



2019 GIFT CATALOG

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KENYA MATTERS VISION

We address the physical, emotional, and spiritual need of orphans through empowering local African leadership with self-sustainable enterprise projects in partnership with an active donor community in the United States.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Kenya Matters Family,

January of 2019 marks ten years since the very first children moved into the Karai safe house.

Our director and his wife had been feeding children in the streets and in homes for several years. Unfortunately, the most vulnerable children were still left hungry the next day, marginalized, and unable to grow and flourish. So, a decision was made to find those who were most at risk. With the help of local teachers, pastors, and those most involved in the community, a small group of children were identified and invited to live at the Children's Recovery Centre Africa home (CRCA).

A handful of children gradually became thirty. Over the past decade, we have served the community of Karai by caring for vulnerable children, funding a well that provides clean water for thousands, and generating micro-loans for relatives of the children at the home.

This year we have children who have grown into adults. Some of them have studied for skilled trades. Others are at universities and colleges, pursuing careers that include a public relations specialist, a pastor, a physician's assistant, and a physicist/chemist. To imagine any of them doing these things ten years ago would have been mind-boggling.

While the older children step out into the world, the children's home continues to be a buzzing place of activity. This year we again welcomed several new children to the home, and a couple more of our middle school children moved into high school. We gained an amazing staff member, Peter, who has been educated at one of Kenya's best universities. His studies included education and accounting, but his real passion is to see the children of our project grow into healthy adults who love their community and are prepared for the life God to which has called them.

Desiring a world that reflects deep goodness, let us continue this transformational work. How fortunate we are to be a small part in the flourishing of the CRCA, these children, and their community.

Your continued commitment to Kenya Matters, the CRCA, and these children has truly transformed this small place in our very big world. On behalf of the board of Kenya Matters, I thank you, and I am grateful.

In the ways of Jesus,



Randal L. Buist

DAILY NEEDS

As a volunteer-run organization, Kenya Matters makes a significant impact in the lives of these precious kids. Sponsorship for many other non-profit organizations often provides support for children who are still living with their families.

Kenya Matters, on the other hand, provides care for orphans, living in what they have come to know as their “safe house” or the CRCA. We also underwrite their educational expenses, which vary depending on age and school.

HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT THE KIDS DAILY NEEDS	
\$100	Living Expenses 1 student, 1 month
\$39/Week	Transportation to Day School for all kids
\$12	Mosquito Net
\$25	Bed Sheet and Blanket
\$39/Week	Transportation to Day School for all kids
\$50	Dentist Appointment includes transportation
\$120	Eye Dr. Appointment includes transportation

YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT A KIDS MONTHLY EXPENSES!

Our kids cannot rely on relatives to pay for any portion of their daily living expenses, so Kenya Matters works to provide the full amount of their care, averaging \$100 monthly per child.



EDUCATION

These children deserve the best we can provide, and we have been inspired by the way they tackle their studies with enthusiasm and discipline.

Your generous donation to our Education Fund is a strategic investment in the lives of future leaders.

Education provides the tools for success. The benefits start with an individual and then ripple out to the surrounding community.

Kenya Matters is dedicated to helping our kids not just survive, but thrive—which often includes sending them to private schools.

HOW YOUR SUPPORT CAN HELP EDUCATE	
\$65 /Trimester	Elementary School 1 student, 3 trimesters
\$94 /Trimester	Day School 1 student, 3 trimesters
\$39 /Week	Transportation For the kids to day school
\$35	Uniforms Mandatory to attend school
\$21	Shoes Mandatory to attend school
\$15	Backpack



 Peter (pictured left) is studying mathematics, physics, and chemistry. John (pictured right) is studying at Bible college to become a pastor.

BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Our “Beyond High School” program has two aspects:

MICRO-LOANS *Help launch careers*

Many of our young people are entrepreneurs, anxious to start their own business once they complete their field of study.

Micro-loans are understood well in this community, and our young adults will be applying for these funds in the near future.

