marsh-Allen, Principal, Moneague Primary School, Moneague in St. Ann, Jamaica.

Mid-Term - Provide encouragement and student support if needed.

Long Term - The Tacoma Chapter of the Links, Inc. through the ITS Facet hopes to continue Links support for these two students, Elizabeth Weisko, and Joysheryl Atieno for the remainder of their high school. Elizabeth wants to complete high school and attend a university to be prepared to shed light on injustices such as child marriage and the mistreatment of girls, women, and the poor.

Census data: As part of the process of accountability to The Links, Incorporate annually we participate in the Coming to America event that is streamed live from the school. Tacoma (WA) Chapter members along with our collaborative partner; Tacoma Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. continue to support this event. During the event, students speak about their experiences and have been known to entertain us with group singing. Staff, board members, and Ms. Givens present updates from the previous year on the happenings at the school.

Collaborations: *Includes Tacoma Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., other Links chapters, and/or community partners collaborated with to plan and/or implement the program/activity.*

How was the program/activity publicized? Every member of the Tacoma (WA) Chapter was sent an early notification and invitations to join the live streaming from the Butterfly Houe High School in Kenya. The meetings included presentations by students, staff, and board members and were hosted by the Founder Sha' Givens. Each year we have great participation from our chapter members.

Cost: *It is vital to track the expense that determines the strategic financial success of the program/activity.*

Projected Costs \$1,600. - \$800/student.

Actual costs. \$1,600 Tuition, housing, etc.

If a grant or underwriting was obtained for the event provide the following:

Name(s) of in-kind donation/service

Total amount underwritten or grant amount received.

Total monetary value of in-kind donation/service

List any items donated.

Evaluation: The Butterfly High School is rated number one in their school district of fifty schools for a second year. This July 2023 Sha Givens was awarded the Fortitude Award at the National Convention of Delta Theta Sorority, Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Founder/CEO Ms. Givens rated the success of students and the future of the school as very high. A quality education is being provided to our two students, Elizabeth and Joysheryl, in a safe and secure environment.

2023 Coming to America date to be announced.