



From Vulnerable Child to Confident Leader

Since 2021, Pearl S. Buck International has partnered with local non-profit Chariots for Hope, which serves children in need in Kenya through the operation of several children's homes, and Bethlehem Baptist Church in helping the children living at Ogada Children's Home find success in their lives by providing educational, health, livelihood, nutrition, and psycho-social support.

John is the youngest child in his family, with three brothers and one sister. His mother tragically passed away following a prolonged illness, leaving him and his siblings in his grandmother's care. Despite the love of John's grandmother, she could not provide her grandchildren with the basic necessities, leaving him vulnerable and in need of care.

When John was in third grade, he was welcomed into a Chariots children's home where he received three meals a day, safe housing, and loving care from caregivers. He was also enrolled in school, attending for the first time without worrying about when his next meal would be. The support from the children's home helped John excel at his education.



Chariots continues to provide care and provision for John's education journey. He is now in university, where he continues to demonstrate excellence and a strong work ethic. John has received mentorship from the university's president, empowering him to represent and advocate for his peers at university senate meetings.

The manager overseeing John's support shared his pride in John for his success at university. "This accomplishment holds great significance for John, as it grants access to various privileges within the university such as leadership retreats, modest compensation, and invaluable networking opportunities," he said.

Thanks to the generosity of people who support the humanitarian work of Chariots for Hope and Pearl S.



Buck International, John's life has been transformed into one of hard work, leadership, and perseverance.

He reflected on the impact of being a sponsored child, stating, "After losing my mother, I felt utterly hopeless. Yet, thanks to the support and care provided by Chariots for Hope, hope has been reignited within me."

John's educational leadership opportunities illustrate Chariots for Hope's mission to create a transformed future in Kenya by giving children in need the tools they need to lift themselves out of poverty. John's life shows the impact that care and provision make in growing a young boy in need of the basic necessities into a healthy and confident young leader. Thank you to all our child sponsors and donors who make a difference in the life of children like John every day!

Supporting Specific Needs in Kenya

In addition to child sponsorship opportunities, Pearl S. Buck International offers a range of projects and gift catalog items to benefit the health, nutrition, education, and psycho-social needs of the children living in Ogada Children's Home in Kenya.

Ogada Children's Home is home to 93 vulnerable and orphaned children. There are 11 staff who live at the home and care for the needs of the children. The 53 children in primary school live on campus 24/7, and there is room for the 40 older children to stay at the home on school holidays. The boy's and girl's dormitories are in significant need of renovation, specifically replacing the doors, windows, ceiling boards, and floor tiles. These renovations will provide better security for the children, beautify their living spaces, and make it easier to keep clean. <https://pearlsbuck.org/projects/improve-living-conditions-and-nutrition-kenya/>

In addition, the children's health and cleanliness would benefit from the purchase of washing machines for their clothing. <https://pearlsbuck.org/projects/washing-machine-for-ogada-childrens-home-kenya/>

Ogada Children's Home would also benefit from a bread machine, which would allow everyone to



have at the very least fresh and nutritious bread on a regular basis. <https://pearlsbuck.org/projects/bread-machine-for-children-living-in-ogada-kenya/>

Supporters can help the children living at Ogada obtain the education they need to break the cycle of poverty by helping with school tuition: <https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/education-tuition-1180/>

Providing a student with a school uniform also helps these young people stay in school: <https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/school-uniform-30/>

Unforeseen sickness and health care costs can jeopardize the health and lives of students at Ogada and also interfere with their studies: <https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/emergency-medical-bills-118/>

Your generosity can also provide a student with a new outfit and shoes: <https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/new-outfit-and-shoes-59/>

We are so grateful to all our generous child sponsors and donors who go above and beyond providing this extra support to children in need to ensure they have every tool available to ensure they will stay healthy, stay safe, and stay in school.

See all available Gift Catalog items at: <https://pearlsbuck.org/help-children-in-need/gift-catalog/>

See all projects in need of funding at: <https://pearlsbuck.org/help-children-in-need/fund-a-project/>