



Joining Hearts and Hands Invests in Children and Their Futures

COVID has been a challenge whether we are here in the States or across the ocean in Africa.

Since 2020 we at Joining Hearts and Hands have ramped up our focus on the students, their families and the human condition. We have **increased the numbers of scholarships, provided food assistance in Kenya and Tanzania and expanded tuition assistance to Usambara Girls High School** in Korogwe, Tanzania. Due to COVID and a severe drought in Tanzania, crops are failing at an alarming rate. Subsequently the income that parents earn from farming collapsed. Joining Hearts and Hands created an **Income Assistance Program** for each student. The benefits were two-fold:

Students were able to remain in school as their tuition arrears were supported and Usambara Girls School was able to pay its teachers and stay open.

The Legacy of Hannah's Hope

In June of 2007 a tragic accident resulted in the death of 5 wonderful human beings, 2007 graduates of Fairport High School in suburban Rochester, New York. Hannah Congdon was one of the girls who passed. Her support for Joining Hearts and Hands as a high school student brought awareness to the plight of kids just like her who didn't have the opportunities that our kids have here in the States.

As a testament to Hannah's love of others and kids in need, Joining Hearts and Hands built an early childhood school in Katito, Kenya in 2009. It was appropriately named **Hannah's Hope**.

In order to further Hannah's legacy, Joining Hearts and Hands decided to follow those pre-school children and provide those in need with high school scholarships when they completed 8th grade. To date, we have provided **20 high school scholarships to Hannah's Kids**. The first graduates were this year.

Below are two of the 20 graduates.

Without your financial support, this would not happen!



From 6th Grade to College Graduation

Joining Hearts and Hands has provided high school scholarships to nearly 1000 students since we began in 2005. Many go on to college, technical and trade schools. Your support for these young students has provided a better life that would have been beyond their grasp. Even more important is that you have given them **HOPE!**

Below are Mercelyne Opana and Brigid Were. Mercelyne and Brigid are identical twins. We started with them when they were in Grade 6, their United States' sponsors provided their high school education and due to their superior high school achievement were able to attend and graduate from college with no support from Joining Hearts and Hands!



Thank you for your support for the beautiful children of Africa. We cannot do any of this without your generosity.

Please consider a donation of any size!

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