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OBA
Opportunity Builds Africa

From the Executive Director

Celebrating 60 Years of Opportunity

Sixty years is an incredible milestone. When Tanzania gained independence in 1961, President Julius Nyerere understood that education would be the key to lifting people out of poverty and helping the nation compete in a changing world. The challenge was simple: there was not enough money to build the schools that were needed.

That's when Rev. David Simonson stepped forward and said, "I can help." From that moment, Operation Bootstrap Africa was born.

Over the last six decades, OBA and its partners have helped build schools, clinics, dormitories, training centers, and even a college. Yet buildings tell only part of the story. The real impact is found in the lives that have been transformed through education.

We know that when a girl receives an education, she is more likely to ensure her own children are educated. That changes families, communities, and generations. I often find myself wondering about the ripple effect of sixty years of educated and empowered girls. Think about the teachers, nurses, doctors, social workers, entrepreneurs, and community leaders who have emerged because someone invested in their education. Think about the families that have broken cycles of poverty, child marriage, and female genital mutilation.

How do you measure that kind of impact?



On June 1, we also began a new chapter by changing our name from Operation Bootstrap Africa to Opportunity Builds Africa. While our name has changed, our mission remains the same: **OBA partners with African communities to expand access to education and opportunity, especially for women, children, and marginalized communities.**

Most importantly, none of this would be possible without you.

Whether you sponsor a child, support a school, establish an endowed scholarship, or include OBA in your estate plans, you are helping change lives for generations to come.

Thank you for making these 60 years possible. It is our honor to help you make a difference.

~ Jason Bergmann

Where Safety Meets Hope: The Work of Eripoto



When a girl's life is interrupted by violence, by forced marriage, by circumstances beyond her control, everything is at risk. Not just her safety, but her future. Her education. Her sense of possibility. That's where Eripoto steps in.

At its heart, Eripoto is a place of refuge. In 2025 alone, their Safe House provided care for over 40 vulnerable children—girls, young mothers, and even boys who had been pushed to the margins. Here, they found more than shelter. They found meals, healthcare, counseling, mentorship, and, most importantly, the chance to begin again. Because survival is the first step. But it's not the final goal. Education is.

Every girl who walks through Eripoto's doors is given the opportunity to return to school or continue her studies. And this is where Opportunity Builds Africa plays a vital role—funding the full cost of education for girls in high school and university, as well as supporting the education of their children. That investment ensures that once a girl is safe, she can stay in school, continue learning, and build a future that was once out of reach. And this year, those efforts bore incredible fruit.

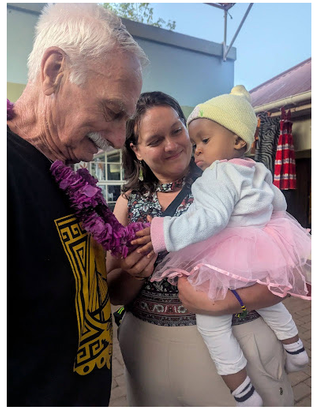
Young women who once faced early marriage or violence are now completing secondary school, earning diplomas, and pursuing careers in fields like clinical medicine, business, law, and social work. It's easy to see these as academic milestones—but they are something deeper. They are turning points. They are the difference between a life defined by limitation and one shaped by choice.

One young woman, once told her future had already been decided, is now studying accounting. Another, who faced both FGM and forced marriage, is pursuing clinical medicine with a renewed sense of purpose. These stories are not exceptions. They are the growing reality of what happens when protection and education work hand in hand. And the impact doesn't stop at the Safe House. Through school-based mentorship programs, Eripoto reached nearly 4,700 students this year, helping young people understand their rights, build confidence, and envision a future rooted in education rather than fear.

At the same time, their early childhood programs are laying foundations even earlier. More than 35 children (many from vulnerable households) are receiving preschool education, giving them a strong start before challenges can take hold.

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(Cont'd) Eripoto stands firm—committed to a simple but powerful belief: every girl deserves to be safe, and every girl deserves the chance to learn.

To those who support this work, you are part of that story. Because when you protect a girl, you do more than meet an immediate need. You restore a future. And when that future includes education, there is no limit to what can follow.

