



# The Amara Charitable Trust

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## CONNECTING • REFLECTING • GROWING

Dear Friends and Supporters of Amara

Welcome to an exciting new chapter of our newsletter!

In the past, our annual newsletter allowed us to capture a full year of activity in one comprehensive edition. As our work and community have grown, we saw an opportunity to share our stories in a more focused and engaging way. Moving into 2026, we are delighted to introduce a refreshed biannual format that allows us to better connect, reflect, and grow together as a community. Publishing twice a year gives us the space to highlight collective achievements, amplify community voices, and share meaningful updates as they happen. This first biannual edition, released at the end of June 2026, brings together key moments from the past months and a look ahead at what lies before us. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey—we look forward to continuing to learn, grow, and make an impact together. While our newsletter format may have changed, our vision remains the same: to **educate, empower, and enhance** the lives of youth in rural Kenya.

With gratitude, the Amara Charitable Team

*We need to make education accessible to marginalised youth by breaking down financial, social, and systemic barriers that prevent them from reaching their full potential.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Golf Fundraiser**  
This August we will be hosting our 13<sup>th</sup> Golf Fundraising Tournament at Muthaiga Golf Club.



- **Nado Enterit Primary School**  
Handing over of the new structures at the school, comprising kitchen with energy efficient stoves, a storeroom and covered shelter & 2 dormitories.

## GROWING OUR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Empowering Youth

At the end of January 2026, we conducted interviews for disadvantaged youth who completed their final secondary school examinations in 2025. With the invaluable support of the school community, we interviewed 50 remarkable young individuals. Following a careful selection process, we shortlisted 37 students for enrollment in various skill-based courses.

Our scholarship program specifically selects students from marginalized communities who face severe adversity:

- Living below the poverty threshold
- Coming from single-parent households
- Growing up in rescue homes
- Are orphaned or in the care of elderly relatives, usually a grandmother

Many of these students have experienced significant interruptions to their education due to financial challenges. While this means they are sometimes older than their peers, they show extraordinary resilience, determination, and a deep commitment to pursuing their dreams.

By the beginning of May 2026, 35 of the 37 shortlisted students were successfully enrolled at various technical colleges pursuing practical, high-demand disciplines such as engineering, information technology, hospitality, and healthcare.

None of this would be possible without our community of incredible donors. Your support is proof that given the right opportunity, these resilient young people will not only change their own trajectories but will also inspire a ripple effect of hope for generations to come. Thank you for investing in their dreams!



## Our Graduating Students

This year, 43 students are on track to complete their training and will be stepping into the workforce. Each carries the skills, resilience, and determination that have guided them through challenges, along with the hopes of their families and communities. We celebrate their achievements and look forward to the impact they will make in the world

## BOWLING FUNDRAISER

On 22nd and 23rd April 2026, we once again hosted our 4th bowling fundraiser at PINS Entertainment, Sarit Centre. The energy, over the two days, was electric from start to finish. From gutter-ball laughs to spectacular strikes, the event brought together friends, families, and partners, all rallying behind the powerful cause of accessible education for some of the most vulnerable in our communities.

The turnout this year was our best yet, proving that our community knows exactly how to show up when it matters most. While teams went head-to-head for the top leaderboard spots in the spirit of friendly competition, the real winners are the deserving students who will benefit from the funds raised.

Scholarships do so much more than just cover tuition; they open doors, break down barriers, and empower the next generation of leaders, thinkers, and innovators. Thanks to your support, more students will have the financial backing they need to pursue their dreams without restraint.



We want to extend a massive thank you to everyone who made this possible. Whether you laced up a pair of bowling shoes, sponsored a lane, cheered from the sidelines, or where a main sponsor, this success belongs to you. We also offer a special shout out to the team at PINS Entertainment for hosting us and helping the event run so smoothly.

## 7th August Golf Fundraiser

We are raising funds to initiate an Entrepreneurship Program for our students who have graduated and are interested in starting a business. The funds raised will support skills training and seed funding for rent and fixed assets.

## EMPOWERING YOUNG LEARNERS

In a wonderful display of community support, the Premchandbhai Foundation in May 2026 stepped forward to champion local education by coordinating a massive donation of essential stationery supplies. This generous initiative directly benefited an impressive 8,300 students and teachers across 11 primary schools, ensuring that young learners are equipped with the foundational tools they need to succeed in their daily studies. By providing these critical learning materials, the Foundation has successfully alleviated a significant financial burden for thousands of local families who often struggle to cover the rising costs of school supplies.

The impact of this distribution goes far beyond simply handing out pens, pencils, and notebooks; it fosters an environment of academic equity and boosts student morale. Teachers and school administrators have warmly welcomed the initiative, noting that having personal access to quality stationery dramatically increases classroom engagement and helps students take greater pride in their schoolwork.



**Equity in education begins with the tools in a student's hand:** Armed with the proper learning resources, students no longer worry about what they lack; they focus on what they can achieve—fostering deeper classroom engagement that transforms a student from a passive listener into an inspired learner.

## Supporting Holistic Learning

This January, we had the joy of returning to the Giraffe Centre alongside students from **Iyarat Primary School** in Kajiado.

For many of these children, the adventure began long before they reached the sanctuary. Stepping onto the bus to Nairobi was a thrilling **first-time experience**, and the energy and excitement when they arrived was absolutely infectious. From watching the landscape change on the way to the city to coming eye-to-eye with the majestic giraffes, it was a day filled with unforgettable smiles and meaningful learning. Thank you to everyone who helps make these life-changing field trips possible!



## Community in Action

In keeping with their deeply rooted ethos of community service and compassion, **Young Jains Nairobi** stepped forward to champion our educational initiatives. Through their dedicated fundraising efforts, they provided a major boost to our **scholarship program** and funded essential **stationery supplies** for local primary schools we support.

This thoughtful contribution ensures our students have both the financial support and the practical tools they need to thrive in the classroom. We are incredibly grateful for their partnership and shared vision for empowering the youth.



When we teach the next generation to lift others up, we are not just changing today—we are shaping a more compassionate tomorrow. So proud of these young leaders and the incredible generosity of spirit they possess.

## Celebrating Success

In a heartwarming celebration of determination and achievement, the Amara team in March 2026 visited Utangwa Youth Polytechnic, Kikima to celebrate a special “graduation” ceremony for 9 special needs students we supported with a scholarship that allowed them to learn a practical skill over 3 years.

Having successfully completed their comprehensive training program and undertaken their first-ever exam (NITA Grade III) which they all passed, these graduates have unlocked new skills, gained invaluable independence, and proven that no barrier is too high to overcome.

To honor their hard work, the team proudly presented each graduate with their official certificate of completion alongside a gift. The atmosphere was filled with joy, pride, and emotion as family members, instructors, and their peers gathered to witness the students step confidently into their next chapter.

As these students step forward into the world equipped with their NITA Grade III certificates, we celebrate the triumph of ability over disability, and a community united in lifting them up.



### **Thank you for reading the very first edition of our new biannual newsletter!**

Launching this half-yearly format allows us to step back and bring you more meaningful stories of the impact and achievements your generosity makes possible. From the classrooms receiving vital resources to the inspiring milestones of our graduates, every success is a reflection of a community united in doing good. Until our next issue drops later this year, we invite you to stay connected with us through our website and social media channels, where we share real-time updates of how your incredible support is changing lives.

Thank you for walking this journey with us!

With deepest gratitude

*The Amara Charitable Trust Team*



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