

### **"THERE IS NO GIANT STEP THAT DOES IT.** IT'S A LOT OF LITTLE STEPS".

#### PETER A COHEN

Greetings to all well-wishers from the Amara team. It's that time of the year when we would like to inform you on Amara's happenings in 2018.

### CONSTRUCTION



The Girls' Dormitory was officially opened at Empakasi Secondary School in February 2018, where 60 girls mainly Masai can now stay there during term time. This ensures daily class attendance and not walking many kilometers to school or hitching rides from unscrupulous lorry drivers who go to this area for sand collection. We also constructed a girls' and boys' dormitory at Mathatani Secondary School which will have its first intake of

We also constructed a girls' and boys' dormitory at Mathatani Secondary School which will have its first intake of boarders in 2019.

A ground breaking ceremony for the construction of a boys' dormitory at Katani Secondary School took place on 27th October 2018 which is proudly funded by our pro bono auditors, Grant Thornton. Also noteworthy is that 44 staff and well-wishers of GT climbed Mt Kenya to raise funds for this project that is due to be completed by March 2019. A library structure was built for Ngwata Primary School due to the ballooned student population and also constructed kitchens at;

Kwa Mboo Primary School Mathatani Primary School



#### **FEEDING PROGRAMME** & VEGETABLE GARDENS

By the end of 3rd Term 2018, The Amara Charitable Trust fed lunch to 4000 students daily during term time. In addition we have introduced a lunch of mung beans and rice for 450 children in nursery classes.

Schools are encouraged to have their own vegetable gardens so that they can grow a variety of vegetables to add to their meals.

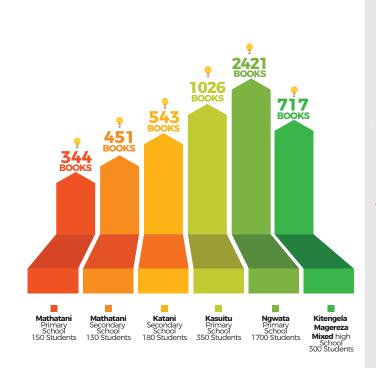




**"POVERTY IS A VERY COMPLICATED ISSUE,** BUT FEEDING A CHILD ISN'T". JEFF BRIDGES

### LIBRARIES, TEXT AND REFERENCE BOOK DONATIONS

Six libraries were initiated at the following schools



### "A **LIBRARY** OUTRANKS ANY OTHER THING A **COMMUNITY** CAN DO TO **BENEFIT** IT'S **PEOPLE.**

IT IS A NEVER FAILING SPRING IN THE DESERT".

ANDREW CARNEGIE





## Library

I have read many story books for example Sugar daddy, After tears, Sula and Ja, Blood ties, Soccer Secrets, Jealous in Jail, Two faced Friends, Broken Promises and let me tell you, the story books have helped me to improve my grammar and thinking capacity. The Broken Promises story book has help[ed me to know how I can live a life when "Busi" was cheated by "Paks" and fell in love with him. Jealous in Jozi story book helped me on how to deal with some issues, when Ntobi's sister was in festivals and her sister tried to tell her lies of her boyfriend Olwethu.

My future dream is to become a broadcaster.







# DONATIONS



New school uniforms were distributed to 5 schools namely: Kanaani Primary School- 729 uniforms Mt View Primary School- 156 uniforms Kwa Kalusya Primary School- 124 uniforms Kwa Mboo Primary School- 200 uniforms Ngalalya Primary School- 355 uniforms

Sanitary towels were distributed to girls at Mathatani Secondary School, Kanaani Primary School and Kanaani Secondary School.

Most of our Amara primary school students have gone to secondary schools and some secondary school students have even been accepted into various universities.

All the above was only possible through the support from all our donors,...,in cash and kind. Many thanks to all the donors who played a major role in Amara's two fundraisers -Oceans' 8 premier Movie at Westgate Cinemas and the 8th Annual Golf fundraiser at Sigona Golf Club in June.

The proceeds from these fundraisers will go towards construction of ten classrooms at Kitengela Magereza Mixed High School.

"Doing great things for others is an awesome gift to give yourself" Robin Sharma







## WORKSHOPS

Introduced karate to Kanaani Secondary School which has now become an all girls school. Karate classes at Kanaani Primary School is now in its 4th year and several students have entered various competitions country wide. Thirteen Karateka's were graded on 16th February 2018. The grading was conducted by Kenya Goju Ryu Association technical bench. They all attained yellow belt.

Workshops were initiated at Kyangoma Special Needs School. In 2019, 4 students from this school will join another institution/NGO where they will be educated on hygiene, grooming and trained in carpentry, welding, cooking and hairdressing which will empower and enable them to earn a living.

Amara had organized an inter- schools competition and Kanaani Primary School took the prize for best school and best students.



### Vegetables & Tree Planting





### PLANS FOR 2019

- Construction of 10 classrooms at Kitengela Magereza Mixed High School.
- Construction of a Boys' dormitory at Katani Secondary School.
- •Menstural health & hygiene and making of re-usable sanitary pads.
- School cleanliness and the surrounding environment.
- Reading and comprehension.
- Cultivation of vegetable gardens & planting of fruit & shade trees & start of tree sapling nurseries.

