



BEAM Kenya is a nonprofit organization that equips children to overcome adversity through education and psychosocial support.

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The origins of BEAM started in January 2014 with June*, a 15-year-old girl I met in the slums. She had been out of school for three years and was pleading for a chance to return. My mother agreed to contribute toward a scholarship for her to attend Brook of Faith Academy, a Christian boarding school outside the slums.

During her first year, June excelled in school. She was smart and endearing. Over time, I learned more about all she had been through growing up in the slum environment: addiction, abuse, food insecurity, and neglect.

She went home for a school break and never returned. The dark yet familiar environment of the slums drew her back in.

Watching June walk away from something she was once longing for was painful. But it taught me that education alone was not enough and focusing on one sole issue wasn't the answer. To catalyze real change, **a holistic approach toward care and development** is essential.

Since then, BEAM Kenya has grown. We have a strong team of social workers, counselors, and caregivers who support the academic, emotional, and spiritual needs of the BEAM children.

We want children like June to grow and flourish, free to dream about their futures. By partnering with us, you provide opportunities for children in Kenya to be educated and experience profound healing and transformation.

In hope,
Colleen Costigan
Founder & Director of BEAM Kenya

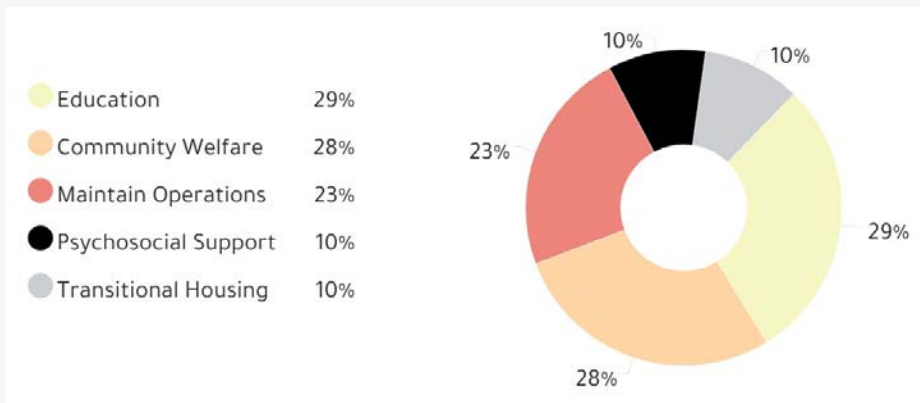
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RESTORE HOPE

Deep down, we all long to be a part of something bigger, to do something significant and good. You can restore hope for these children and their families for generations to come, so that they can dream again.

Partner with us today by giving toward our year-end goal of \$40,000 so that we can launch into 2020 ready to continue this work.

- A LOOK AT THE IMPACT -



1. Education: BEAM's academic scholarships support more than 30 children in their pursuit of quality education, allowing them to learn in a safe and protected environment. We also provide tutoring for children who have special educational needs.

2. Community Welfare Projects: BEAM supports immediate needs for food, medical care, and housing for families in the slums. Our team also works to empower these families to be self-sufficient and performs frequent home visits to build relationships within the community.

3. Maintain Operations: As our scholarship and outreach programs grow, our need for administrative support is increasing. Our operational costs include rent, utilities, staff salaries, and supplies for programs.

4. Psychosocial Support: Kenyan counselors give individual counseling to the families in our program. They also train students and teachers on topics related to child safety, self-esteem, empowerment, and conflict management.

5. Transitional Housing: Some children lack a safe place to stay during school holidays, which amount to four months out of the year. Transitional housing allows them shelter, protection, and care for their physical and emotional needs.



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