A Community Rising: Moving Closer to No FGM



(Minister Hon. Gwajima posed for a photo with Ngariba cutters who have declared that there will be no more female circumcision.)

Real change rarely happens all at once. More often, it begins quietly-in conversations, in small acts of courage, in people choosing a different path forward. In northern Tanzania, we are seeing that change take root in powerful ways.

A powerhouse for social welfare, Meshah Singolyo refuses to be deterred by the slow pace of change, choosing instead to lead the charge. Through our partnership with her organization, PWDT (Partnership for Women and Development for Tanzania), communities across the Arusha Region are continuing the work of protecting girls and challenging harmful practices like female genital mutilation (FGM). This year, that work was recognized in a meaningful way. During the International Day of Zero Tolerance for FGM, PWDT was honored as a Champion of Change—a reflection of years of steady, committed effort to uplift women and safeguard the next generation.

But recognition is only part of the story. What matters most is what's happening on the ground.



In early February, Monduli District became a focal point for this movement. Community members, local leaders, youth, and government officials came together for open and honest dialogue. These conversations didn't shy away from the reality of FGM, they faced it directly. Families spoke about cultural pressures. Leaders explored solutions. And together, they began to reimagine what a future without FGM could look like.

At the same time, something remarkable is happening beneath the surface: mindsets are changing.

Ninety traditional cutters—women who once carried out FGM as part of long-standing cultural practices—have now chosen to step away. That decision takes courage. It also signals something deeper: a willingness within the community itself to protect girls in new and life-giving ways.

And for the girls most at risk, this work is already changing lives.

Over the past two years, more than 25 girls have been rescued from FGM. Many are now enrolled in school, receiving not just an education, but the chance to grow, to dream, and to define their own futures. They are being mentored to become leaders—young women who will stand as living proof that dignity, respect, and opportunity do not require harm or sacrifice.

There is still much work to be done. In some areas, one in three girls remains at risk. That reality calls for continued commitment, deeper collaboration, and new strategies that engage entire communities—especially men and traditional leaders, whose voices are essential in shifting long-held norms.

Encouragingly, that broader movement is beginning to take shape. This year also marked the launch of Tanzania's 2026 National Strategy to End FGM, a step that reinforces what communities have already begun: a collective effort to protect girls and uphold their rights.

What we're witnessing is not just a program—it's a transformation.

It's found in the courage of a girl who stays in school.
In the conviction of a former cutter who chooses a new path.
In the voice of a community that says, together, "no more."

We invite you to join us in supporting this work. Your partnership will help create a future where every girl is safe, valued, and free to become who she is meant to be. And step by step with your help, that future is coming into view.

A New Name for a Continuing Promise

In 1965, a small group of people made a bold decision: they believed that communities in Africa already held the strength, wisdom, and resilience needed to shape their own futures. What was often missing was access — access to education, healthcare, resources, and opportunity. So they chose partnership. That spirit became Operation Bootstrap Africa.

For more than sixty years, donors, volunteers, educators, travelers, and community leaders have walked together across generations and across oceans. Together, we have watched students become teachers. We have seen schools rise from dusty fields. We have celebrated graduates, welcomed babies into clinics, built lunch programs, strengthened communities, and stood beside local leaders doing extraordinary work in the places they call home. And through every season, one truth has remained unchanged: Opportunity changes everything. Today, we are honored to share the next chapter of our story.

Operation Bootstrap Africa has become Opportunity Builds Africa.

While our name is changing, our mission is not. In many ways, this new name simply gives language to the work that has always been at the heart of OBA. Since 1965, this organization has never been about charity from a distance. It has always been about building opportunity alongside communities — opportunity that grows from within and continues for generations.

We have seen what happens when a girl receives an education and returns home as a doctor, teacher, or leader. We have seen children thrive when schools can provide daily meals. We have watched local educators, nurses, and advocates create lasting change because someone believed in their vision enough to walk beside them.

Opportunity Builds Africa reflects that truth more clearly and more fully. The word *Opportunity* speaks to possibility, dignity, and hope. The word *Builds* reminds us that lasting change is not handed out — it is created together, brick by brick, relationship by relationship, generation by generation. And Africa? Africa has always been the teacher in this story.

