



CMETrust News

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CMETrust Blooms in Ottawa

On May 31, CMETrust held our second fundraising event, Education in Bloom, in Ottawa. We were fortunate to have one of our Kenyan Agents, Charles Omondi in attendance all the way from Nairobi.

Our special guests also included the Kenyan Deputy High Commissioner to Canada, Christine M. W. Mwangi. Guests sampled Kenyan inspired hors d'ourves while enjoying the music of DJ Lance Baptiste and percussionist Emmanuel Printemps.

The event raised \$3200 that will go toward helping our 18 scholarship recipients return for their second year of secondary school starting in January. "It was great to see such a wonderful turnout. We were honoured to have Christine Mwangi from the Kenyan High Commission in attendance" said CMETrust President Victoria Sheppard.

Thank you to everyone who attended and made this event such a great success! To see pictures of the event visit cmetrust.org.



Christine Mwangi and Patricia Maangi from the Kenyan High Commission, CMETrust Kenyan Agent Charles Omondi, and Sarah Onyango enjoy the great food and music.

Exciting new partnership with the Toronto Eglinton Rotary Club!



Jayne Gresham, CMETrust Secretary Afiya Chown, and Club President, Jackie Scroggie.

The Toronto Eglinton Rotary Club's World Community Service Committee has generously offered to provide scholarships for four students for the next four years. This partnership was initiated by Committee Member Jayne Gresham after she attended the Hearts for Smarts fundraiser in February.

CMETrust would like to extend a huge thank you to the World Community Service Committee, under the enthusiastic leadership of Jackie Scroggie, and all of Toronto Eglinton Rotary Club. In the future we hope to expand this partnership to include a Rotary Club chapter in Nairobi.

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Thank you Jimena and Mark

CMETrust would like to send a very special thank you to Jimena Eyzaguirre and Mark Kepkay of Ottawa, for generously encouraging their wedding guests to donate to CMETrust and Ottawa Riverkeeper in lieu wedding presents. Many thanks Jimena and Mark, and congratulations on your marriage!

CMETrust Scholar Profiles

CMETrust currently supports 18 secondary school students. Below are two of their stories.

Miriam Ndunge

Miriam is 17 years old. She was born in Mwingi district in the Eastern Province of Kenya. Miriam has two older brothers and three older sisters. She lives with her mother and sister in the Mathare slum of Nairobi. Before receiving support from CMETrust to attend secondary school, Miriam worked with her mother preparing food, which they sold to workers at construction sites for about \$0.15 per meal. When there was demand, she also worked washing clothes and housekeeping, earning between \$1.15-1.75 per day.

Miriam has always wanted to return to school. She completed Form 1 a couple years ago, but could not afford to continue. Her favourite subjects are science and English, and she wants to be a doctor when she grows up. She enjoys playing volleyball, and drumming.

Our Kenyan agents feel Miriam is very deserving of this opportunity and she will work hard in order to succeed; she has much potential.



Miriam being interviewed by CMETrust's Kenyan Agents, l-r, Charles Omondi, Benedict Kiage and Titus Kuria

Mohammed Malicha Boru

Mohammed is 17 years old. He was born in Isiolo in Eastern Kenya. He has six older siblings, two brothers and four sisters. He lives with this father, who is blind, and cannot work. Before receiving a scholarship from CMETrust, he had no support to go to secondary school.

Mohammed starting boxing when he was six years old. He has become such a good boxer that he has made his boxing club, Undugu Society, famous in East Africa.

His favourite subject is science; he wants to be a scientist when he grows up. He likes playing football and dancing.

During Mohammed's interview he asked us to consider making an exception and supporting his enrolment in a day-school in Nairobi instead of boarding school. He explained that he needs to remain in Mathare to take care of his father, and continue his boxing training as Kenyan secondary schools do not teach boxing. Our Kenyan agents feel Mohamed is a very intelligent, disciplined, hard working and a talented young man and they are thrilled we were able to support him; they believe he will thrive in secondary school.



Mohammed with his trainer at the Undugu Society Boxing Club