

MISSION WITH A VISION



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GIVING HOPE TO GIRLS ESCAPING FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION, FORCED  
EARLY MARRIAGE, AND OTHER FORMS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR - DEBRA HOPKINS

I have been a part of *Mission With A Vision* for over fifteen years. During this time, many girls and young women have passed through the safe-house and have been given the opportunity to receive an education through *Mission With A Vision*.

*Mission With A Vision* has given hope not just to the girls in the safe-house but even those that were vulnerable in their villages.

As our reputation keeps growing, the number of girls escaping Female Genital Mutilation, forced early marriage, and other forms of gender based violence, continues to increase. We are in need of funding to help feed, shelter, and educate our growing numbers.

On behalf of the board I wish to thank all organizations that have supported *Mission With A Vision* and given hope to hundreds of girls.

I humbly ask you to continue supporting the program and, if possible, encourage more people and organizations to join us. Remember, no donation is too small for us; \$10 will provide sanitary pads for 20 girls!

Thank you so much for being part of this vision.





## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO - PATRICK NGIGI

I wish to thank the board and all our sponsors for standing with us since we took in the first girl in 1997 with the support of our then chairperson, Ann Keaton and her husband, Keaton Roebuck. 26 years of hard work and your support have given opportunities to over 1,300 girls escaping forced early marriage, female genital mutilation, and other forms of gender-based violence.

Without your support, there is no way we could have been able to change the lives of these girls and young women. We have seen them grow, graduate from college, get jobs, and get married to people of their choice. Your support has made all the difference.

Our program has grown from supporting one girl in 1997 to supporting over 200 girls annually through our rescue program, fees scholarship, and vocational training. We also engage in women empowerment and advocacy on women rights.

Our hope is to expand our vocational training program to train over 100 young ladies and teen mothers yearly. We believe in changing the society one girl at a time. When you educate a girl, you educate a community.

Thank you for your support.



# OUR NEWS FOR THE LAST ONE YEAR

## 1. OUR RESCUE CENTER

Since 2014, we have been able to give a safe home for hundreds of girls escaping female genital mutilation, forced early marriage, and other forms of gender-based violence. We really appreciate all those who have worked tirelessly to provide funding that ensures that the home remains open.

Thanks to Ann and Keaton Roebuck who helped build the first safe-house in 2003 and Joe and Jo Ann Parson who helped to build the current safe-house in 2013, and the support they have continued to give. Thanks to all individuals who have supported in one way or another to ensure that these girls remain in school. You have put a smile on our girls' faces and given them hope. to keep pressing on.





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## 2. CHARITY WALK

As you may have been aware, Patrick and Josephine walked from Narok to Nairobi to raise funds for *Mission With A Vision*, a distance of 168 kilometers which was covered in 7 days. Though the scorching sun made it tough and challenging, they eventually made it and raised \$16,540.



We were able to clear all the debt that was owed after some of our 128 sponsored children lost sponsors during covid because of death and loss of income. We were also able to install a large solar water pumping system at the farm. This provides 10,000 liters per hour of water to the farm. Our dream is to move most of the girls to the 8-acre farm as it is more spacious. Our current safe-house rests on a 100\*50 plot.



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### 3. EWANGAN HIGH SCHOOL



Through a donor, Change Your Stars Foundation, *Mission With A Vision* was able to construct a complete high school at Nairaisrasa Village, about 3 kilometers from our farm. In January, we handed over the school to the Kenyan Government. We thank Change Your Stars Foundation for having funded the project.

Change Your Stars Foundation is still supporting the school by paying the staff and financing the day-to-day expenditures and the purchase of books and other items.

The school is now fully registered, is run by a government-employed principal, and has its own board.



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### 4. FARM DORMITORY

We also wish to thank Mission Direct which started the construction of a dormitory at the farm last year. The construction is currently at an advanced level. This dormitory will host our girls who will attend Ewangan High School.

Once complete, it will provide housing for all the girls at the rescue center when they relocate in 2024 to stay at the farm. We hope to use the current safe-house as a vocational training school for them and a tailoring center for the production of school uniforms for sale.



