

Growth Through Learning



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Organization Name: Growth Through Learning (GTL)

Project Title: GTL- High School scholarships for Girls

Grant Amount : \$25,000

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The project is designed to provide financial support to educate girls through high school by offering full scholarships. 32 girls will benefit from an annual scholarship of \$700 per student and \$2600 will go into administrative costs.

The end of primary school national examinations are administered in October/November of every year in East African schools. The results of the examinations come out by Christmas. It is at this point that our coordinators on the ground start the process of identifying and vetting applicants to the GTL scholarships, a process that takes time and effort. The girls need to have done well to qualify and must show need for financial support. With over 50% of the population in the 3 countries of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania living below the poverty line, as stated by the UN, the need for scholarships is really high. High school public education is not free in East Africa.

The 32 scholarships offered in 2024 by TWR, are part of the 448 in total that GTL is paying for this year. There are no significant changes in the management, governance or funding of GTL. All the 32 girls supported by TWR are in school, and they started in January 2024.

When we offer a scholarship to a GTL scholar, we make a commitment to pay for their school fees for 4 to 6 years, until they complete high school as long as they keep their grades up. The biggest challenge we encounter is that we have to look for money year in and year out to meet this commitment. We have wonderful foundation donors who make generous donations to us, and we continue to look for new donors. We also have a reserve fund that will kick in when our main funder can no longer support us, and we shall not recruit new scholars then, only make sure that the ones already in the pipeline can finish and graduate.

### **TWR supported students in 2024**

#### **Karoti Girls, Kenya**

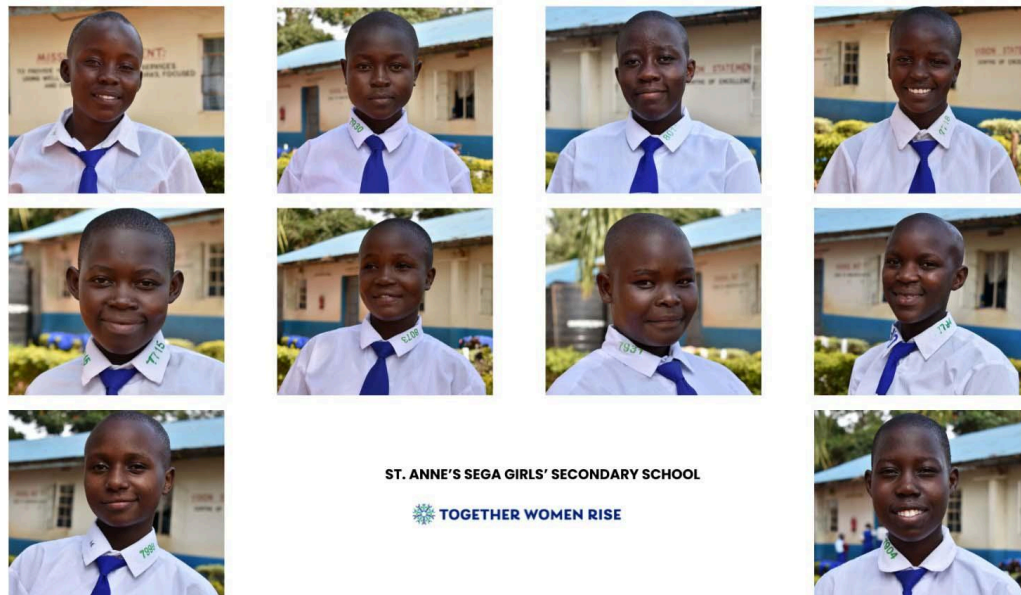
1	Monique Guyato -	Form 1
2	Patricia Kiende	Form 1
3	Esther Mumbi Wanjohi	Form 1
4	Annah Mukei Ndinda	Form 1
5	Joy Wangui Gatakaa	Form 1
6	Terryanne Ruguru	Form 1
7	Maribelle Wambui	Form 1
8	Purity Nyambeki	Form 1
9	Angela Atemi Ambetsa	Form 1
10	Muthama Sylvia Mutindi	Form 1



*Wanjiku K. Mwangi, GTL's Executive Director speaking with the new scholars at Karoti Girls, Kenya (February 2024)*

**St. Anne's Segla Girls Secondary School, Kenya**

1	Beulah Achieng Otieno	Form 1
2	Dorcas Akinyi Ofwona	Form 1
3	Kimberly Christine Adhiambo	Form 1
4	Gift Rose	Form 1
5	Getray Atemo Asila	Form 1
6	Faith Minayo	Form 1
7	Mary Atieno Oloo	Form 1
8	Lucy Adhiambo	Form 1
9	Catherine Anyango Ongala	Form 1