Anyone who has traveled with us knows this deeply. Africa changes people. Not because of pity, but because of proximity to resilience, joy, courage, hospitality, faith, and community. Time and time again, visitors return home transformed by the people they meet and the relationships they build. That spirit will continue guiding us into the future.

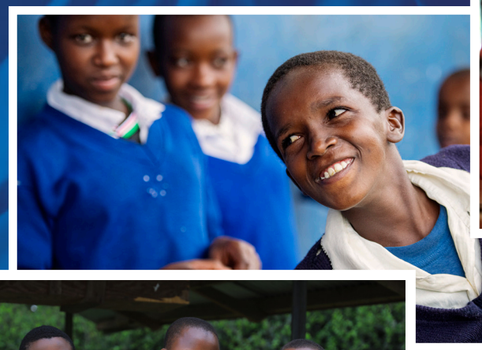
This rebrand is not about leaving our history behind. It is about honoring it. The foundation built by generations of supporters since 1965 made this moment possible. Every donor who sponsored a student, funded a classroom, supported a feeding program, volunteered their gifts, or prayed for this work helped shape who we are today. You built this story with us.

As we step into this new identity, we do so with profound gratitude and renewed energy for what lies ahead. There are still girls waiting for sponsors. Schools still working to expand access to education. Communities still leading bold solutions for the future of their children. The need remains great — but so does the hope. And hope has always been stronger when we build it together.

To everyone who has walked with OBA through the years: thank you. Thank you for believing in education. Thank you for believing in partnership. Thank you for believing in the extraordinary potential already present within African communities.

The name is changing. The mission is growing. And together, we are still building opportunity.

Welcome to Opportunity Builds Africa.









Dear Donors, Partners, and Friends of Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School,

Better late than never they say. Though the year has already begun, we would still like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt New Year greetings to all of you. As we continue through 2026, we remain deeply grateful for your unwavering support, generosity, and commitment to the education and empowerment of our girls.

Your kindness continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of many young girls from remote and marginalized communities. Because of your support, hope continues to grow within the walls of Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School.

We are especially delighted to share wonderful academic news from our school community. Our girls have performed exceptionally well in both the Form Two and Form Four national examinations. Through determination, discipline, and hard work, the school has proudly improved its overall academic performance from Grade C to Grade B this year. For us, it is a worth sharing the news considering that, sometimes we get girls who reading and writing is a big challenge.



This achievement is a reflection of the resilience of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the encouragement and support received from friends and partners like you. Every success story written at MGLSS carries the fingerprints of people who believed in the power of educating a girl child.

We are incredibly proud of our students for this milestone. Their success inspires hope for an even brighter future and reminds us all that opportunity, support, and education can truly transform lives in so many ways.

As we continue through 2026, we look forward to building on this progress together. Much remains to be done, but with your continued partnership, we believe even greater achievements are ahead. Thank you for standing with Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School. Thank you for believing in our girls, their dreams, and their future.

May this year bring you joy, peace, and abundant blessings and most of all; we welcome you with all our hearts. We have a place to host you and let you see and experience life at the school with our girls who pray daily and wish to see you, our lovely guardian angels.

Thank you OBA, thank you dear donors. We are grateful for what you do. You are changing the lives of many; you are making a huge difference.

With sincere gratitude,

Jeska Zakayo
Teacher & OBA Correspondent, Maasae Girls Lutheran Secondary School

Opening Doors to Opportunity at Njia Panda Primary School



When people come together with a shared purpose, something powerful happens. At Njia Panda Primary School, that spirit of partnership has transformed not just a building, but the future it holds.

A group of travelers on safari with the Yale Alumni Academy reached out to OBA after visiting the school. They noticed some disparity in technology, and wanted to come together in a gesture of support of the local people to make a change. A vision took shape: to renovate the school's library and create a space where students could access the tools of a modern education. What followed was a true community effort. Local tradesmen and resources were used throughout the renovation, ensuring the work was both cost-effective and rooted in the community itself.

