

Something special is in the works



Beyond the Tuition; What Really Changes a Child's Future

Folks, this has truly been one of the biggest years for ACF — and I want you to hear why. For years, we've stretched to give every child the attention they deserve, but the truth is, when you're supporting kids across dozens of villages that are hundreds of miles apart, "one-on-one" isn't always possible.

That changes now. We've hired two incredible people, **Narasha Merin and Enock Simaloi**, who will be working out of our Kimana office every single day — not checking in occasionally, but actually knowing our primary and secondary students by name, sitting with them, following their progress, catching the small problems before they become big ones. This is the kind of presence I've dreamed about since we started. And it doesn't stop at secondary school. Through collaboration with *Ngong Road Children's Foundation*, our post-secondary students in Nairobi — the ones navigating college or vocational training far from home — now have real mentorship too. Counseling. Career guidance. Someone in their corner asking "how are you really doing?" This is the piece that's always kept me up at night: watching a student graduate secondary school and then feeling like we handed them a map and said good luck. **Not anymore.**

Here's what I want you to know: **this is exactly why ACF is different. Anyone can write a check for school fees.** We do that too, of course — but what keeps me doing this work, year after year, is everything underneath it: the mentorship, the spiritual guidance, the follow-through, the person who shows up to ask how a child's exams went, whether they had breakfast, whether they're okay. That's the part you can't see on a spreadsheet, and it's the part that changes a kid's whole trajectory.

A generous donor has funded this new program through the end of the year. If all goes well, we hope to secure additional funding for next year. **YOU can help us in this endeavor by spreading the word!** New sponsors, donations to the Scholarship Fund - posts on social media...anything helps.

We're also welcoming five new children into the ACF family this year. **Five more kids who now have a shot at a different future.** And we're building a library at the Kimana office — because education isn't just about passing exams, it's about falling in love with learning, having a quiet place to dream a little bigger.

Our good friends at Lenkai Christian school have also offered to host our gatherings and assist with our workshops; we are blessed by all that is happening.

None of it would be possible without your continued support. **Thank you for being a part of the ACF family.** A small group with a big impact!

Shari Young

Co-Founder

AmboseliChildrensFund.org



Write your letter today

*Attention sponsors! We're asking if you'd send a quick letter to your sponsored student during their school break this coming August. I will actually be **HAND DELIVERING** all the letters personally!*

Just a few lines about why you care, or what you're proud of. No pressure, no fancy words.

It will take five minutes, but for them?

It's proof that they are valued and loved.

Just email me your note; and a recent pic or two.

*Folks - I must have it by **Friday, July 31.***

- Share personal stories - family, special events
- Ask questions - what is your favorite animal, who is your best friend and why?
- Offer encouragement - we are thinking of you and cheering you on from across the world
- Include photos



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WE GET. WE MAKE A LIFE BY
WHAT WE GIVE.
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And here we go...

*In just a short time we'll be touching down in Kenya for what's going to be an unforgettable journey for our ACF sponsors! Yes, our first ever group of travelers - another great milestone for **Amboseli Children's Fund.***

From thrilling game drives and walking safaris to connecting with the rich Maasai culture and warm hospitality, this trip is packed with moments that will stay with us forever.

Of course the highlight and deeper purpose for these sponsors will be the opportunity to meet their young students face-to-face, hear their stories, and celebrate our connection. Together, we'll dive into hands-on workshops designed to encourage practical skills and spark fresh new ideas.

Please keep us in your hearts and prayers for a safe and meaningful journey - we can't wait to return home to share stories, photos, and unforgettable moments with all of you!





Narasha Merin

ACF Program Manager

"A strong community is built on the shoulders of those willing to serve it. I believe real change starts at home."

I grew up in Olgulului, in the shadow of Amboseli National Park. I started as a day scholar and by Class 4 I had moved into boarding school — the same year **Beads for Education** came looking for intelligent, vulnerable students to support. I was one of the few chosen.

That scholarship didn't just change my life — it ensured a future I might never have had. I went on to **TopRide Academy**, which funded my education all the way through university. As a Maasai girl, that opportunity meant so much more than tuition. It protected me from cultural practices that would have stood between me and my dreams, and it gave me the freedom to imagine a different life for myself.

I carry that experience with me every day. It's why I chose community development — I want to help other vulnerable children and give them the tools to thrive.

That's why joining **Amboseli Children's Fund** as Program Manager means so much to me. This isn't just a job — it's a chance to give back, and work toward ensuring children and families in my own community have the same doors opened for them: education, skills, and knowledge that will let them dream and build a better future.



Enock Simaloi

Case Manager

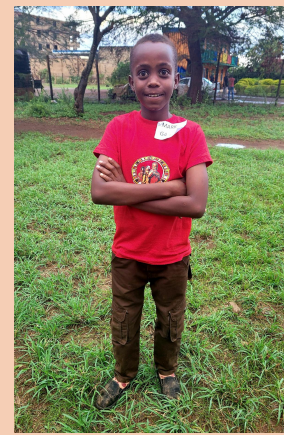
"I firmly believe that while none of us can change the whole world alone, we can change the world for one child, and that is where lasting change begins."

My journey with **Amboseli Children's Fund** began in an unexpected but meaningful way. While representing **Cara Projects** as a Male Champion and Youth Advocate at the 2026 International Menstrual Health and Hygiene Summit, I learned about ACF and its commitment to transforming children's lives through education, care, and opportunity.

A conversation with a co-worker led to an introduction to **Ngong Road Children's Foundation** and then to the ACF team. After meeting with board member Sam Bridle and founder Shari Young, I knew I had found an organization whose mission reflected the values I have always carried in my heart.

For me, working with children and communities is more than a profession—it is a calling. Every child deserves to feel safe, valued, and empowered to pursue their dreams regardless of their background.

Throughout my journey in community development, youth advocacy, and child protection, I have seen how kindness, mentorship, and education can transform lives. As a Case Manager at ACF, I will be honored to walk alongside our learners and their families, helping them overcome challenges while encouraging them to believe in their own potential.



SPONSORS NEEDED

Yes - we have children still waiting to be sponsored!! Shown above is **Mark Saidimu**, just 9 years old and in 4th grade. He is a cheerful, outgoing boy and eagerly awaits the news that we have found a sponsor.



Peter Nkirrimpa lost his father many years ago. As a single woman, his Mum lives well below the poverty line and struggles to make ends meet.

Peter is a very humble boy, and above average in his classes. He would do well to have a male role figure in his life, and hopes someone steps up to take him.

Help us spread the word and let's get

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity, and I don't take it lightly.

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I am deeply grateful to Shari Young and the entire ACF family for believing in me and welcoming me into this mission. I look forward to growing with the organization, serving with integrity, compassion, and humility, and making a lasting difference—one child, one family, and one community at a time.

**these boys
sponsored!**

Sponsor a
child
today



Shown above: Our first group photo back in 2015. Everyone you see here is now a post-secondary student or soon to be on their way. YOU are changing lives - one child at a time.

Our new website is here!

You may have visited us online before - but it's time for another look.

We've spent the last few months giving our website a full refresh: new photos, updated information on our programs, and a much easier way to see why Amboseli Children's Fund is so unique - and so impactful.

Whether you're a longtime sponsor or just getting to know us, there's something new to discover. From our growing Kenya team to our latest partnership with Ngong Road Children's Foundation, Come see what's changed.

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