



Thank you for being part of the Hekima Place family!

Thank you for sponsoring a Hekima Place girl! Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of our girls and helps us fulfill our mission in Kenya. *Asante sana*—thank you so much!

Your sponsorship pledge allows Hekima Place to give our girls the gifts of:

Education - Each sponsorship helps covers the cost of school fees, clothing, and supplies. In many cases, the sponsorship program also makes it possible for Hekima Place children to pursue higher education or vocational training.

Health - The health of your sponsored child is monitored, and regular check-ups and other health care are provided. Girls receive a balanced diet at home and school, and we ensure that their drinking water is safe and clean. Good nutrition and healthy habits are nurtured and encouraged.

Emotional Security - Each child at Hekima Place receives personal attention, guidance, and opportunities for play and fun, all in a safe, loving environment. The girls' primary caretakers are permanent, fulltime employees who love children and are committed to the Hekima Place philosophy. Girls in need of counseling are given the support they need.



Our girls treasure the letters and photos they receive from their sponsors. We encourage you to communicate with your child as often as you are able throughout the year. The girls look forward to learning about you, your family, and what your life is like. Birthday and holiday cards are especially anticipated! (See opposite page for our mailing address in Kenya.)

You can also email your child to Founder and Director Kate Fletcher at hekimaplacekenya@gmail.com. Kate will print your email and make sure your sponsored girl receives it!

Stay in touch!

In the U.S. or Canada, please contact:

Lauren Julius

Sponsorship Program Chair

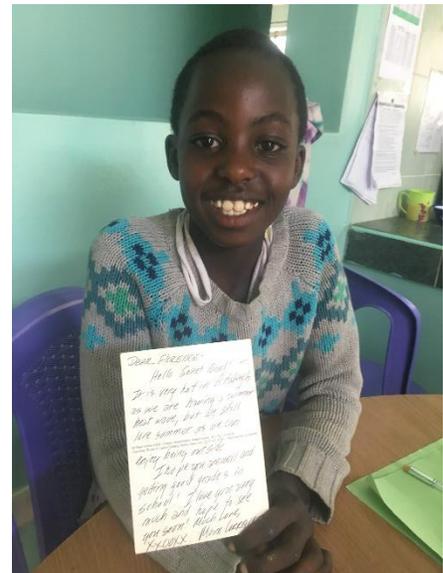
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Hekima Place Sponsorship Fast Facts

What does it cost to become a sponsor? We ask our sponsors to donate at least \$750 per year to sponsor a primary or high school-aged girl, and \$3,000 per year to sponsor a university girl.

What happens once my sponsored girl graduates from high school? You may decide to increase your sponsorship level to represent the cost of university tuition (\$3,000 per year) or you can ask to be reassigned a younger child.

How are girls assigned to a sponsor? We strive to ensure that every girl is assigned at least one sponsor, so preference is given to girls who do not yet have an assigned sponsor. Our girls look forward to communicating with their sponsors throughout the year. Multiple sponsors allow us to cover the full cost of supporting each child and help ensure that sponsors will be an active presence in the girls' lives.

How long does sponsorship last? Our donors have the opportunity to support a child for a number of years, usually through high school graduation. Some sponsors are able to support their sponsored child during her entire education. However, we understand that donors' circumstances can change. Sponsorship can be discontinued at any time; we encourage you to re-join the program when you are able.

How/when is payment due? Our sponsorship program runs on the calendar year. When you sign up to become a sponsor, we ask that your sponsorship donation be paid in full by December 31st. Your sponsorship commitment will renew automatically the following year, unless we hear from you. You are welcome to pay toward your sponsorship pledge in installments, or sign up to make automatic monthly or quarterly donations via credit card.

You can donate by clicking on our [online sponsorship form](#), visiting our website at www.hekimaplace.org, or mailing your sponsorship payment to:

Hekima Place, Attn: Sponsorship, 407 Morrison Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15216.

How can sponsors communicate with their child? Sponsors are encouraged to send their child a letter of introduction and photos of themselves. Our girls study English in school, so communicating with their sponsors is a great way for them to practice their writing skills. You may write to your girl as often as you like. Birthday and holiday cards are especially anticipated! Small gifts are optional, but gifts of cash are *not* permitted, as the mail in Kenya can be very unreliable and we cannot guarantee their safe delivery. Larger gifts are often shared among the girls. Most of all, the girls look forward to learning about you, your family, and what your life is like, through letters and photos!

Kenyan Mailing Address:

Kate Fletcher, Founder & Executive Director
Hekima Place Trust
Box 308
Kiserian 00206 Kenya
Attn: Sponsorship

A note on transitions

Life transitions for your child may occasionally occur during the course of your sponsorship. The lives of the children we serve are quite different from our own, and sometimes a child must leave school or move with family to another area. At other times, the child has graduated from higher education and the Hekima Place program. If any one of these or other changes occur in the life of your sponsored child, our office will notify you as soon as possible.

For further details, please contact Katie Matson at kmatson@hekimaplace.org or 412-860-9527.