The result is more than just a refreshed space. The library now includes secure infrastructure, updated furnishings, and, perhaps most exciting of all, a fully equipped computer lab. With 20 new computers, complete wiring, power, and projection capabilities, students are stepping into a new world of learning—one that connects them far beyond the walls of their classroom.

This project also brought something equally important: connection. With internet access and a one-year subscription in place, Njia Panda students and teachers now have the ability to explore, research, and engage with information in ways that were previously out of reach. Training and monitoring visits have helped ensure that these tools are not only available, but fully integrated into the life of the school. For Head Teacher Matrona Patras, the impact is already clear. She shared:

> *"On behalf of the entire community of Njia Panda Primary School, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude... These computers will make a big difference in the learning of our students. They will help our children gain important technology skills, improve their studies, and prepare them for the modern world."*

Her words reflect something deeper than appreciation—they reflect hope. Hope that students will be better prepared. Hope that teachers will have new tools to guide them. Hope that the entire community will benefit from this investment in education.

Projects like this remind us that meaningful change doesn't happen in isolation. It happens when partners step forward, when communities take ownership, and when resources are shared with care and intention. The travelers with the Yale Alumni Academy brought

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(Cont'd.) innovation and support. Local leaders and workers brought skill and commitment. Together, they created something lasting. Today, the doors of the Njia Panda library open to more than books. They open to possibility. And for the students who walk through them each day, that makes all the difference.



Madagascar Stable After Latest Military Coup d'état

This past October, Madagascar joined the recent growing list of countries across the globe that experienced political turmoil spearheaded by student and youth protests, known colloquially as "Gen-Z Protests". After successful youth-led government protests in Bangladesh in 2024, young people erupted against corruption and inequality in Nepal, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Indonesia, and other Asian nations. Similar initiatives organized by Generation Z (ages 14 - 29) could be found in every continent, characterized by students using social media to coordinate and spread information. By the end of 2025, Gen-Z protests had spread to Kenya, Morocco, and Madagascar. In Madagascar, this led to another coup d'état its first since 2009.

In the OBA 2023 Summer Dignity, I discussed the political landscape of then-president Andry Rajoelina. Some had called his rule authoritarian, after his administration prohibited public rallies for the opposition and created many questionable laws regarding incumbents and challengers (similar to Tanzania's latest elections. *(See article on the following page).* This past September, the Malagasy people in the capital of Antananarivo began protesting against water shortages and electricity outages. Thousands of students joined the riots and organized more protests against the country's lack of economic progress during their president's long tenure. After weeks of riots, violence, deaths, and protests in Tana and other regional capitals, one elite-military unit peacefully crossed the lines and began supporting the protestors instead of opposing them. President Rajoelina fled the country, and the leader of that military unit, Colonel Michael Randrianirina, assumed control.





In October 2025, Col. Randrianirina was sworn in by the courts and named the latest President of Madagascar. Since then, Randrianirina has promised that he will oversee the transition to free and fair elections by the end of 2027 for a new president. Most recently, in March 2026, he dismissed his entire cabinet and appointed his former anti-corruption chief as the newest prime minister. Corruption, fraud, and foreign control of natural resources have plagued Madagascar for decades. Local environmental destruction (deforestation for agricultural land, reliance on non-renewable energy sources, desertification, and mining) paired with global climate change (increase in temperatures, cyclone frequency and intensity, and droughts and floods) are stunting economic progress and most recently, causing famines.

In the Deep South, the "vaovao" (news) of Colonel Michael Randrianirina's Presidency brought hope and pride. President Randrianirina was born in the Androy Region in the Deep South of Madagascar where all of OBA's Education and School Lunch Programs are located. He served as the Governor of Androy from 2016 to 2018. The Tandroy People believe that having one of their own in power will help focus the government's attention on issues affecting their own ethnic group and many other ethnic groups outside of the capital.

