



Elimu means EDUCATION in Swahili



Claire Soars to Grade 10

STUDENT EMPOWERMENT PROFILE

Despite financial challenges at home, Claire started her Grade 9 in 2015, with help from an individual sponsor. But half way through the year, the funds ran out and she had to drop out. Her parents tried again in 2016 with help from various sources but she studied for only three months, then dropped out again. She came to Elimu in January and we enrolled her into Elimu's Stay in School Project and took her back to high school. She has finally completed Grade 9 and is looking forward to moving on to Grade 10 in 2018.



HELPING KEEP KIDS IN SCHOOL

The need for school fee assistance is greater than ever in Malindi. The economy has taken a downturn as a result of terror attacks. A once thriving tourism industry is now decimated. The community is determined to find new means of rebuilding its economy, but it is a struggle and will take time.

Our Stay in School Project urgently needs your help to help give Malindi youth a hand-up in their educational costs. The program relies on the generosity of individual donors like yourself. Just this year, we have two college students, each needing \$5,000 per year for tuition and living expenses. In addition, we'll need school fees, uniforms and supplies to keep our 20 enthusiastic primary and secondary school students in school, at a cost of \$11,000 for next year. Altogether, we have 22 students who will benefit from your support.

Our promising students:

- 2 college students
- 20 primary and secondary students

Your support to help them succeed:

- \$10,000
- \$11,000



Without Elimu's programs, children suffer tremendous setbacks in their education because parents cannot afford school fees, forcing children to drop out – like Clare (featured above). Help us build up our program resources so we can give these children the confidence and support they need to succeed. Your support will help us keep our students in school. Please visit our website to add your tax receiptable contribution at www.Elimu.ca

DONOR TESTIMONIAL – JOE & DEANNA BONES

Heri Sewing Project Demonstrates Impact

As long-time friends of Nina Chung, founder and president of Elimu, Joe and Deanna heard of her work in Kenya and immediately contacted her. “Nina is a hands-on leader, we trust her, and we could see program impact immediately,” says Joe. In particular, the Bones are impressed by the determination of Heri Sewing Project graduates who use their new tailoring skills and sewing machines to improve their livelihoods.



Joy of Giving Spurs Canadian Couple to Support Elimu

Since they were teenagers, Joe and Deanna Bones have given generously to charity. On one particular overseas trip, they witnessed extreme poverty and the ravages of leprosy. It was a decisive moment for them: going forward, they would increase their philanthropic efforts, particularly for girls and young women in the developing world.

As a retired accountant who knows how organizations should operate, Joe has specific criteria for making donations. “For us, it’s all about trust, impact and efficiency,” he says. Elimu meets all these criteria and more.

Unlike larger causes, in which donors may not be recognized, or their donations may seem insignificant, the Bones know their gifts to Elimu are improving lives. “At Elimu, our donations are making a visible difference. We see the wonderful stories, we read the Elimu newsletters, and we know these young women are benefitting from our support.”

Joe and Deanna believe Elimu is a truly forward-moving organization because it trains and empowers students for the rest of their lives. “We feel connected and close to the efforts of these young women. It’s a joy to see their progress and how they’re taking control of their lives.” [Click here to read more about our sewing project and how it changes lives.](#)



SEWING GRADUATE RETURNS TO LEARN NEW DIGITAL SKILLS

Janet is an alumni of Elimu’s Heri Sewing Project. She lives with her two children in a rural village outside Malindi. Her sewing skills and the sewing machine she was given by Elimu are what allow her to provide for her kids, including school fees and uniforms. In 2017, Janet returned to Elimu.

When she learned of the new digital fashion design program we run at Elimu Resource Centre, she asked to join. She travels the 90-minute journey to Malindi weekly now to gain computer skills and digital literacy.

Along with the other students, she surfs the internet for fashion ideas from around Africa and is improving her English language proficiency and upgrading her business skills. She recently participated in our 2nd Annual Digital Fashion Show.



ELIMU'S 2ND ANNUAL DIGITAL FASHION SHOW WAS A HIT



We piloted the fashion show in 2016 at the sewing college, as an opportunity for the students to showcase the exciting new designs they created from their internet research. It was such a success we decided to take the event out to the community this year. We partnered with National Museums of Kenya, who provided the venue and Watabaka Music who provided the sound and lighting. Our MC was an Elimu alumni, Ibrahim of Nyumbani Kwetu, who is in Malindi on holidays from his college course in Interior Design. Fabrics were kindly donated by two individuals from the Boston area in the USA. Staff and students at Heri Ministries Sewing College focused all their efforts, so that the girls could each prepare two unique outfits for presentation.

Even our founder, Nina Chung, took part, modeling a new outfit sewn for her by the students. The fashion show was Elimu's first opportunity to employ a [Facebook Live post](#).