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### 5. TAILORING CENTER



Our tailoring center started small with support from Barel & Barbey Avocats from Switzerland in a building that was constructed by Cerdarburg United Methodist Church

in 2011. Others who have supported this initiative of the tailoring project include but are not limited to: African Children's Haven, Bernard Sunley Foundation, St. George Church Halifax, Methodist Central Hall, Turf, and individuals who have all worked hard to set up this income-generating arm of the project.

This year, we were able to expand it after receiving a donation to purchase additional knitting machines and funding to build new semi-permanent buildings from AESOP through Charity Aid Foundation. Barel and Barbey have also continued supporting the project.

The tailoring center has now provided a full time job to 9 girls and 2 men both in the production and sales sections. We hope to increase this number to 20 girls by the end of 2024. The center is almost breaking even and it is currently able to pay all workers and rent for our two outlets. Our hope is that next year the tailoring center will provide an income of \$12,000 which will go towards supporting the safe-house.





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## 6. FOOD PRODUCTION



We have been growing food to support our girls for the last 10 years. In 2017, we received a boost with donation of a tractor and farm implements by the Permanent Endowment Fund of the Moody Memorial First Methodist Church through African Children's Haven.

Currently, we grow food on our land. We also have leased an extra 30 acres on which we grow fodder crops for our farm animals. The cows on the farm not only give adequate milk for our girls but they give extra that we sell. The proceeds from the milk allow us to pay workers, service the machines, pay the farm bills, and support a few of the girls.



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## 7. GARDEN TOWER PROJECT



*Mission With A Vision* has always had a vision to empower the community. With support from 100 humanitarians, we have been setting up garden towers in the villages of Nairasiarasa and Kipangas. These garden towers provide vegetables for families even during the dry season since a tower is made up of one or two bags that need minimum water. Moreover, they do not require a lot of fencing as a land portion would. Some people do not have land and, therefore, having a garden tower outside their houses is a great solution to ensure they have vegetables.



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## 8. VOCATIONAL TRAINING



This year, our small vocational training was able to train and see 12 girls graduate. These were in three different categories: 1 in hairdressing, 3 in knitting, and 8 in dress-making.

We thank ACH, First Methodist Church of Grand Junction, AESOP, Charity Aid Foundation, Nancy and Bob Hackett for supporting this program. Training one girl fully and providing her with a sewing machine costs approximately \$1,700. Without the support of our partners, we could not have trained them. We hope to enroll a new class in September if we get funding.



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## 9. GRADUATIONS AND WEDDINGS

Our goal is to ensure that all girls rescued achieve their goals and get married to people of their choice as opposed to being forced to marry people they hardly know. Four of our girls graduated from college between December 2022 and January 2023 and all the four are already working.

We also had two beautiful weddings for two of our girls to men of their choice!





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## 10. RECONCILIATION

One of our goals is to ensure that girls are eventually reconciled with their families. We work towards this objective through village elders and the local administration. This year, we were able to reconcile

15 girls with their families. Two of these families came back to show appreciation for our support. Despite the fact they were not happy when the girls came to the safe-house, they are now happy that the girls got an education.



The most honored way of showing appreciation in the Maasai culture is by giving a live animal. That was why Christine's family pictured above brought a goat as a show of appreciation. To the left is Christine on her graduation day.

# APPRECIATION

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Thank you so much for supporting us and making this happen. Thanks to all individual sponsors and all organizations that have kept Mission With A Vision going. Thank you for having our back, some of you for all the 26 years we have been in existence. Asante Sana.

We also thank those who have supported us locally through logistics support, financial, and material support. This includes the Children's Department, the Judiciary, the Police, our area M.P., the office of County Commissioner, ACCs and the Chiefs, the Education Office, principals and heads of institutions where our children learn, Mara Hope Restoration Church, Alkebu, Free Pentecostal Church, Calvary Church, Maasi Girls Christian Union, SDA Church, KCB, Jomo Kenyatta Foundation, and Kenya Education Fund, among many others.



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