The "Kery" (famine) in the Deep South persists to this day. OBA continues to provide funding for daily school lunches, school supplies, and teacher salaries at five new school buildings. OBA has funded other school constructions and renovations, agricultural and reforestation projects, and clean water initiatives with rainwater harvestWWing and well-digging. Although access to potable water is increasing, the most recent struggle afflicting the farmers and harvests are the dust storms and damaging winds brought by the cyclones, as well as a lack of government funding for public schools in the area. OBA Donors and Malagasy Partners continue to make a lasting impact on the present and futures of thousands of Malagasy children. As long as amazing OBA Donors continue to support our hard-working Malagasy Partners, we will keep feeding and educating over 3,000 students each day. There are thousands of Malagasy children that do not have this opportunity created by you to attend school and change the trajectory of their lives. Thank you very much. Misaotra Betsaka.

SAVE THE DATE

9/26/2026

OPPORTUNITY BUILDS AFRICA

Join us for an evening celebrating educational opportunities in East Africa with Tanzanian guest speaker, Meshah Singolyo!

The Heritage Center
6155 Earle Brown Dr, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Formal invitations to come!

When Stability Feels Fragile

When we talk about the work we do in Tanzania, we often focus on what is hopeful: education, partnership, and opportunity. And those things are real. We see them every time we visit. There are also moments that remind us how fragile that progress can be.



During my recent Discovery Tour, I had the privilege of traveling with a group of twelve people across communities that welcomed us with generosity and openness. We spent time in schools, met with students and teachers, and witnessed firsthand the impact that education can have. And yet, in the background, there was another conversation unfolding.

As the country approached its elections, people spoke in quieter tones. There were concerns about leadership, about fairness, about whether all voices were being heard. We heard reports of opposition figures being detained and a growing sense that the political space was tightening. Any dissenting opinions to the current government were considered traitorous. No one said too much, but you could feel it. We left the day before the election.

At the time, we carried with us the memories of the people we had met, their resilience, their hope, and their determination to build something better for their families and their communities.



Then came the news. Election day, and the days that followed, were marked by tension and uncertainty. Reports pointed to restricted communication, a heavy security presence, and growing concerns about the ability of people to freely participate in the process. According to reports, over 600 Tanzanians were killed protesting the election. Friends that had embraced us with open arms days before had now lost neighbors, friends, and family to the brutal violence of the police force against the people.

For many, it raised difficult questions about trust, transparency, and the future. Watching it unfold from a distance was unsettling. Because it wasn't just a headline. It was personal.

We could picture the classrooms we had visited. The students who were working so hard to build a different future. The teachers showing up each day with limited resources but unwavering commitment. These are the people who live with the consequences when systems falter.



And it's a reminder of something we don't always say out loud: Education does not exist on its own.

It depends on stability. On fairness. On systems that allow communities to function with confidence and trust. When those systems are strained, everything else becomes more difficult. And still, what stands out most is not fear. It's resilience.

Even in uncertainty, people continue to show up. They continue to invest in their children. They continue to believe that tomorrow can be better than today. That's why this work matters. Because when we invest in education, we are not just building schools or supporting students. We are helping create something steady in a world that is not always stable. And for the communities we serve, that steady presence can make all the difference.

We act with integrity!
We've earned a
FOUR-STAR RATING
from
Charity Navigator

OBA is proud to have been recognized as a 4-star organization by Charity Navigator for 10 consecutive years, and for meeting the highest standards of financial health, transparency, and accountability. This puts us in the top 10% of all nonprofit organizations in the United States. We are a mission-driven organization, committed to ensuring your support goes where it is most needed!

Educational Operating Grants & Scholarships

*Opportunity Builds Africa's largest program is the MaaSAE Girls Secondary School (MGLSS) in Monduli, Tanzania. Student sponsorships provide funding for the education of all of the students at this residential school. In its 30th year, the school continues to provide an opportunity for pastoralist and semi-nomadic girls to be educated in a safe and nurturing environment. A monthly grant to the school supports teacher and staff salaries, food, textbooks, utilities, farm production, and other necessary expenses.

*Additional scholarship funds were provided for students attending the following institutions: Moringe Sokoine Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania, Nazarene University, Kitambolu Secondary School in Arusha, Tanzania, Bassodawish school in the Karatu region of Tanzania, Step by Step School, Unambwe Secondary School, Michaud Secondary School, Arusha Lutheran Medical Training Center, Fransalian Hekima Secondary School, and Kiyoora High School in Ntungamo, Uganda.