A SPECIAL NEW GRADUATE STARTED HER CAREER

Hadija is a feisty confident young woman who is very proud of her post secondary diploma in business administration. She's looking forward to a bright future. But it wasn't always so for Hadija. In 2013, violence erupted between the two major tribes in her rural area. Villages were burned. Many people, including children died. Hadija fled the violence and ended up in Malindi where she met with Nina Chung, founder of Elimu. After getting to know her, Nina agreed to take Hadija back to school because the conflict in her region severely disrupted Hadija's studies. Just two years later, she proudly earned her Kenya National Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE); a highly prized possession for the first female in her village to complete high school.

Upon graduation, Hadija immediately found short term work with a local government project. And, soon returned to visit us at Elimu, this time with a request to assist her to go to college. Elimu funds paid her tuition fees and rent, but Hadija contributed from her job earnings towards her personal supplies. She completed her course in July 2017 and was immediately hired by a medical treatment centre as assistant office manager. Today, she is an independent young woman earning a stable salary. She helps her Mum with living expenses and contributes to keeping her younger siblings in school. Hear from Hadija in her own words. [Click to view the video clip](#).

WITH YOUR HELP KIDS ARE FINISHING SCHOOL



This October, four more children of Nyumbani Kwetu Home graduated from Grade 8 and two more will soon graduate from high school. The home supports 15 children (all cousins or siblings) and one housemother, who is their relative. Before Elimu sponsored this family, the children faced the same scholarly fate as their parents' generation – low quality curriculum, disrupted learning, and their schooling most likely ended by Grade 6. Our grateful graduates are the first in their families to complete high school and, so far, three have already proceeded to college.

Photos: Far left Magdalene in Grade 7. Then 2017, Magdalene researching college options online at Elimu Resource Centre. Today she is pursuing a course in nursing. [Click here to hear from her in her own words](#).

NYUMBANI KWETU – CALL FOR FUNDS

It is with much gratitude that we acknowledge the kind support of The Call of the Poor foundation in Manitoba, Canada over several years. With their funding, we have been able to stabilize the household expenses for Nyumbani Kwetu Home for Children. They've recently notified us that due to various circumstances, they will have to reduce their support from 2018. We are therefore looking to replace about \$10,000 of funding towards food, rent and other household needs for the children of Nyumbani Kwetu.

If you are able to help us fill this gap, please visit our website to add your one-time or monthly donation.

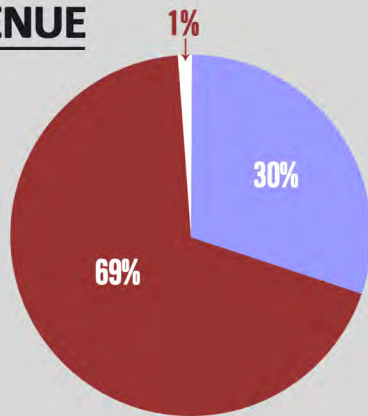
ELIMU FINANCIAL SUMMARY YEAR END 2016

With the opening of Elimu Resource Center in 2016, our financial statements now reflect operations and staffing for the Center itself and an official office space for Elimu staff and volunteers in Kenya. Prior to 2016, all office activity took place from our founders' home office. The new Elimu office is located inside Elimu Resource Centre. Our team works alongside the students at the Centre.

REVENUES 2016

A key proportion of our revenues are from generous individual donors and come through mail, online via the website and from events like our annual charity BBQ in Ottawa. Our founder has covered the cost of Canadian administration and Kenyan office expenses for the organization since its inception including last year in 2016. To-date all donor contributions go direct to project management, program delivery and development of resources, partnerships and funding to run projects in Kenya.

REVENUE



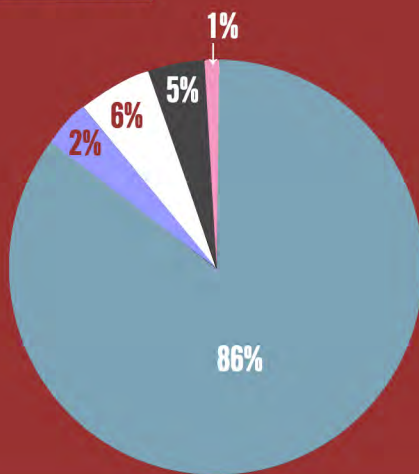
\$193,300 TOTAL REVENUE IN 2016

\$133,800	Gifts from grants and foundations
\$58,000	Gifts from individual donors
\$1,500	Revenue from Fees at Elimu Resource Centre (Kenya)

PROJECT EXPENSES 2016

Beginning in 2016, Kenyan Office expenses include Auditor's fees (required by the Kenyan government) and annual amortization of capital assets belonging to the new Elimu Resource Centre and Elimu office (which is situated inside the Centre).

EXPENSES



\$168,500 COSTS TO RUN ELIMU PROGRAMS

\$144,200	Program Delivery
\$5,800	Resource Development / Fundraising
\$9,600	Project Management
\$7,600	Kenyan Office
\$1,300	Canadian Administration

The charts above are in Canadian dollars and taken from the latest financial statements for Elimu submitted to Canada Revenue Authority (CRA) in June, 2017.

To view detailed financial statements, please visit our website at: www.Elimu.ca/financials