



Spring 2021 Newsletter

OUR MISSION

Tegemeza's mission is to **LOVE** children, **SUPPORT** communities and **EMPOWER** women.

When children are loved and cared for, they possess the courage and self-confidence to pursue their education. When communities are supported, they work together towards self-sustainability. When women are empowered, they lead their communities towards lasting change.



UPDATE ON THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

Student Sponsorship News and Goals for the New Year!

\$1 A DAY CAN CHANGE A LIFE FOREVER

Letter from Sarah Dunn,
Tegemeza Founder and Managing Director

We rely on generous support from people like you. "To whom much is given, much is required". Luke 12:48

We are thankful for all the love and support. We could not do this without you. Sponsorships start at only \$30 per month, an amount most of us can easily afford. Our approach is simple:

LOVE - Orphans miss the nurture and love of a parent so vital for human development. We advance education by supporting both individual students and local classrooms through sponsorships.

SUPPORT - We relieve poverty by providing food, clean water, shelter and other basic necessities of life to individuals or families most in need.

EMPOWER - We empower women by providing training on literacy, financial literacy, business skills, trades and income-generating skills and some capital to start and or grow their businesses.



MEET MARY HER SUCCESS STORY

We met Mary in 2015, when she was 14. Mary and her family were living on the streets. Her father had been murdered during a mugging. Her mother Agnes, was unable to find work and provide for her 7 young children and grandchild, Damaris (plus baby Talia), Mary, Eucabeth, Josphat, Victoria, Gladys and Japheth.

Tegemeza helped provide shelter capital for Agnes to start her own business selling vegetables. A small amount can go a long way. Agnes is able to make a meagre living and provide for her family. Tegemeza continues to provide support. They all live in a two room tin roofed structure.

Tegemeza helped Mary enroll in hospitality training providing tuition, uniforms and provisions.



"I would like to thank you for bringing me to this wonderful school and getting a full school uniform so that I can look like the other students

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*-Mary Mochama
Hospitality School Student*

With support from sponsors like you, Mary graduated high school although her marks were not high. This restricted further opportunities for her.

Mary dreamed of working in the hospitality industry, a booming industry in Africa. Tegemeza connected her to St. Theresa's Vocational Training Institute, a college that strives to empower disadvantaged youth with marketable skills in the hospitality industry. She was interviewed and accepted into the program. She will complete her diploma in November 2021.

Mary has grown into a confident, hard working, and determined young lady. She gets up early every morning to help with her younger siblings and then leaves to attend her training. In the evening she helps her mother with the vegetable stand, washes her clothes and completes her homework.

Your generous financial support will not only change Mary's life, but will change that of her whole family and her community.



FOR ALL THE MAMAS IN YOUR LIFE



Get the perfect gift for a Mama in your life while supporting these Mama's!

Hand-carved soapstone, beaded jewellery dishes, woven baskets and detailed clutches, there is something for every Mama in you life in our store.



This Mother's Day, give a meaningful gift with an impact. We are so thankful for the Mama's at Tegemeza and by supporting these women, we are supporting and empowering families.



Visit www.tegemeza.org/online-store to see more beautiful, handmade items available in our online shop.

THANK YOU FROM TEGEMEZA AND SHEKINA

A few weeks ago, we shared an urgent plea on our social media. Due to Covid 19 and mental health issues, Shekina and her brothers were abandoned by their mother (the sole bread winner) and were faced with eviction and starvation. We are thankful to report that we were able to raise over \$2000 CDN in support of Shekina and her family.

Due to your generous support we were not only able to provide for the immediate needs of food and shelter, but ongoing support and care for the children. Additionally, Tegemeza has provided Brandon, the older brother, with seed money to start a small food stand. He is now able to earn a living and provide for the family.

To support : Go to Tegemeza.org click on Donate



Thanks to your response, we were able to raise over \$2000.00 CDN for her and her family.



MEET TIM, OUR NEW KENYAN ADMINISTRATOR

COVID-19 created new challenges and desperate conditions for the most vulnerable in the Nairobi slums. Imposed curfews, lockdowns, and restrictions made street vending and low-paying jobs such as waste collection or casual day labour even more scarce. Covid-19 has prevented Tegemeza from visiting and ministering to those under our care. So it is with great pride that we introduce our new administrator. Tim has a commerce degree from Kenyatta University and comes to us from the Community of Hope Care Center.

Tim is an invaluable asset to Tegemeza. He is well-known and respected in the community. With his support and hard work, Tegemeza is able to follow and provide for our sponsored children and families. Thank you Tim and welcome to the Tegemeza family.



"You could not imagine the situations these people go through every single day. But thank God, through Tegemeza, now they never fail to smile and are positive about their life.

*This deeply touches my heart"
- Tim, Tegemeza Administrator*

SPONSORING A CHILD - URGENT NEED

Your sponsorship will keep a child in school and provide a healthy daily meal. Every child deserves these basic human rights.

Sponsor a child today.

Did you know?

It takes up to 7 sponsors to fully meet the financial sponsorship needs of each child

When you sponsor a child you will receive a meaningful welcome package with photos and information about your child, their family and their community.

Thank you from Shavellah, Faith, Jane, James, Bravin at Nembu School

Tegemeza has identified additional homeless, orphaned and desperate children: Josphat, Tabitha, Iddah, Brandon, Eucabeth, Ruth and Helen who require immediate help. With your generous help we can change their lives too.

Go to : <https://www.tegemeza.org> **Click on Donate**

"If you can't feed 100 people, then feed just one."

- Mother Teresa