*Medical School scholarships were provided for 6 future doctors to obtain medical degrees at multiple universities throughout Tanzania.

*In Madagascar a grant was provided to pay teacher salaries at five primary schools in the rural South. These teachers taught more than 3,000 students in one of the most impoverished areas of the country.

*Scholarships were granted to Primary, Secondary, and Post-Secondary students at Eripoto Safe House in Arusha.

*Scholarships were provided for pre-school children and Post-Secondary students at the Courage House in Moshi.

* Specialty training scholarships in nursing were granted to 3 qualified staff members at the ALMC School of Nursing.

Long Term Development Projects

* Opportunity Builds Africa granted the Maasai Girls School a salary for their farm manager. Other funds were also sent for cattle, as well as seeds and equipment.

* Funds were also provided for Tanzania Advanced Agriculture, which provides microloans and training for sustainable agriculture all throughout Tanzania.

Nutrition

* Lunch programs for students experiencing hunger because of drought or lack of family resources were continued or established at Olchoki Primary School, Azimio Primary School, Ilboru Special Needs School, and five Malagasy schools.

Leadership Development

*The OBA post-secondary program provides scholarships for graduates of the MaaSAE Girls School through sponsor support. MGLSS graduates pursued degrees at colleges, universities, and vocational schools in Tanzania with scholarships through Opportunity Builds Africa. Graduates of other local secondary schools also received post-secondary scholarships from OBA.

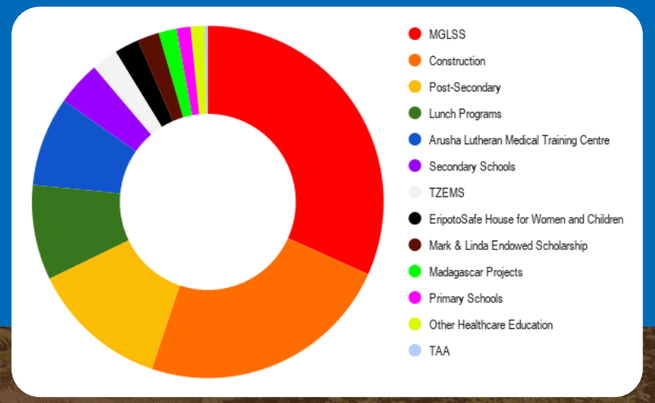
Cultural Education & Exchange

*OBA staff members led tours of their projects in Northern Tanzania in October 2024, Feb 2025, and April 2025 to gain a better understanding of the work and foster connections with the communities with whom they partner.

Healthcare & Health Education

*Grants were provided to the Arusha Lutheran Medical Centre School of Nursing to subsidize the high cost of nursing education. Grants were distributed to Partnership of Women and Development for efforts in training the Maasai about the dangers of female genital mutilation. Grants were also provided to Empowered Girls, a non-profit partner that provided menstrual care training and products to multiple school projects in Tanzania including: the Plaster House, MGLSS, Moringe Sokoine, and Olchoki Primary School.

*Funding was provided for Tanzania EMS to begin an ambulance dispatch center in Arusha.



Programs	Fiscal Year Grants	% of Total Grants
MGLSS	$536,625.98	31.73%
Construction	$395,987.08	23.42%
Post-Secondary	$214,217.00	12.67%
Lunch Programs	$147,440.00	8.72%
ALMTC	$138,988.94	8.22%
Secondary Schools	$68,733.00	4.06%
TZEMS	$40,854.00	2.42%
Eripoto Safe House	$38,165.00	2.26%
Mark & Linda Endowed Scholarship	$33,556.00	1.98%
Madagascar Projects	$28,015.00	1.66%
Primary Schools	$21,850.00	1.29%
Other Healthcare Education	$21,600.00	1.28%
Tanzanians for Advanced Agriculture	$5,000.00	0.30%
Total Spent	**$1,691,032.00**	

Construction & Special Projects at Schools in East Africa

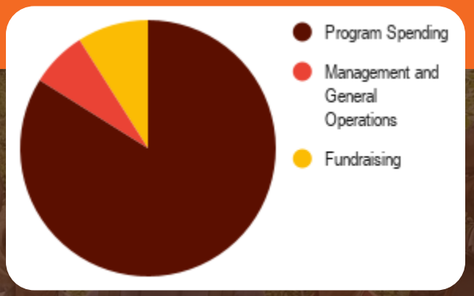
*Funding was provided for numerous primary and secondary school projects, including: supplies for five separate Malagasy Schools, two brand new school constructions in Madagascar, dormitory construction at Kiyoora High School in Uganda, and a rural hospital nutrition program.

