

PRESS RELEASE

NEWS FROM KENYA

Greetings...

Hello Bunty, Panna and friends, I want to give you two success stories so that people will see how their sacrifice and generosity can impact on a life of an otherwise desperate person.

Best Wishes Rose

Objective...

Club Rafiki's main objective is to support the educational needs of children, living in poverty, in Nanyuki, Kenya.

Education Agency

We place children in an appropriate school in the child's location. We currently have 76 children placed in nine different schools in Nanyuki. Rose Muhoro runs the agency which is located in Nanyuki Town Centre.

Rose Natome

This was the first child to be sponsored by Club Rafiki. When Eve first met her (in 2010), she was living in a ramshackle of a dwelling

with her near-blind grandmother. The place was literally crawling with fleas! Eve not only moved them to a better place but also took it upon herself to cater for Rose's every need. A few years later we learnt that she was being abused by her uncle (starving) and he actually

considered marrying her off! I took her in and threatened her relatives so that they would let her stay with me. The girl blossomed and started doing very well in school and graduated last year with grades that will earn her a place in the university. She wants to be a nurse.



Me with Rose in 2010

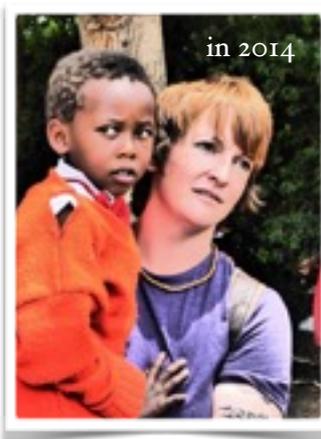


Nzaitune

Nobody really knows her surname. A jolly girl who wants to be a pilot. Her mother was a very young girl when she was born and she became traumatised.



Right now Nzaitune lives in a very large family with cousins. The common factor is the grandmother who acts as mother to all. While she works very hard, it is difficult to feed the children let alone clothe them. Nzaitune depends entirely on us to meet her needs. She is a lovely soul, always smiling. Julia met her on her visit to Kenya and now supports her.



Rebecca Waithera

This is one of our very first children. We took her in when she was about 4 years old. Even then, she was HIV positive. Her mother had died and she was living with an adoptive grandmother. She still does.

When social stigma became too much, we had her admitted into a home for such children. For some time, we didn't bother with her upkeep because the home catered for everything but recently her grandmother came back to me to tell me that soon she will be leaving the home as the release age is thirteen. Hence, our renewed interest in her.

You can see from the photo that she is a happy child. She is in class seven so in two years she will be going to high school. Frankly, no one expected her to make it this far. But God is gracious. Rebecca wants to be a doctor.

