

# GATHIMBA EDWARDS

*Foundation*

GIVING KIDS IN KENYA A CHANCE

## WELCOME PACK



with thanks



**Thank you for your interest in sponsoring a child with GEF.  
We hope that this is the beginning of a life changing friendship  
for both yourself and your sponsored child.**

Your monthly support of £35 covers the education (fees, school meals, uniform and school shoes) of the child you are sponsoring.

Our team pay school fee and meal monies directly to the respective schools and go uniform/school shoe shopping with the children. The costs of supporting a primary school child are significantly less than those of a secondary school child. In the cases where there is a deficit of funds in relation to secondary school children and their monthly support, GEF will do additional fundraising to cover these costs.

As of January 2020 our focus will be on recruiting primary school children in need so that there is an accumulation of funds for when they reach secondary school.

Should you choose or be unable to continue your support please let us know so that we can strive to source an alternative sponsor. You are welcome at any point to email us for an update on how the child you previously sponsored is doing.

Thank you very much for your generous support.

Yours sincerely,

**Gideon Gathimba and Myles Edwards**



## **THE KIDS WE SUPPORT**

We believe that every child in life deserves a chance to excel and we encourage the kids we support to make the most of the opportunity they have been given.

### **Education**

We set fair and achievable school grade targets for our children to attain. These are:

- 250/500 at the end of Primary School (Standard 1–8) – if a child fails to attain this mark they will be given one chance to re-sit S7&8. We will also take into account students who have shown improvement in the face of life challenges but have not reached 250.

- Following the completion of Secondary School (Form 1-4) we will continue to support children who attain the required grades for public university. Those who do not attain the grades required for public university will have several options:

- The opportunity to re-sit their final year of secondary school
- Take part in a computer course
- Attend GEF seminars
- Have access to careers guidance and motivation from our staff and also through our buddy system
- A college course may be an option in certain circumstances providing that a student meets the criteria set out in our GEF Education Policy

### **Letter writing**

The letters written between children and their sponsors are an integral part of building a strong relationship. We also make sure that if a sponsor travels to Kenya on one of our trips, you get the opportunity to meet your sponsored child. After signing up to sponsor a child with GEF it would be lovely if you can write the first letter introducing yourself to the child and including any pictures of yourself/your family.

Our kids will hand write the letters in Kenya and they will be scanned/sent to you along with a photo via email to save postage costs and also make it easier for sponsors to reply.

Sponsors can either send letters to one of the below postal addresses or scan/email them to [info@gathimbaedwardsfoundation.org](mailto:info@gathimbaedwardsfoundation.org) and they will be printed for the children to read and keep. Please do let us know if you prefer to receive the letters by post as this can be arranged.

If sending letters or a gift by post please ensure you know/check with us whether your sponsored child's location is Iten or Karatina location. It is important to note that we may be charged by the Kenyan postal service for collection of anything larger than a letter. We can inform you of these charges when a gift arrives and arrange best method of payment.

In some cases you may find that your child has written his/her school or home address at the top of the letter. Please do not get confused by this but always send your response to one of the GEF addresses below.

Our 2 addresses in Kenya

Gathimba Edwards Foundation  
FAO (Name of the child you are sponsoring)  
followed by

PO Box 149  
Iten 30700  
Kenya

or

PO Box 1363  
Karatina 10101  
Kenya

Our kids will always write a letter to you in the school holidays here which are April, August and December but for children who are not away at boarding school we will help them to respond to letters which arrive outwith those months. Please allow a little more time until holidays come around for those who are away at boarding school to reply. Please inform us by email if you have not received a letter by the end of these months.

The kids really enjoy receiving and writing letters from and to you and we sincerely hope that this joy is also getting across to you when receiving their letters in your home country. We realise sometimes that life's busy nature can make it difficult to find the time to write regular letters/emails to the child you are sponsoring, but we kindly ask you to try your best to find the time so that the child does not feel they are the only ones writing. Those of you who are sponsoring a very young child may notice different handwritings in letters. This will be due to the fact that the small children may not yet be able to write the letters themselves but are assisted by their parents, siblings or GEF staff. However, we do encourage the very young kids to contribute something to the letters themselves in order to allow you to become a witness of their educational journey.

## HOW TO SET UP YOUR SPONSORSHIP

In terms of starting your sponsorship of a GEF child please can we ask that you set up a standing order for £35 on the 1st of each month, with the child's name as a reference, to the following account.

Gathimba Edwards Foundation

IBAN: GB84BOFS80226012495163

BIC: BOFSGBS1SDP

Bank: Bank of Scotland

Account number: 12495163 Sort code: 802260

Address of Bank: Bank of Scotland, 39 Albyn Place, Aberdeen, AB10 1YN, Scotland, UK

Please notify us when you have done so by emailing [info@gathimbaedwardsfoundation.org](mailto:info@gathimbaedwardsfoundation.org)

Further information we require from sponsors:

- Postal address
- Email address
- To whom the letter should be addressed
- Should you change email/postal address please email us with new address – this is required for letter writing as well as gift aid purposes.

## Gift aid

If you are a UK tax payer we can claim 25p for every £1 you donate from the UK Government. If possible please complete the form and return by post to our Aberdeen office or email it to [info@gathimbaedwardsfoundation.org](mailto:info@gathimbaedwardsfoundation.org).

All correspondence can be sent to:

Gathimba Edwards Foundation address:

Gathimba Edwards Foundation,

43 Albert Street,

Aberdeen, AB25 1XT,

Scotland, UK

## CHARITY DONATION & GIFT AID DECLARATION

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

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In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

- ☐ I want to Gift Aid my donation of £\_\_\_\_\_ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

**GATHIMBA EDWARDS FOUNDATION – Registered Scottish Charity Number SC044869**

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given, from HMRC, at no extra cost to myself.

Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

### My Details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Forename(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Sumame \_\_\_\_\_

Full Home address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

- ☐ Tick here if you would like to be added to our monthly newsletter. We will not share your personal information with any third parties.

"The friendships made through this scheme are life long and the change being made is tangible.  
You will get back more than you give!"

**Jon Millar, sponsor of Grace.**



Asante Sana Marafiki  
Thank you our friends

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