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## **GROWING THE LOGOS FAMILY**

As with every transition, the move from primary school into high school comes with so many mixed emotions.

Anyone that has gone through this transition or taken a loved one through has a story to tell, and here at the Logos Scholarship Fund, it is no different.

For us, it is always a joy in our community to see scholars get into high school – something they and their families see as a miracle. We hear stories of awe, joy, relief and excitement all in the same breadth with anxiety and fear of the unknown.

This year, we recruited 34 new high school scholars and we cannot wait to see them thrive in high school.

We took time to orient our scholars and their families into the Logos Scholarship Fund where we "Educate for Life and Eternity" through "**SPARC**."







- S: Spiritual Maturity;
- P: Physical and Psychosocial Maturity;
- A: Academic Excellence;
- R: Relational Intelligence;
- C: Community Impact.

## MEET JOSHUA AYIEKO

Joshua's story is one of the bold, unrelenting faith of a mother. Having just completed his primary school education and passed with an impressive 348/500 marks, the family lacked the fees to get into the school he was called to, and his mother was desperate for help.

Being part of our community, the mother who lives with her two sons in Kibera, relentlessly visited our offices at the Nairobi Chapel almost daily asking for a chance. She is a small scale business woman who roasts maize and sells peanuts and sweets by the roadside; many times, when Joshua is not at school, you will find him and his brother helping the mother sell their wares to passersby.

We believe in the mysterious ways of the Lord and the faith of this Mother really did move the heart of God – because we visited their home even though it was not in the list of visitations.

When the first opportunity for a scholarship came up, we gave it to Joshua and the joy on their faces is something we will forever cherish.

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

As with every initiative that serves the greater good, we at Logos always keep up with our students – not just while they are in high school, but even as they transition into tertiary education. At the Logos Scholarship Fund, one of our core pillars and driving forces is academic excellence, which is one of the keys to success. In line with our mission to educate for life and eternity, in January, we launched the "Academic Clinic" – a platform for students to gauge their progress alongside their mentors, be accountable and voice their opinions regarding issues that may pose a challenge in their pursuit to excel in their academic endeavors.

The premiere platform is also curated to affirm, encourage and challenge scholars to become better and more responsible students. Rooted in gratitude and respect for parents, the Academic Clinic was conducted by a Pastor within the Nairobi Chapel umbrella who was able to relate with the scholars having also been out of school for a period of time due to financial constraints.



## **CELESTINE MORAA**

Celestine, a confident and well-mannered girl, passed KCPE very well but was not called to the school of her choice; she was angry, disappointed, and cried a lot when she was notified of the school she had been called to. It was so bad that she even found it very hard to accept the school even though it was a girl's national school.

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After the sessions at the Academic Clinic, she has come to the realization that she is in a good school with good amenities and most importantly, that performance is not pegged on which school one goes to but on one's hard work, flexibility and gratitude at the opportunity God has provided.

During the clinic, she also had the opportunity to make a presentation for her group and this really boosted her confidence while encouraging other scholars.

# **KUCCPS & HELB TRAINING**

On 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, students who completed high school, together with their parents, were empowered on selection of courses. This training articulately conducted by the Kenya Universities and Colleges Central Placement Service (KUCCPS) informed



the scholars and parents of the opportunity to revise their course selection based on actual performance in the just concluded Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examinations.

The Higher Education Loans Board (HELB) came in handy to train them on: how and when to apply for education loans; the grace period given on loans and methods of payment available. As the parents listened in on the enlightening discussions revolving around KUCCPS and HELB, we saw faces brighten and shoulders lifted up at the knowledge that there was life after KCSE, especially for the scholars who felt they did not perform very well. During the training, we were blessed to hear stories of hope from scholars, parents and guardians.



One such scholar, Michael Kieti, was very discouraged, but after listening to the speakers, he decided to revise his course based on his performance and now understands how to navigate the KUCCPS website.

He left the forum with a new found sense of hope knowing he has an opportunity to keep going on with his education and an understanding as to how HELB can help gain access to affordable education loan facilities.

He was so excited that he would share the information he gained at the clinic with his friends, which is an opportunity for evangelism and discipleship.

## JANE MANYANI

Jane Manyani, a grandmother and guardian to one of our scholars was very discouraged and even though she was unwell, attended the forum with hope that there may be a light at the end of the tunnel; and light she did find at the training.

She learnt and understood how to apply for HELB and how to revise a course based on performance. She was so excited to go home and help her granddaughter through the process and see her step into tertiary education.

She is now happy, satisfied and sure her granddaughter will continue with education - It is not the end.

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## **PARENTS EMPOWERMENT**

Our desire is to break the perpetual cycle of poverty through transformational education, not only for our scholars but their families as a whole. The parents' empowerment program works with our parents as they remain the primary caregivers and support structure for the scholars.

With this at the core of our fund, we held a Parents Empowerment Engagement Forum in February where the parents were equipped in matters of financial management and discipline.





Thanksgiving

Thank God with us for the results of our 76 scholars who sat their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examinations in December 2022

#### LOGOS SCHOLARSHIP FUND: KCSE 2022 RESULTS

А	A-	B+	В	В-	C+	С	C-	D+	D	D-	E	TOTAL
1	5	2	9	10	14	8	10	6	5	5	1	76



#### LOCAL TRANSFERS

**MPESA TRANSFERS** 

Paybill Number: 508701 Account Number: Logos Scholarship, Name of Scholar

#### **BANK TRANSFERS**

Bank Name: **SBM Bank** Account Name: **Nairobi Chapel-Logos Scholarship** Account Number: **0012 0058 97011** SWIFT CODE: **SBMKKENA** Bank Code: **60001** 

#### **INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS**

**BENEFICIARY INFORMATION:** 

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