

Introducing....

the ACF Cheetah Express



Fall greetings everyone!

What a wonderful few months it has been for **Amboseli Children's Fund**. Leonard is now on his way home after a whirlwind visit to connect with all of our ACF sponsors and donors.

We want to give special recognition to the kind folks from **The Church At Woodmoor**. Not only were we allowed to present our program to the congregation, **we had six more children who gained sponsors from the church and many generous donations were given to the scholarship fund!** The musical director, Jonathan Lowry and the choir completely amazed us by singing The Lord's Prayer in Swahili. Leonard was beside himself as he recognized the words. Our heartfelt thanks goes to all involved, including those sponsors that assisted us afterwards. Everyone's support of our work is truly appreciated.

I also want to mention - **we have our very first corporate sponsor - hooray! Adam Cary, CPA, PC** has done our tax returns for several years. Now his support is enabling us to hire our very first employee in Kenya to assist Leonard and Anne with all of our students and schools. We have tentatively found someone - **Stephen Kataton** who has a degree in social work and his own small ministry. He will be in charge of our December gathering and if all goes well, he will begin working for ACF in January.

Leonard will be securing an office in Kimana (the closest large town) and they will actually have access to a desk, computer and printer for the first time ever. **Halleluiah!!**

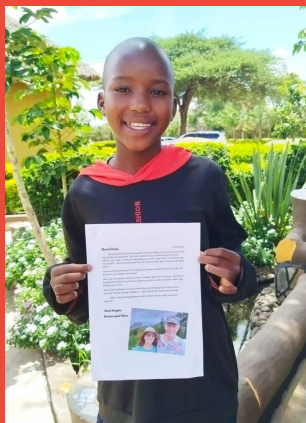
Last but certainly not least, **I want to extend a warm welcome to new sponsors Laura Menichetti (CA) & Judy Zimmet (AZ)** and thank you both for supporting our work and sponsoring three of our students.

Amazing things are happening for ACF and we're excited to see how much we can continue to accomplish in our remote area of Amboseli.

YOUR support keeps us inspired, along with the children we educate. Our students have already benefitted so much and it's our mission to help even more youth living in extreme need. We hope you're inspired too.

With appreciation,
Shari Young
Co-Founder

P.S. The giving season is upon us! Consider gifting to ACF by making a [tax-deductible donation](#) today!



Send your letters now for the holiday gathering

Sponsors, please take a few minutes out of your day to connect with your sponsored child in Amboseli. It will mean so much to them this upcoming holiday season.

A few tips:

Keep it light and keep it simple. Use the letter as an opportunity to just encourage your student. Odds are, your sponsored child is facing a lot of really difficult things.

Encourage them to work hard in school, tell them you are proud of them and that their hard work DOES pay off. Tell them you LOVE THEM! This is so huge, my friends.

Just type your letter into an email, attach a few photos and I'll take care of the rest.



Please say hello to Adam Cary, CPA, PC who is our first ACF Corporate sponsor!

What exactly does this mean? First and foremost Adam believes in our mission to help Maasai children have access to a better life through education and one-on-one mentorship. His CPA firm has given us a generous gift for the scholarship fund which will be used for a variety of much needed services.

We are also looking into offering a sponsorship program with his employees and building additional awareness campaigns for other business entities. It's exciting and new to both of us - and we're thankful for the opportunity!



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ACF Scholarship Fund

Yes...that's right! All donations through the end of the year will be doubled thanks to the generosity of one of our donors.

While sponsorship fees cover educational costs, we do incur many more expenses including medical, transport, gatherings, workshops...etc.

ANY amount is greatly appreciated and now the IMPACT IS DOUBLED!!

GIVE TODAY



AMBOSALI
Children's Fund

Welcome new sponsors to the ACF family!

*Laura Menichetti - Joshua Tinayo
Graham & Victoria Jeffs - Faith Mukore
(they also have Elijah Parimbai)
Kristi & Eric Anderson - Ian Lemaron
Cheryl Lee Rhodes - Isaac Kashiro
Gov & Jan Vaughn - Sabore Kesoi
Jonathan Lowry - Esther Silole
Heather Franklin - Samuel Muyantet
Judy Zimmet - Resian Koipapi
& Lilian Teresian*

And our heartfelt thanks to everyone for making Leonard feel at home on his visit back to the states!

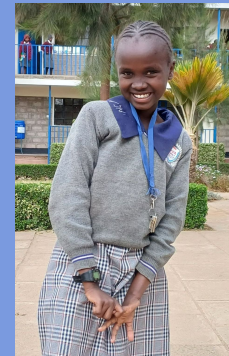




Yes, we still have children needing sponsors

Shown to the right are Peter, Mark, Sission, Erick and Happiness; all children on our waiting list. Help us spread the word about these bright young students and let's get them sponsored by the holidays.

Share this email and video with friends and family; together we can transform lives!



Sheila Walker from Colorado meets her sponsored child Peninah in Nairobi

As told by Nelly Lasoi

I was given the responsibility to accompany Patience Peninah, one of our students in the ACF program, to Nairobi to meet her sponsor, Ms. Sheila Walker, who was visiting Kenya from the United States.

Peninah is 13 years old and will soon be joining Grade 9. This visit was a meaningful opportunity to meet her sponsor in person and build a deeper relationship.

We traveled from Amboseli to Nairobi and met Ms. Sheila at the Ole Sereni Hotel. To be honest Peninah was quite overwhelmed by the sights and sounds of Nairobi. She has never traveled outside of Amboseli and had some difficulty

expressing herself due to extreme shyness.

Ms. Sheila gifted Peninah with several thoughtful items, and in return, Peninah presented her with beautiful Maasai beadwork (shanga) handmade by her mother. This exchange was a touching moment filled with appreciation and connection.

After the meeting, we spent the day together exploring Nairobi. We visited the Nairobi National Museum and the Snake Park. Both Peninah and Ms. Sheila were a bit hesitant to interact with the snakes, but I was able to hold one, which brought some laughter and fun to the group. We also visited the aquarium and explored the museum exhibitions, learning more about Kenya's rich cultural and natural heritage.

Later, we enjoyed lunch together, providing space for deeper conversation. Ms. Sheila shared parts of her life story, including her love for athletics, and encouraged Peninah in her education and personal goals. Even though Peninah remained shy, the bonding between them was genuine and heartfelt.

In the afternoon, we also visited the University of Nairobi, where I currently study pharmacy. Although it was a Saturday and access was limited, I was able to show them the school grounds briefly and explain my academic journey. Afterwards, we visited the Maasai Market, where Ms. Sheila had the chance to see more traditional crafts and interact with local artisans.

The visit concluded the following morning as we returned to Amboseli. The experience was meaningful and memorable, not only for Peninah and her sponsor but also for me. We remain grateful to Ms. Sheila for her kindness and to the Amboseli Children's Fund for fostering opportunities that inspire hope and growth.



Transforming lives, one child at a time

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