*Funds were also provided for Teacher's Housing and campus building renovations at MGLSS.

*Funding was provided to construct a Girl's Dormitory at Masange Juu Secondary School in the Lushoto region of Tanzania.

*Construction began at Selian Hospital for a Mother's Unit and Neonatal Ward.

*Funding was provided for the "Tiny Feet, Big Steps" International Neonatal Conference in Arusha Tanzania, subsidizing the cost for nurses to attend.



2024-2025 Expenditures

Program Spending	84%
Management & General Operations	7%
Fundraising	9%

Gifts to OBA are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. OBA reserves the right to utilize up to 10% of revenue to fund undesignated opportunities.

Impact Report

Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025 (September 1, 2024 - August 30, 2025)

OBA Opportunity Builds Africa

Restoring *Hope* Through Education: A Call to Stand with Vulnerable Girls

Across Tanzania, many young girls face overwhelming barriers to education: poverty, loss, cultural pressures, and gender-based challenges that threaten to cut their dreams short. Yet, behind every hardship is a story of resilience, courage, and hope. Today, we invite you to meet a few of these remarkable young ladies—each hoping for the opportunity to attend Moringe Sokoine Secondary School in Monduli, Tanzania, a safe and supportive environment where they can continue their education and pursue their dreams.

Pascalina Guraro's life changed in an instant. After losing her father years ago, she depended entirely on her mother, Agnes, who worked tirelessly to provide through a small vegetable business. Tragically, Agnes lost her life in a road accident, leaving Pascalina completely orphaned. Despite her grief, Pascalina holds tightly to her dream of becoming a civil engineer. With no family support, her future now depends on the kindness of others willing to help her continue her education at Moringe Sokoine Secondary School.

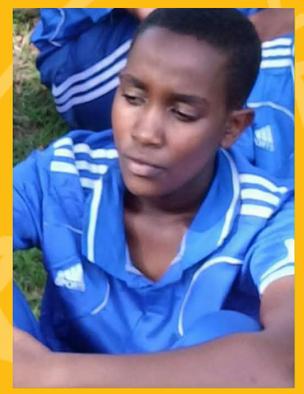




Neema Jafari comes from a community where early marriage is common and opportunities for girls are limited. Her mother, married young and unable to complete her own education, struggles to support Neema financially. Still, Neema shines academically, earning strong grades and aspiring to become a nurse to serve her community. She longs for the chance to attend Moringe Sokoine Secondary School, where she can grow academically and safely pursue her ambitions.



For Martha and Storia Namjogo, the challenges are deeply rooted in cultural and economic realities. Following the death of their father, their mothers lost control over family resources, leaving them unable to provide for their daughters' schooling. In a region where early marriage is often seen as a solution to poverty, these girls are at risk of being pulled out of school. Their families hope to place them at Moringe Sokoine Secondary School—a secure boarding environment that can protect their future and keep their dreams alive.



Salome Barasobian faces a different struggle. Growing up in a home affected by her father's alcoholism, her family lives in extreme poverty. This environment places her at higher risk of violence and early pregnancy, both of which could end her education. With support, Salome can attend Moringe Sokoine Secondary School, where she will have the opportunity to focus on her studies and build a path toward a better future.





Dorcas Lembeleli's story is one of courage. Facing forced marriage after completing primary school, she bravely sought help from her teachers, who sheltered her to protect her future. Today, she has found hope and safety at Moringe Sokoine Secondary School, where she is continuing her studies and pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher.