SCHOLARSHIPS *Towards higher education*

We will provide scholarships for the kids who continue with their studies beyond high school.

For some students, this will be attending a university, and for others it will be trade school.

The kids prepare for standard placement tests that are taken after 8th grade and 12th grade. The results determine which high school, trade school, or university they will attend.

We currently have several kids in high school with only a year or two remaining to complete this stage of their education. Several students are attending university as well.

HOW YOU CAN HELP LAUNCH A CAREER	
\$100	Micro-loan To start a business
\$90	University fees For one month
\$990	University fees For one year
\$50	Trade School For one month
\$500	Trade School For one year



 Caroline is in studying at university to become a Physician's Assistant



WELL AND WATER PROJECT

In rural Kenya, many people live without a nearby water source. In 2011, after initial drilling attempts that resulted in several dry holes, our well hit an abundant source of water at a very deep level.

Since 2011, our children have been able to access clean water for drinking and bathing. Our local community has been able to purchase water for their needs, most often transported by donkey carts and water barrels.

In recent years, a public school, a kilometer away, had a pipeline donated, that supplies water for 600+ children. A nearby orchard & vegetable farm has a pipeline for their irrigation needs, and a recently completed apartment complex has water available too

The constant supply of clean water has transformed the lives of our kids and the surrounding community.

HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPLY CLEAN WATER TO KARAI	
\$30/month	Water Filters Keeps the water clean
\$75/month	Electricity Keeps the pump running

SHEEP PROGRAM

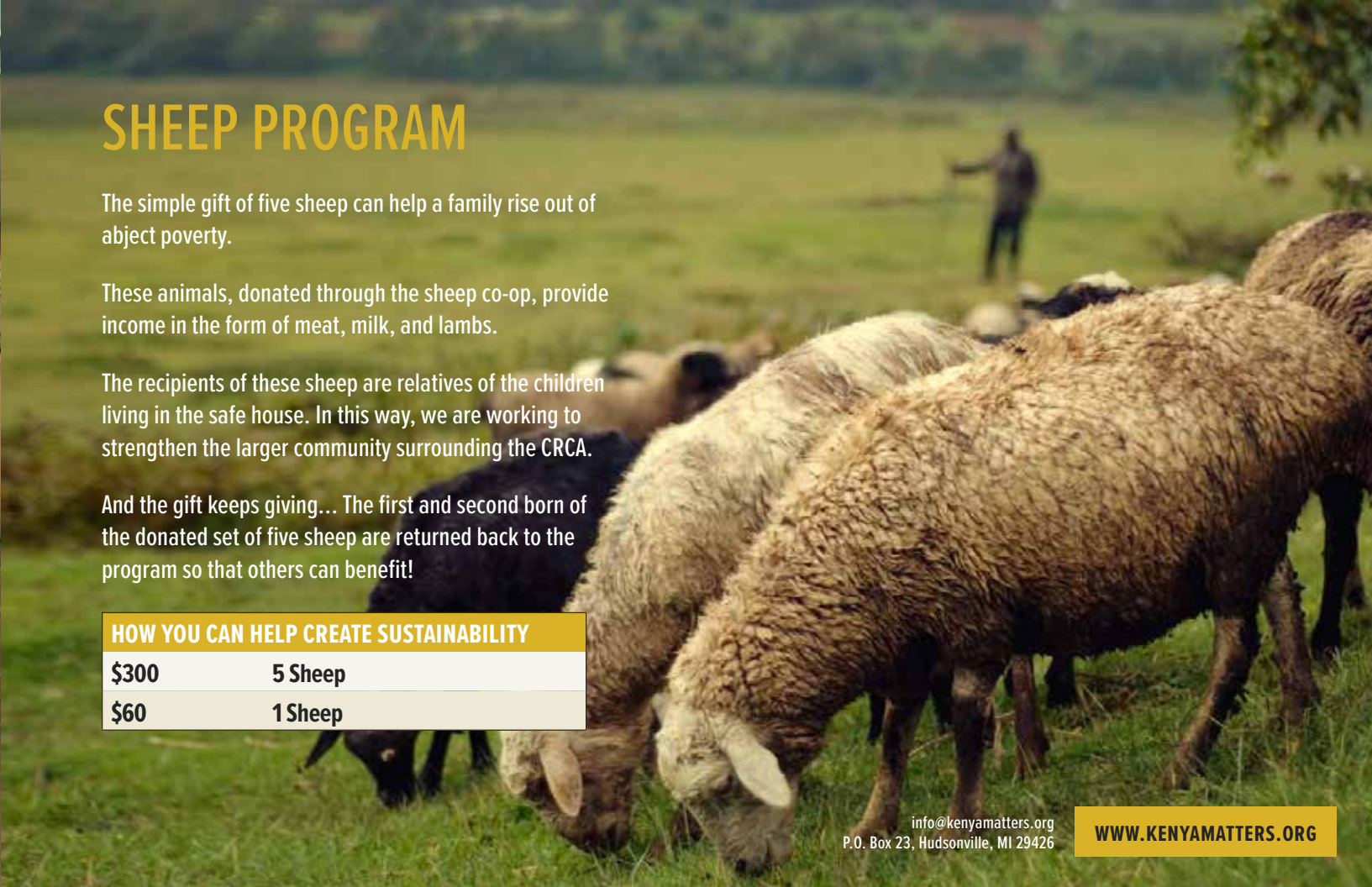
The simple gift of five sheep can help a family rise out of abject poverty.

