# **CWPFG Celebration**

Celebration of Children and Widows Protection and Fellowship Group with Odongo Kenas, Eric Andre, his mother Natalie Andre (below) and Vivian Awuor at Othora Village, Migori County, Kenya December 14-15, 2024



Also attending: Mentor Sophy Collins, Counselor Dominic Okongo, Kenas' sister Mary Evaline, five of Kenas' brothers Edwin Omuto, Robert Onyango, Hillary Ouma, Kepher Otieno, and Kevin Ochieng, Kenas' stepmothers Risper Auma and Isdorah Ogallo, local headteacher Dan Iweto, primary school teacher Dan Ochally, high school teacher Vincent Panga, primary school teacher George Odoyo, and about 250 girls and 200 women, plus young children

# **CWPFG INTERNATIONAL, INC. MISSION STATEMENT**

CWPFG International's mission is to empower girls and women through transformative education, entrepreneurship and reproductive health. Its community-based approach helps women and girls overcome or avoid poverty, illiteracy, HIV, and gender-based oppression. Its goal is to reach women and girls in remote areas of Kenya, enabling them to survive and flourish in their own communities.

### **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF CWPFG INTERNATIONAL, INC.:**

- Empower girls through financial support of their education
- Empower women through entrepreneurship support
- Support holistic reproductive health through sanitary supplies, contraceptives, and sexual education.

### PROGRAMS SUPPORTING THESE OBJECTIVES:

### The Deborah Ullian Kashdan Scholarship Program

- Education is power for women through reduction of poverty.
- Unequal access to education is the silent architect of gender disparity.

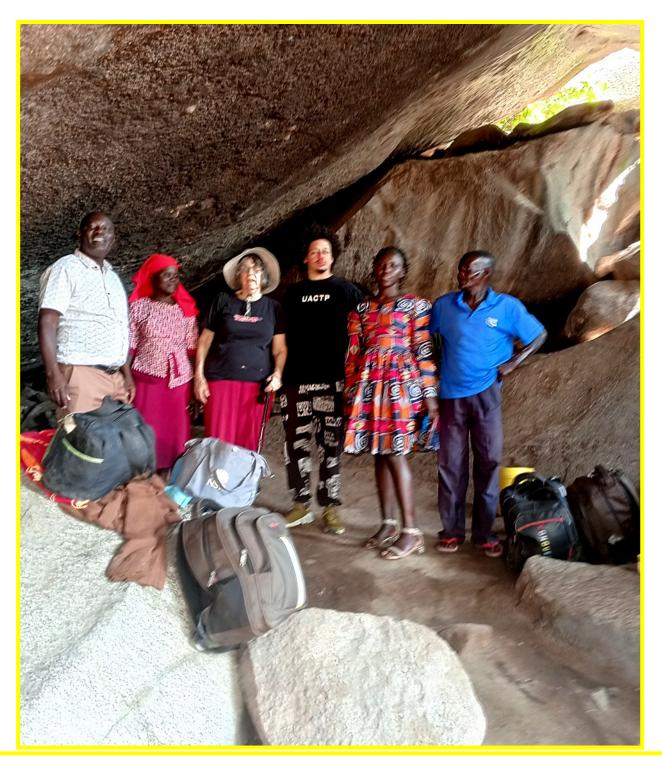
### The F. W. Reproductive Health and Sexual Education Program

- Every woman deserves the right to quality reproductive healthcare, regardless of where they live or their socioeconomic status. Access to quality reproductive health is not optional; it is among the most neglected of human rights.
- Investing in adolescent reproductive health education is a fundamental way to prevent teen pregnancies with its negative impact on mothers and their children.

### The Natalie Andre Women Entrepreneurship Program

- Empowering women is the foundation of achieving gender equality and economic vitality.
- To break poverty cycles in society, women must be empowered financially.

Future programs contemplated: water access through cisterns and wells



Muhuru cave, near Lake Victoria, is one of the tourist sites in Migori County. It is believed that it was once used as a protective ground and hiding place during WWI and WWII. Nowadays it is used as a shrine for prayers since locals believes that there is divine power in that area.

Standing here are Kenas, a local woman, Natalie, Eric, Vivian and the local official guide to the caves.



Outside Muhuru caves, with Lake Victoria in the background.

Eric in Muhuru cave with local woman; notice the sun shining in on them from above.



Eric,
Natalie
and
Vivian
outside
the
caves.





Two girls giggling as Eric sings Hakuna Matata. Their names are Tet Noela and IvyJabes.

Eric and our guide,
Celestine,
hamming it
up



Eric play-scaring children; always the comedian!





Girls in the audience on the first day, waiting for festivities to begin and to receive sanitary supplies

Below, everyone showing enthusiasm after program was completed







Eric with the CWPFG shirt given to him Dec. 14, 2024

Kenas and Vivian wearing Florida National Organization for Women tee shirts, their gift from Natalie





Sophy is giving Natalie the CWPFG shirt. Kenas is describing this via the microphone, while Vivian sorts through other items.



Beef, chicken and fish were provided in the community center next door to the festivities. Natalie loved the fish, straight from Lake Victoria!





Two teams who played against each other. This was held after the program where sanitary supplies were distributed and recipients and volunteers were introduced to Eric and Natalie.





Business women with an enthusiastic Eric, second day; equally enthusiastic women in second photo





On the way to and from Othora Village, Eric asked to stop and observe local sporting events. This photo gives a good idea of how the area looks, as well as the inhabitants' devotion to competitive sports.



Kenas' sister, sitting, is Evaline Adhiambo, the one next to her is Doris Dock, and the fourth one with a blue hat is Nelly Osumo.



From right, Kenas' mother Mary Auma, Vivian Odete, Violet Edwin, Evaline Adhiambo, Natalie, Geff Franklin, Eric, Kenas, Dominic, Edwin



Natalie with Kenas' mother, Mary Auma

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# Debbie Ullian Kashdan and Susan Atieno, friends for 30 years











This is to Certify that

# Matalie Pullman Andre

For being Executive Director of CWPFG

ON THIS DAY 14TH DECEMBER 2024

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