

The Deborah Ullian Kashdan Scholarship Program Stories

Following two years as a medical director in this rural area of Kenya during the mid 1990s, Deborah U. Kashdan helped the children of her Kenyan friends obtain their education. The need remains, and the scholarship program is named in her honor.

One of these children, Kenas Odongo, is now a business teacher in a high school which focuses on at-risk girls—those with financial needs and/or early motherhood. He is pictured below, with the 39 high school girls and 1 young woman attending a TVET course at a technical training institute when they received support for their school fees in a ceremony on January 2, 2025.

Note that funds go directly to the schools, for security.





Vivian Auwor, Director of CWPFPG, grew up under its guidance. Here she is with many of the recipients of scholarships on Jan. 2, 2025. She is wearing a CWPFPG shirt.

High school girls were highly motivated when they visited local university This gave them a positive attitude towards education.



The Following Are Stories of Individual Students



Merolyne Atieno is a 17 years old teenage mother who dropped out of school in Form Two 2023 due to pregnancy, She is a beneficiary of F.W. Reproductive Health and Sexual Education Program where she is getting free contraceptives every three months.

CWPFG is planning to take her back to school in 2025 for readmission should the funds be available through the Deborah Ullian Sponsorship Program.



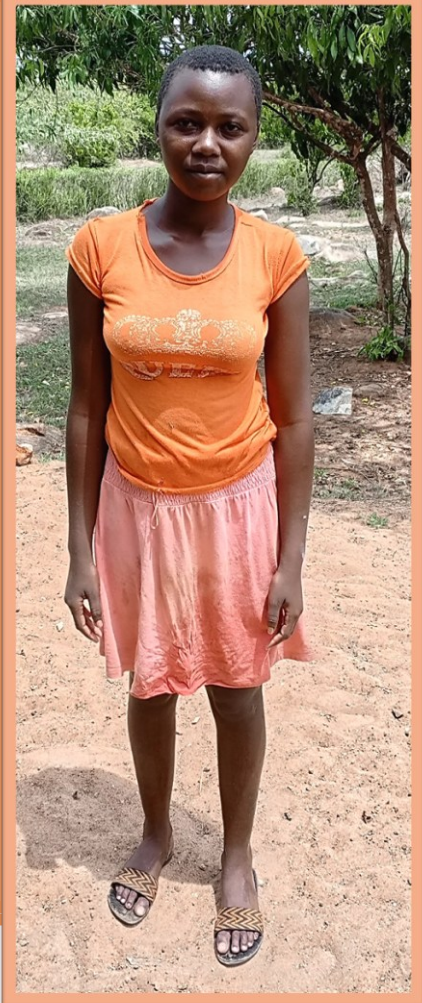
Movinter Atieno is a beneficiary of Deborah Kashdan Sponsorship Program in school. She is currently in Form Three and very much thankful for support towards her education

I am Saida Caroly, born in a polygamous family. My father has two wives, my mom being the eldest; in total we are 11 children.

Currently I am in Form Three and next year I am supposed to complete my high school after doing my Form Four.

My education journey had been a great struggle with a lot of challenges. All through my education I have been forced to spend a lot of time at home due to lack of funds to pay the school tuition. My mom depends on manual jobs which hardly earns her ksh 150 (\$1.16) per day.

I have applied for partial sponsorship from CWPFG to assist me in completing my education.



16 years old Nezline Achieng

Daniel writes about

overcoming early teenage pregnancy and early marriage to go to school:

In my community, we have many out-of-school girls. Most of us girls want to be educated but due to high rates of poverty some parents value marriage for their young daughters at tender ages.

In my family we are eight children. My father is poor and he is unable to pay tuition fees for me and other siblings.

Without CWPFG, I would be already married with many children. CWPFG came to my rescue; with support from CWPFG I am now in school.

These two sisters, Emmy currently 16 yrs old and Vicky currently 15 yrs



old, are struggling to overcome the odds of early teenage pregnancy. They both gave birth at the ages of 14 years and they are now struggling to make their future life better; coming from an extremely poor family they have decided to try a second chance to carry on with their education.

As mothers struggling to raise young babies, these two girls are currently in high school courtesy of CWPFG. They are among a group of girls who have applied for partial sponsorship to be supported for their education.

They are appealing to those willing to support CWPFG so that they can get the opportunity to be in school.