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Our Story:

Advancing Education in Kenya, One Child at a Time

Since 2006, CMETrust has worked with donors and volunteers in Kenya and Canada to advance education in one of Kenya's most disenfranchised communities. The Trust provides secondary school scholarships and post-secondary school support to students from Mathare Valley Slum, Nairobi and raises awareness about education and urban poverty in Kenya

With 55 scholars currently in secondary school, 8 students enrolled in post-secondary institutions in Kenya, and 68 alumni sharing the benefit of their education with their community, as well as capacity-building programs between terms for our scholars and computer skills training for our graduates, we see the on-the-ground impact CMETrust's support has had and the ripple effect within the community and beyond.

We ask you to join us in building on this success and creating a bright future for the bright minds of Mathare, empowering youth to lift themselves and others out of poverty.

Help us create more scholarship opportunities for Mathare's youth, now and for the future

Our Vision:

A Critical Mass of Educated Youth Transform their Community

Mathare is the second largest slum in Kenya. Poverty levels are extremely high and most people struggle to meet their basic needs. Very few students who qualify for high school can afford the fees to attend and many are forced to find work in order to support themselves and their families. Often too young and lacking the skills to gain lawful employment, some end up engaging in prostitution, drug and alcohol trafficking, or other types of crime. Others are drawn into child labour or into early marriages.

Education is a key step in breaking this cycle of poverty by empowering youth and improving future employment prospects.

Through the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our volunteers in Mathare and here in Canada, CMETrust has provided scholarships to more than 120 students over the past 10 years. These students have not only excelled in their chosen fields of study, but have served as mentors, leaders and sources of inspiration for a generation of students who have come to believe that education is attainable, and who can see for themselves

that its benefits transformational, both for themselves and for their communities.

With almost one million people, mostly under the age of 30, the demand for education in Mathare is huge and growing. In 2016, we could support less than 5% of the scholars who applied to our program. We can, and we must, do more. Our vision is a critical mass of educated youth who have the knowledge, the ambition, and the skills to transform their lives, their community, their country, and the world.

Our goal is to support 200 scholars every year in our secondary and post-secondary programs. This means gradually increasing our intake to 25 new scholars annually. Since inception, CMETrust has flourished as a nimble, high-impact organization working closely with our scholars, their families, and our team of volunteers in Canada and in Kenya to meet the needs of the Mathare community. As the demand increases, we must stretch the boundaries of what is possible by expanding our work in a sustainable manner, while maintaining our lean governance model and roots in the Mathare community.



Ketty, CMETrust Scholar

Ketty described the impacts of her education journey to us:

“ I have developed skills that I can now share with my peers, which helps make Kenya a land of hard-working and ambitious people, thus refusing poverty. Since graduating secondary school, I have been selling second-hand clothes, attending CMETrust Alumni meetings, attending fashion events, doing commercial shoots, and attending workshops in Mathare. I always share the knowledge I’ve gained in workshops with my friends.

I volunteer as a stylist with local actors who do short school plays in the community. Also, I publicize CMETrust as an organization to the community so that CMETrust Alumni are considered when job and mentoring opportunities or building ideas and projects come up.

I hope to see myself among Africa’s top Fashion Designers as I move forward. I also hope to have a stable career as a Fashion Designer, to live a peaceful life, and to continue and do more community work. ”

The Results: Creating a Vibrant Future for Students like Ketty

When Ketty first came to CMETrust, her hopes of pursuing secondary education were slim. An orphan, Ketty did not have the means to continue her education. Through CMETrust’s secondary school scholarships, she was able to complete four years of school and graduate from Wiyeta Girls Secondary School. CMETrust’s between-term programs helped her gain the confidence and self-esteem to dream big. She is currently attending one of Kenya’s top Fashion and Design schools through CMETrust’s post-secondary scholarship program. Ketty graduates in December 2016, and is already making waves in Kenya’s fashion circles.

This is the impact we can create together.
Join our vision for bright futures in Kenya.



Your Role:

Help us write the next chapter in this success story

Doing the Math

The cost of education goes beyond basic tuition fees. For students to have the opportunity to study in conducive learning environments, away from the dangers of slum life, CMETrust scholars travel to and live at Kenyan boarding schools. The cost of a year of school includes both their tuition and additional expenses such as transportation, bedding, meals and supplies.

For post-secondary education, we provide support to students who secure Kenyan government loans for university studies (known as "direct entry"). CMETrust covers their first semester of tuition before the government loan begins, and covers the students' living costs every semester throughout their studies.

\$90 - Provides computer training for 1 graduate

\$1000 - Sends 1 scholar to secondary school for 1 year

\$4000 - Sends 1 scholar through secondary school (4 years)

\$4100 - Sends 1 graduate through post-secondary studies (4 years)

Are you interested in helping build a brighter future for the scholars of Mathare?

For more information or to donate, sponsor or volunteer, please get in touch!

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