



Partner Spotlight: Caroline

I've partnered with BEAM Kenya since its inception. I love the work that BEAM does in Kenya and how it provides the necessary support to help individuals in desperate times of need but also to reach their dreams and goals in life. We need one another to get through life together, and that is why community is so important, and BEAM provides that community support.

I love hearing the details of everyone's story because each person is important, and sometimes we forget that when we're churning through the difficulties of life. It's especially rewarding when I get to see updates on school graduations and transitions into the workforce. I know the hard work and time that's required to graduate from school, and so it's such an accomplishment that's definitely worth celebrating!

I think it's pretty clear that the people involved in BEAM truly and genuinely love one another and are really committed to making a difference and helping in any way they can.

If you're assisting by providing funds and resources, I think it's important to know that these resources are being put to good use and that it's really truly making a difference.

Caroline
BEAM Kenya Partner

****Editor's Note:** This piece has been edited for length and clarity.

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CELEBRATING OUR 2021 GRADUATES

This year, BEAM celebrated three graduations! Shadrack (pictured) graduated from high school and performed very well on the Kenya National Exam for Secondary School. Our team is working with Shadrack and his family to find a good fit for him for further schooling. He is hoping to join the Kenya Medical Training College to obtain an associate degree in medical social work.

Elizabeth and Michelle both graduated from eighth grade. Elizabeth will be joining Ndalat Girls, which is a high school about 45 minutes from her village that has a reputation for high performance and good discipline. Michelle will be joining Cheptarit Polytechnic, which is a trade school where she will be taking a course on food and beverage.

We are so proud of the grit, resilience, and determination of our graduates!



EMERGENCY MEDICAL FUND

Each year, we create a budget to cover the basic medical needs of children in our scholarship program as well as medical needs of those in the BEAM community. This year, we have experienced quite a few unexpected large medical needs and bills.

Michelle, a BEAM scholar, was recently diagnosed with Rheumatic Heart Disease. She saw multiple specialists and started monthly penicillin shots, which will hopefully prevent the progression of heart disease.

Another big medical expense was due to a five-year-old boy who joined the scholarship program in January. Not only was he having chronic ear infections, but he had also suffered trauma to his ears. He had a surgery to place tubes in his ears, but unfortunately, the damage was too severe. Instead, the doctors had to remove his tonsils and adenoids, and he had to get hearing aids.

The past several months made us realize an emergency medical fund is critical to adequately prepare for future medical needs. Would you partner with us to build the emergency medical fund? Simply go to www.beamkenya.org/donate to donate and write "Medical Fund" in the note section. Thank you for your generosity!