*A collage of the 10 new scholars at St. Anne's Segal Girls' Secondary School*



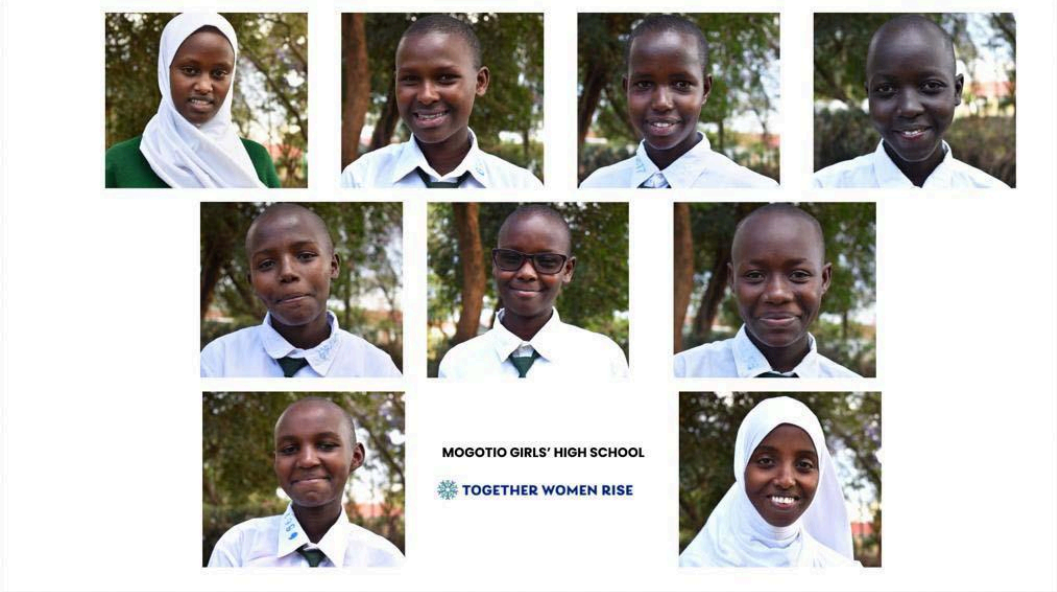
*During a visit by GTL staff Mercy and Ivy in March 2024, the new scholars had lively group sessions sharing their dreams and aspirations*

**Mogotio Girls, Kenya**

1	Livia Sambayon Lechon	Form 2
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2	Everline Ntital Lepariyo	Form 2
3	Sarah Achieng	Form 2
4	Nelius Nashon Lenosiamin	Form 1
5	Sharlet Chepkoech	Form 1
6	Kame Wato Dido	Form 1
7	Dorcas Chepkoech	Form 1
8	Arbe Olla Wario	Form 1
9	Maison Blessing Shaffary	Form 1



*A collage of the 9 new scholars at Mogotio Girls High School, Kenya*



*GTL staff, Mercy Kinyodah, and Ivy Wambui speaking with the new scholars at Mogotio Girls Secondary School, Kenya ( March, 2024)*

**Mother Marie Eugenie, Kisaki, Tanzania**

1	Maria Damiano Lazaro	Form 1*
2	Vaileth Bertold Sylvery	Form 1
3	Honoratha Adrian Mangu	Form 1
4	Emiliana Deogratus Melikiadi	Form 1

\*Form 1, is the first year of high school, in Kenya it takes 4 years and in Tanzania, 6 years to finish.



*3 of the 4 new scholars at Mother Marie Eugenie*



*During a school parade, GTL's executive director Wanjiku (center) addressed the students with Mother Marie Eugenie's administration.*

We do not anticipate any problems in getting these 32 scholars to finish high school as long as we keep on fundraising. Once they complete high school, they will join over 2000 GTL alumnae, in East Africa, that are changing their lives, and that of their communities.

Please convey to the TWR our heartfelt gratitude for the financial support to GTL to enable us to pay for these scholarships. We continue to need ongoing financial support to help us push these scholars through high school, if the opportunity arises again.

We have paid out \$22,400 to the 4 schools for the fees. The remaining \$2600 has gone to pay for transport costs, accommodation and fees for Mercy and Ivy to visit the new girls, take photos and edit the video for this report.

We also paid for the travel and accommodation costs for the Executive Director to visit the school and girls in Tanzania.