



Wondrous and amazing grace...

What else can you call it, when a recently widowed, retired teacher—and a self-described homebody—Googles the phrase “AIDS, Africa, and Orphans” ... And decides to leave her home, friends, and comfortable life behind to volunteer fulltime at an orphanage in Kenya?

“Wondrous and amazing grace.” What else can you call it, when—

*...After two years of living and volunteering at the orphanage, this 67-year-old woman returns to the U.S. and tells friends and family that she is selling her home, her car, and all her possessions. She dreams of starting a new home to address the unmet needs of orphaned and vulnerable girls in Kenya—a home that will be **a place of wisdom, hope, and love.***

*...This same woman, who spent her career as an educator and administrator, jumps headlong into transforming a plot of undeveloped land into **a beautiful, welcoming, and safe home**—one that includes six cottages, a large dining and gathering hall, and a five-acre working farm.*

*...You witness firsthand how **“Mum Kate”** cares for these bereaved, abandoned, and abused girls, allowing them to blossom into **loving, self-confident, and faith-filled young women.***

The story of Hekima Place is **truly wondrous and miraculous!** Twelve years ago, “Kate’s Kids” opened its doors to ten girls on rented property. Since then, Hekima Place has grown in size and reputation, today caring for and educating nearly 90 girls of all ages. As Kate steps back from daily management of the home, **we honor her for her love, courage, energy, and compassion.**

The Kate’s Kids Scholarship Fund will honor Kate by providing scholarships to deserving students, including our girls and other qualifying children from the local community.

Please join us in thanking Kate for her years of service by donating to the **Kate’s Kids Scholarship Fund**. We aim to raise **\$50,000** between August 1 and September 30 to show our appreciation and love for Kate, who has inspired so many. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Over a decade ago, Kate asked me to join her on this journey. Because I said “Yes,” my life has been **transformed and blessed** in ways I never could have imagined.

I hope you will also say “Yes,” as we embark upon this new journey of wonder and grace!

With gratitude and best wishes,

Jim DiPiero

Board President

