



THE

KENYATTA

TRUST



# Welcome

I take this opportunity to first and foremost thank God Almighty for allowing The Kenyatta Trust to have come this far. In the last five months we have seen our Kenyatta Trust family grow to include over fifty young girls and boys. Our economic empowerment program has begun while the Janjaruka Camps, counseling and mentorship initiative and our rewards program have ensured that our students are engaged in different forms of learning. It has been no easy feat but I thank you, our partners, mentors and supporters who have folded your sleeves and helped us get to work in ensuring that our youth are equipped to lead a peaceful and more prosperous Kenya. I believe that by working together to empower our youth we are indeed laying a strong foundation not only today but for our future. Fellow friends and partners let us take up our role in ensuring that together with our children we stand firm and live by the words that we sing in our national anthem;

Let all with one accord  
In common bond united  
Build this our nation together.

*Uhuru Kenyatta*

## WELCOMING OUR NEW STUDENTS

We began the year with a bang, as we enrolled new students into The Kenyatta Trust. This year we had an intake of 53 students with each county being represented by at least one student. It was a very emotional time as we welcomed all the shy young faces to The Kenyatta Trust and listened as some of the parents shared their stories with us. We are excited to embark on this journey of transformation with the new members of our KT family.



*Dr. Stanley Kamau presenting a pair of shoes to one of our new parents*



*Getting to know our new parents*

*“Let us believe that the power to change this nation lies within us; not just the politicians, nor the experienced and not the international community but within you and me, all forty million of us together.”*

*-- Uhuru Kenyatta --*

## APRIL JANJARUKA CAMP

After the first term induction into high school our Form 1 students together with our Form 2 students were gathered at the Benedictine Monastery in Nanyuki for our bi-annual Janjaruka Camp. This camp allowed all the students to get to know each other and bond through the various activities offered throughout the camp.



*Our students engaging in some recreational activities*



*A breakout session led by our counsellor Susan Gitau*

This time round the weather permitted us to spend one day swimming, which we are sure was the highlight for most of our students. Even those who had claimed to have been sick at the start of the day and couldn't swim were miraculously healed when they saw all the fun the others were having and quickly proceeded to join them.



*Our boys and girls enjoying a splash in the water.*



**TOP PERFORMING  
STUDENT: TERM I  
2015**

**Join us in  
congratulating our  
top-performing  
student:**

**NAME:  
Maryanne  
Nyambura Mwangi**

**Grade: A-**

**School: Karima Girls  
High School**

**Form 2**

## 2014 HIGH SCHOOL LEAVERS

Congratulations to our sixteen students who completed their KCSE exams last year. Their results came out this year and we are very proud of all our girls and boys who put in a good amount of hard work and their results are reflective of this. A special mention goes out to our top 3 students; David Thungu Kuria who scored an “A” and Caroline Wanjiru Kigiri and Samuel Chege Mwangi who scored A-’s. Both Caroline and David will be proceeding to Nanchang University in China to study Engineering while Samuel will go on to study Aviation.



*Sharing a meal and celebrating with our ex-candidates*

To reward our ex-candidates we all headed up to Nanyuki for a three-day retreat at the William Holden Wildlife Foundation. The trip was a great success with our pupils getting the chance to experience a myriad of activities including a game drive through the Mount Kenya Ranch. The students were shown alternative energy sources such as bio-gas and were told how it was used to light the camp. They also had the opportunity to make briquettes, which was of great interest to all. Lastly they were shown “gunia” farming, rabbit keeping and environmentally friendly ways to use river water to irrigate small parcels of land. Many thanks to our hosts Njuki and Nganga for their warm reception and allowing our boys and girls to see first hand the importance of conservation.



*Our students are always photo ready even while on a game drive*

Of course a retreat is never complete without us doing some form of community service. This time in line with the theme of conservation we opted to plant trees in the forest. All in all it was a great trip and we wish our ex-candidates all the best as they now proceed onto a six month training with the National Youth Service.



*Tree planting in the Mt. Kenya forest reserve.*

We continue to work towards ensuring our students are equipped with the necessary employment skills for today's market and promote national cohesion in all aspects of their lives.

**"Our children are the corner stone of this country and it is up to us as individuals to work together and empower our boys and girls. With the right combination of education, mentorship and support we remain optimistic that we are indeed raising the next generation of leaders. Leaders whom we are confident will continue working towards the unceasing aspiration of building a better more prosperous Kenya."**

**--Nyokabi Kenyatta Muthama--**

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Our Neighbourhood Economic Empowerment program finally kicked off this year. Aimed at ensuring that our families are able to meet their basic needs and grow to be self-sufficient, we have partnered with sub-county officers and members of the local community to set up poultry rearing and goat husbandry projects for 14 of our families in Kiambu County. The agricultural district and livestock production officers have provided us with enormous support via their trainings and have gone as far as to visit the families homes in order to provide hands on assistance and monitor the success of the projects.

As a result of the income generated from these projects we

have been able to register our first Kenyatta Trust Savings Community, Lucky Women's Group. Through financial literacy trainings and by promoting a culture of saving we are confident that our first group of beneficiaries will successfully expand their projects and go on to help others within their community. Through a recent partnership with the Kiambu County Government some of our families have been absorbed into the recently launched Huduma Kitchens project. We are optimistic of the change this project will bring to the lives of our families and we wish them all the best of luck.



*The Kenyatta Trust families at the launch of the Huduma Kitchens*



*Inside our beneficiary Ann Kariuki's chicken pen*

## STUDENT CORNER:

As per the Vision of Kenya Trust, transforming lives is my hobby. I love when I see someone collect pieces of his or her broken dreams and dream again. Late last year, at church I met a girl by the name Chesang. I didn't know that she had a problem until her mother stood up and appealed to the congregation to pray for her little girl, a standard four pupil. The prayer request was for her health. Chesang who despite being 14 years old looked just 7 years old, developed a cardiac problem at the age of 3 months. Chesang has been battling with a conditioned known as multiple ventricle septal defects, which means she has been living with three holes in her heart. Her mother, who looked down hearted expressed that since she was born her daughter showed defects during her first clinic visits in the year 2000 where the nurses questioned her health after she failed to gain weight. Having been moved by this story I took it upon myself to speak to Chesang and inquire if she had been going to school to which she responded, "I just go but when I grow up I would like to be a doctor so that I can assist people not to suffer the way I have." Touched by this response I took her mothers contacts and promised to keep in touch. Her mother uttered, "mimi nimeshindwa kweli, nimeenda kila hospitali na mtoto haponi". (I have truly been defeated, I've gone to

every hospital and my child is not healing)

After a couple of days I began work on a funds drive to save the girl. I appealed to well wishers through my Facebook account and requested for a Pay Bill number. The funds drive had begun. The appeal was featured in the Standard newspaper and also on Citizen TV. We held our first fundraiser and with the help of my friend Cyrus Kipkazi, who was instrumental throughout the drive, we raised almost 200,000 shillings plus pledges. It was not an easy task but I was determined to see that Chesang gets the treatment she needed and therefore I did not give up. Much to my delight His Excellency Daniel Arap Moi and his son Hon. Gideon Moi, heard about the initiative and they assured me of their help to see to it that the girl is taken for further treatment. I thank God for everything because they have already acquired passports and arrangements for her treatment in India is underway. I continue to trust God that all will be well

It's my prayer that I will always live to touch someone's life and restore hope to the hopeless. God bless you, God bless The Kenya Trust.

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**Final year student**  
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