Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.
-Kofi Annan, former UN Secretary General

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Dear Friends of Kenya Rising supporters,

Greetings! I am thrilled to introduce you today to our new Education Fund. The Fund helps us continue supporting education for all our students when we do not have a sponsor or when costs exceed sponsorship contributions.

What is the Education Fund?
It was started two years ago by the estate of Ruth Rappaport and an anonymous donor who gave two major gifts totaling over $700,000. We made an immediate impact on education with this funding, committing to several years of support for over two hundred young people pursuing education in high schools, vocational centers, and universities. We intend to assist all students now currently supported by the Education Fund through their graduations.

The groundwork has been put in place for assisting students in high school and post-secondary opportunities. Growing our impact beyond this initial group, however, will require additional funding. The impact is long term.

The benefits of education cascade into many areas.
We believe that education is the key to sustainably assisting families as they rise and stay out of poverty. Education is the origin and cornerstone of our work. A family where children are educated is more able to support itself. Future generations from educated families are more likely to be educated themselves, and less likely to live with hunger or poverty.

Supporting education of students in Kenya also:
- Increases gender equity
- Reduces gender-based violence and child abuse and neglect
- Promotes peace by reducing tribal, ethnic, and racial conflict
- Uplifts young leaders who will be the visionaries creating a better tomorrow

The Education Fund currently assists many students at several different levels:

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<th>Duration</th>
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<td>High school “day scholars” living with their families at home</td>
<td>4 years</td>
<td>Avg. $340</td>
<td>Roughly 40% of our 120 day H.S. students</td>
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<td>High schoolers boarding at public schools for high-achievers</td>
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<td>Avg. $890</td>
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<td>University students studying Bachelor’s degrees</td>
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<td>Avg. $1,760</td>
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<td>Vocational students studying hands-on trades</td>
<td>½ yr to 2 yrs</td>
<td>Avg. $630</td>
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Who does the Education Fund support?
The Fund supports a variety of students. This includes some students in our Family Care program when sponsorship support is not enough to cover school fees. The Fund also supports students from the neediest families who complete our Family Care program, ensuring that learning continues, and families do not return to poverty because of school fees. Additionally, the Education Fund supports our high school grads who no longer have active sponsors, whether they finished high school a few years back or graduated recently. Every student that our Education Fund assists would otherwise be at risk of leaving school.

We are looking for compassionate, generous people to join us in continuing this work.
Thanks to Ruth Rappaport and an anonymous donor, the Education Fund is now open for donations from anyone with a passion for investing in academic and trade opportunities for youth. You can be a changemaker by helping us continue offering similar educational opportunities to additional students by contributing any amount, large or small. The number of students we will be able to assist depends on the support we receive, and we are grateful for gifts of any amount.

If you are someone interested in making a very big difference or creating a legacy, this is a terrific opportunity for you.

- A substantial gift now will significantly impact many students in the coming years.
- Using Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) from an IRA may have tax advantages.
- By including the Education Fund in your estate plan, your generosity will help future students to continue their education.

Learn more about the Education Fund.
To learn more, please visit our website and click the Education Fund button to access a special page about the Fund. You will find frequently asked questions with answers, and several powerful stories about the Education Fund’s impact on young people’s lives.

Let’s talk.
We would love to learn more about what motivates you and the kind of impact you wish to have. We can engage together to see if our Education Fund is aligned with your giving goals.

I invite you to join me, our Board President Carra McFadden, or both of us via phone, Zoom, or in-person. Please reach out to me at (978) 999-2683 or john@friendsofkenyarising.org or Carra at (802) 490-0522 or carra@friendsofkenyarising.org.

Thank you for your support at whatever level you are giving or plan to give.
If you received this letter, it likely means you’ve helped us at some point with a gift or gifts as a donor or sponsor. Those general gifts and sponsorships are still essential for us. Thank you so much for being part of our work. Look at what we are accomplishing together!

With gratitude,

John Chisholm, Executive Director