These animals, donated through the sheep co-op, provide income in the form of meat, milk, and lambs.

The recipients of these sheep are relatives of the children living in the safe house. In this way, we are working to strengthen the larger community surrounding the CRCA.

And the gift keeps giving... The first and second born of the donated set of five sheep are returned back to the program so that others can benefit!

HOW YOU CAN HELP CREATE SUSTAINABILITY	
\$300	5 Sheep
\$60	1 Sheep



MEET OUR KIDS

These the children who are currently living at the CRCA safe house. This is where they live, are loved, learn about life, and are taught about the goodness of Jesus.

In addition to these kids, we have several high school students who are attending boarding schools for high school, which is common in Kenya.

We have four college and university students who are not pictured, and we have a handful of others who have graduated and are now young adults living in the community.

Know that when children graduate, or move to a boarding school or college, they are still monitored, encouraged, and loved. Once children grace the gates of the CRCA, they are always family.



Joseph Muchiri



Joseph Njinga



Joyce Wangui



Kelly Githuka



Brian Kamani



David Kamani



Deborah Mwangi



Dorcas Aleman



Lewis Kiarie



Lucy Wanjiru



Mary Wambui: a.k.a. Bobo



Mary Wambui



Eric Kokolan



Eric Kurla



Evans Muthoi



Ezekial Machari



Mercy Ngina



Mitchell Wanjiku



Monicah Njoki



Patrick Mwangi



Geoffrey Mbugua



Isaac Kimani



Jeremy Wachira



Joseph Lomar



Pauline Wanjiku



Petro Ngemia



Rebecca Mwangi



Sarah Wairimu

MEET OUR STAFF



Peter Kinyanjui
Teacher



Dorcas Wachira
Co-founder



Loise Munene
Dorm Parent



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Children's Helper



Isaac Baraza
General Helper



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Security & Handyman



John Wachira
Overseer



Milka Gitau Mugogo
Director

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

JOIN US ON A TRIP!

The kids in Karai, Kenya are very near to our hearts, which is why we try to visit as often as we can.

Once or twice a year a team travels to Kenya. If you would like to get to know our kids even more, please consider coming on a trip with us!

We would love for you to be a part of our adventures and experience for yourself firsthand why these kids are so amazing!

If you are interested in learning more about our upcoming trips, please contact Kenya Matters via email for more details. We are currently planning a 10-14 day trip for April of 2019.

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JOIN US IN PRAYER.

Pray for our current and future kids at the safe house, pray for our Kenyan staff and our American board. Pray for God's provision and guidance as we continue to seek out the lost, broken, and weary.



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