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#### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE





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## Resolving to build a new world

Growing up in a normal, middleclass African home meant I was protected. I had privileges like food, health care, clothes, and a quality education, mostly because of my caring and hard-working mom. However, when I was eight, I faced the most traumatizing loss in my life. My dad passed away suddenly. I grieved deeply but in a space where I was surrounded by the love and comfort of my mom. She protected me physically and emotionally.

After graduating from college, I witnessed the abuse of two young children by their mom and I was deeply disturbed. I became aware of an abuse that people didn't want to talk about: abuse within a home.

There were few options to protect these children from the abuse, but I was determined to fight for justice. I advocated for them to go to a boarding school that was in a safer and more protected environment than their home.

In 2016, I met Colleen. She shared my view of the world. The world we had both witnessed was filled with abuse and pain of children. Together, we resolved to build a new world for these children. Colleen and I started BEAM Kenya so that the cries of vulnerable children would be heard and their wounds would be treatedphysically and emotionally.

Olive Cherop BEAM Kenya co-founder & social work manager



## 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

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\$218,264 \$26,867

# TOTAL 2023 EXPENSES 243,786

## YOUR SUPPORT PROVIDED FOR **THESE PROGRAMS IN KENYA:**

#### NOTABLE **PROJECTS**



grand opening of

Dug a 590-foot well

to provide access

to clean water for

the community!







Full-time jobs with

benefits for 11 Kenyan

employees to provide

for their families and utilize their skill sets to

advocate for the

**BEAM children**.

### EDUCATE

#### **Academic scholarships** for 85 children

- **51** primary school scholars
- 23 high school scholars
- 7 technical school scholars
- 4 university scholars

### **ADVOCATE**

#### 1.094 social work visits

- 548 home visits
- 316 school visits
- 157 medical visits
- **73** office visits
- Provided funds for urgent heart surgery for a BEAM child

Mental health services provided for 3,778 vulnerable children and adults

- **56** psychosocial education sessions serving 2,472

**Psychological Care** 

- sessions serving 230

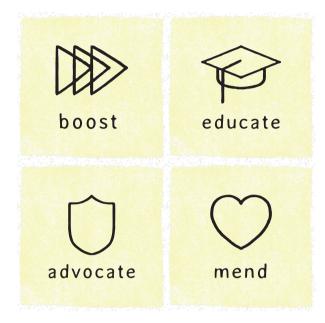
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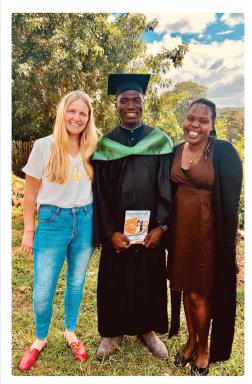
## Every child deserves an opportunity to thrive.



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for generations to come.

# Words of thanks



"I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to the BEAM donors and Kenyan staff. BEAM has done a lot in my life. Indeed, God always opens a door when there is no hope in a situation in life. I have completed my associate degree in social work and community development. I will not take this achievement for granted.

Thank you for bringing light to so many young children in Turbo (Kambi Mawe village) who thirst for education. Thank you, BEAM donors, for your kind heart, love, and sacrifice to make sure vulnerable children have a stepping stone in life through education."

Shadrack, BEAM Kenya graduate