

Every penny you raise from your fundraising activities will go directly to the children of Mashimoni helping to change their lives forever.

*Here are stories of two of our supporters who are doing just that*

**Kate Hewitt first visited Mashimoni a few years ago:**

"It was a real eye opener for me helping out at this school. I remember my first time going there and seeing the Kibera slum... Since then I have gone back 3 times.

We had the privilege of running a holiday club at Mashimoni in the Easter Holidays. The primary focus of the holiday club is to get the children to school so they can eat. It is a sobering thought that this may be the only meal they get that day.

This school is so important for the children that live in Kibera. Over the years these children have inspired me to do a few fundraisers including a half marathon – I survived it! So now I have got my performing arts students (Highbury College, Portsmouth) and we recently put on a Charity Dance Gala called Move for Mashimoni. Through ticket sales for the event and a Just Giving page, we raised over £1200!"



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## Primary School teacher Tracey Stamp from Craigclowan School visited Mashimoni in 2012:

"In 2012 I visited Mashimoni school for the first time with three pupils from Scotland.

We travelled to Kenya with the Gloag family and Gloag Foundation group to celebrate 10 years of The Jonathan Gloag Academy. Our visit to Mashimoni School was the highlight of the trip. The welcome we received was incredible. We were given a tour of the school and all the children were very keen to welcome us into their classrooms. It was smiles all round, and as the whole school gathered to sing to us, the atmosphere was emotional.

Once the formalities were out the way, the boys of Mashimoni headed off to play football against the visiting men and boys! I found myself playing netball against a very competitive school team. The whole school were out in the yard supporting their team, the atmosphere was incredible, and despite my very poor netball skills, the adrenaline was pumping and I will never forget the sportsmanship shown at Mashimoni.

The children are very proud of their school and so very grateful for the donations they receive. The difference between the pupils at Mashimoni and so many children in the UK, is that they want to study and learn! They work hard to become educated and to be able to help their families. Their use of the English Language puts me to shame with my pigeon French and German!

The teaching staff at Mashimoni were very proud of their pupils, and the smiles and happiness from everyone was infectious! On my return to the UK, My husband and I immediately began to sponsor one of the younger pupils at Mashimoni. We want to help Johnstone complete his education at Mashimoni, and our small donations can help him.

I hope to visit the school and Johnstone as soon as possible. It has left a lasting impression on me and the girls that came with me.

Our school also sponsors a child at the school. They were touched when they heard about the school, how little the children have but how happy and keen to be educated they are. We love hearing from our children, and whenever we can we write and send packages from the pupils.

The work of the Foundation has given these children a chance and they are not wasting a minute. They know that they have been given the opportunity to make a difference to their lives and they give it everything.

I haven't stopped thinking about Mashimoni and all those smiling faces in their blue uniforms and dusty shoes. I hope to return very soon."

