



EDUCATION TOWARDS A FUTURE

Dear Supporters,

Welcome to the November update for EdTAF (Education Towards a Future)

Thank you to all our supporters for enabling EdTAF to continue to grow and change lives in Kenya. Your support is making a massive difference to kids' lives. In the fullness of time they will do the same to other people's lives within their community. This is what EdTAF is all about. Making a difference in one of the most under-privileged communities on the planet. Literally!

EdTAF provides financial support to young Kenyans wanting to pursue further education. Unable to provide or find the university fees required, EDTAF raises money to provide the tuition fees needed to attend a Kenyan university. Their respective degrees enable them to :

1. Gain graduate employment, and
2. Make a difference in a Kenyan community.

Highlights in this update:

- [EdTAF successfully registered with Charity Commission. Number 1144113](#)
- All 3 scholars continue to do well in their studies.
- Knight has returned from her time in the United States and has clearly benefitted from this opportunity. Knight says in her update that it is simply unheard of for kids from the Kibera slum to even travel abroad let alone study in the United States. Your continued financial support has made this possible.
- This month, I would like to highlight some of Patrick's update. Look at what he is achieving in such a short space of time. This makes it all so worthwhile.

Update from Knight

Hi everyone. How are you? I hope you are well. I am doing ok and school has been fun. I am surprised at how this semester I have confidently given my opinion, shared views and answered questions during class sessions. I was rather a passive participant in class in the past. I realized that my trip to the United States helped me work on self-esteem and also boosted my confidence.

We have already done all the continuous assessment tests and the exams for the end semester begin on the 22nd of November and we will close for Christmas break on the 10th of December. Schools will reopen

the first week of January.

Out of the seven units i am taking this semester, Project Appraisal and Global Capital are the most challenging ones. I am trying to give them my best shot though. During the semester in the Global capital class I had an assignment to research on the Western Union company and it enabled me to learn a lot especially on their policies and strategies which was interesting. Did you know that Western Union Money Services started out as a telegram/ communications company?

My best research topic was on the corrective institutions for law offenders in Kenya. Through this, I got to know of some institutions that I did not before and I am glad that I am better placed in as far as referring people to them when need be.

Currently I am trying to work and hand in all the term papers beforehand as well as revising for the exam. My goal is still to develop my community and make it a better place. Thank you so much for your support. I am so privileged. no child from the Kibera slum ever has the chance to study and the visit the United States. You made this possible for me.

Best Regards
Jonix (Knight)

Update from Patrick

Giving a hungry person fish often seem much easier than teaching him how to fish. This is because even though teaching someone how to fish is more effective and has a life-time impact the truth is that it takes far much resources and patience. The reality is that there are very few people in the world today with lots of time and money to commit to one course for a long time.

I am lucky to have been found by an enabler (Education Towards a Future- EDTAF) which has continuously committed its time and resources to put me through university hence teaching me how to fish for myself. I have always known that I am a leader and can be instrumental in developing home grown solutions for Africa's problems, However it is not until EDTAF started to sponsor me to University that I started seeing exactly how it is possible for me to be transformational here in Africa.

I recently founded a charity (Spur Afrika) that aims to: provide education for the urban poor in slums, teach life skills to youths and young adults, and assist school-going children with health care. So far Spur Afrika charity has **helped 10 children attend school** without problems, helped **restore eye sights for 12 children** and **save a 12 year old girl's life** by starting her on heart disease treatment at a good local hospital. All these have happened in a span of one year since Spur Afrika was established in May 2010.

My concentration at Uni is in Leadership and Management ; this course has be vital in pointing out to me African problems' roots and offer suggestion on how the problems can be fixed locally, it was due to this that I took the step of starting a local charity to start on that journey. This semester I have had very interesting classes such as Organization Leadership and Management, Entrepreneurship, Politics and Governance, Organizational Communication, but I have also had very challenging classes that include; Statistics, and Quantitative Techniques. The two classes are both mathematical and off the records on a light note "math has never been my business partner". However, the good news is that I feel that all these classes are helping me reach my goals. I have a vision of becoming a leader that can influence both the

government and the business world to do things right and also take up the responsibility of fixing the local problems through relevant ways. I aim to transform everywhere I work so that it serves as an example to others that that it is possible to be effective and transformational without being corrupt. And also to see that Spur Afrika becomes a local charity that supplements the humanitarian work done by International Organizations in Kenya. Thank you again once more.

Patrick

Update from Linet

1. I am studying early childhood education
2. I enjoy doing child psychology which gives a lot of understanding about child behaviour and also their growth and development just being able to know what the child can manage and at what age
3. I will be doing my final exams from 27th-30th December 2011.
4. Currently I am participating in an art program in Kibera and I teach the children art every Thursday and Friday afternoon. The program runs up to 4th December when the children will have an exhibition of what they have been doing.

Thanks so much for everything Edtaf does for me. I am so grateful for all you have done for me to enable me to pursue my purpose in life.

Linet

Thank you all once again for your continued support, without which this would simply not happen. Please be assured that every penny donated to EdTAF goes directly to benefit the scholars, mainly by way of paying their university fees.

We are able to claim Gift Aid on all donations. Here's the link to use:
www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/EducationTowardsaFuture

Please visit the EDTAF website and get involved today! www.edtaf.org

We will be in touch again early in the New Year.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our supporters a very happy Christmas.

Thank you all once again for helping make this possible.

Robert Croucher



Honorary CEO