Finally, Beatrice Nambololo lives with her elderly grandmother after her mother was married off and moved away. With no stable income, even basic school needs are out of reach. Yet Beatrice remains determined to stay in school. With sponsorship, she too can attend Moringe Sokoine Secondary School and gain the education she needs to build a self-reliant future.



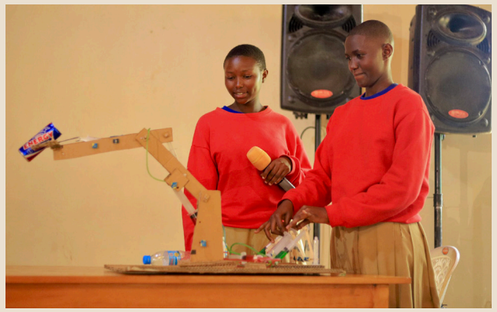
These girls share a common dream: the chance to study at Moringe Sokoine Secondary School in Monduli—a place of safety, opportunity, and hope. Moringe has the #1 academic record in the region, and these young women want a chance to pursue excellence. Your sponsorship can provide school fees, uniforms, supplies, and boarding support—ensuring they are not only educated, but protected and empowered.

Together, we can ensure that their stories do not end in hardship, but in success. Will you join us in helping these girls step into a brighter future?

Your Legacy, Their Future: Lasting Ways to Support Opportunity Builds Africa

For many of us, there comes a time when we begin thinking not only about the impact we've made during our lives, but also about the legacy we will leave behind. Whether it's supporting family, strengthening our communities, or investing in causes we care deeply about, thoughtful giving can create a ripple effect that lasts for generations.
At Opportunity Builds Africa, we are honored to partner with supporters who believe that every young person deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and build a brighter future.
If you've ever wondered about the different ways you can support our mission, there are several giving options that may provide benefits for both you and the causes you cherish.

Giving Through Appreciated Stocks



Many donors are surprised to learn that gifts of stock can be one of the most tax-efficient ways to give. If you own stocks or mutual funds that have increased in value over time, donating them directly to Opportunity Builds Africa may allow you to avoid capital gains taxes while supporting programs that transform lives. In many cases, donors may also qualify for a charitable tax deduction based on the value of the gift. A gift of stock can be a powerful way to make a larger impact than you might have thought possible
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Donor-Advised Funds (DAFs): Flexible & Convenient Giving



A Donor-Advised Fund, often called a DAF, is a charitable giving account that allows you to set aside funds for charitable purposes and recommend grants to organizations over time. Many supporters appreciate DAFs because they offer flexibility. You can contribute to your fund when it makes sense for your financial situation and then recommend gifts to Opportunity Builds Africa whenever you're ready. If you already have a DAF, recommending a grant is often a simple process that can be completed online through your fund administrator.

Leaving a Gift in Your Estate Plan



One of the most meaningful ways to support future generations is through a legacy gift in your estate plan. A bequest allows you to designate a specific amount, percentage, or asset to Opportunity Builds Africa through your will or trust. These gifts cost nothing today but can have a profound impact in the years to come. Many donors choose to include charitable gifts in their estate plans because it allows them to support the causes they love while ensuring their family and personal priorities are met first. A legacy gift is a powerful statement of values—one that can help create educational and economic opportunities long into the future.

Beneficiary Designations



Certain assets can be directed to charitable organizations simply by updating beneficiary forms. These may include:

- Retirement accounts such as IRAs & 401(k)s
- Life insurance policies
- Certain investment accounts

Because beneficiary designations are often easy to update, they can be a simple and effective way to support Opportunity Builds Africa while maintaining flexibility during your lifetime.

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)



If you are age 70½ or older and have an IRA, you may be eligible to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA to a qualified charity. For many retirees, QCDs can be a tax-efficient way to support charitable causes while satisfying certain retirement account distribution requirements.
As tax rules can vary based on individual circumstances, we encourage donors to consult with their financial or tax advisor.

Every Gift Creates Opportunity

No matter how you choose to give, your generosity helps expand access to education, skills development, and opportunity for young people across Africa. Some donors choose to make an annual contribution. Others support our work through stock gifts, donor-advised funds, or legacy giving. Each gift reflects a shared belief that opportunity has the power to transform lives.





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