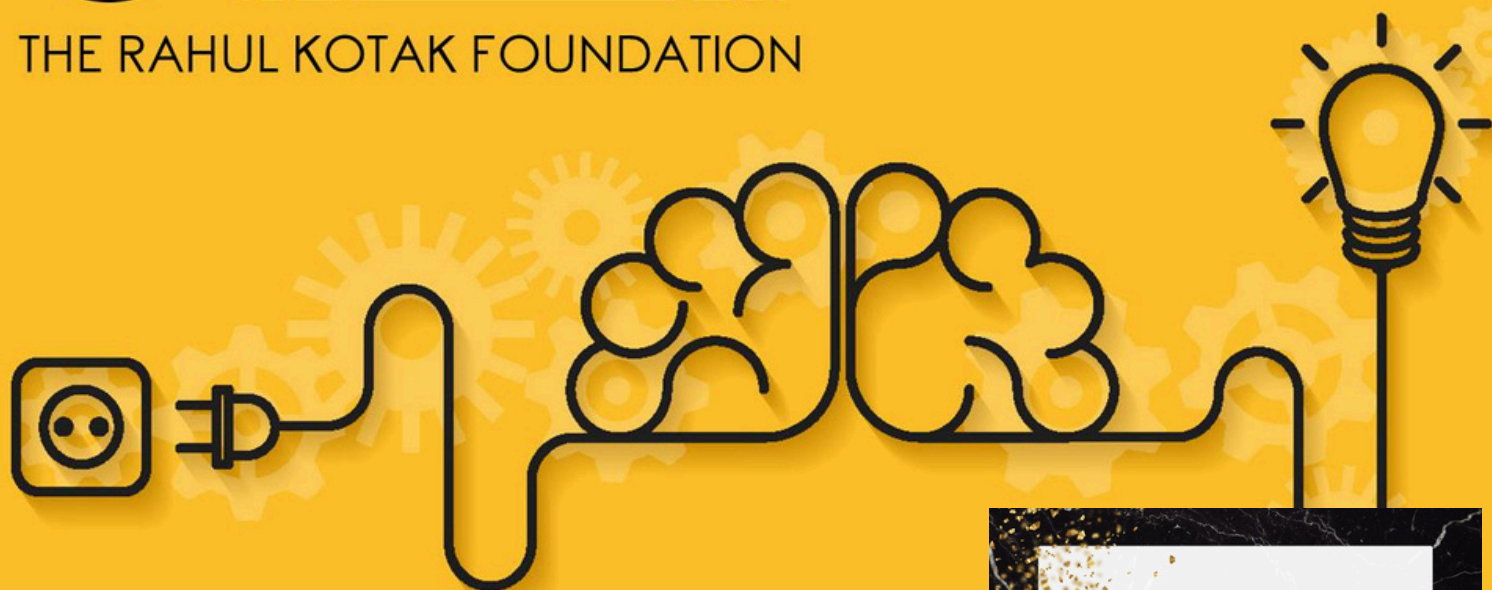


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Newsletter

THE RAHUL KOTAK FOUNDATION



RKF TURNED 8!

A Note from our Co-Founders

In April of this year, The Rahul Kotak Foundation (RKF) celebrated 8 years of dedicated service to the communities of Kisumu County. What began as a tribute to our late brother Rahul has slowly evolved into an efficient organisation that is deeply committed to empowering local communities. None of our achievements would have been possible without the generosity of donors and well-wishers, as well as the countless hours of effort by interns and volunteers that have worked with us throughout the years. Their unwavering contributions have been the cornerstone of our progress, continually inspiring us to expand our impact.

Ever since we embarked on this journey we have always had one thing at the forefront of our minds: improving access to quality education for every child, especially those living in marginalised communities. School Feeding Programs play a pivotal role in ensuring children stay in school and remain attentive during classes. Through innovative and collaborative community efforts, and multiple cycles of trial and error, we have been able to establish our School Meals Program that provides children with two nutritious meals everyday.



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We have **served over 900,000 meals** through our School Meals Program and Meal Kits Program. We aim to increase that number exponentially over the coming years. We believe that working directly with the beneficiaries of our programs allows us to truly understand the challenges they face while tailoring solutions that adequately meet their needs. Our Girls' Empowerment Program is a testament to that. Other than receiving reusable sanitary pad kits, hundreds of young girls have benefitted from educational workshops at RKF where their parents and guardians are also invited to participate in discussions about menstrual health.

Our personal values of compassion, community and change continue to be the driving force behind the work we set out to do. Establishing projects that align with our values is a very rewarding and fulfilling experience. The Climate Action Project is one of our proudest achievements. We feel it is absolutely necessary to educate the next generation about the importance of conserving the environment and becoming stewards of their surroundings. By building green spaces and gardens in public schools we hope to teach young children about the responsibility that befalls their generation. Cultivating mindfulness of environmental issues among the students will give them agency to be a part of the solution.

We are also thrilled to announce that RKF started a Scholarship Fund in 2023 to bridge the gap for students transitioning from Standard 8 to Form 1. We have 20 students that are currently benefiting from this initiative that covers their school fees and provides mentorship and support to them.

The road to these achievements has been long and bumpy at times but with the support of all of our stakeholders we feel confident that our journey will continue to be successful.

With deep gratitude and in solidarity,



Co-Founder



Co-Founder



MEET THE TEAM

We are thrilled to introduce our new cohort of interns to you! These passionate and dedicated individuals are the heroes behind the scenes of the impact we create through this work. Through the internships we offer, we train youth who are passionate about making a positive impact in society with skills and knowledge, whilst giving them hands-on experience of working in a non-profit.

Get to know them:

- **Elizabeth Okumu** - Program Management Intern
- **Flavian Marie Amondi** - Social Media Intern
- **Muskan Singh** - Reporting Intern
- **Zanela Adhiambo** - Program Management Intern

Click on the button below to know more about their motivations for joining the team.



[Get to Know Them...](#)

RKF SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2024

Say HELLO to our Scholars of 2024!

Through the RKF Scholarship Fund, we support bright students from financially challenged backgrounds to pursue their high school education. Additionally, we support them through mentorship and personal development sessions during school holidays to enhance their overall well-being.

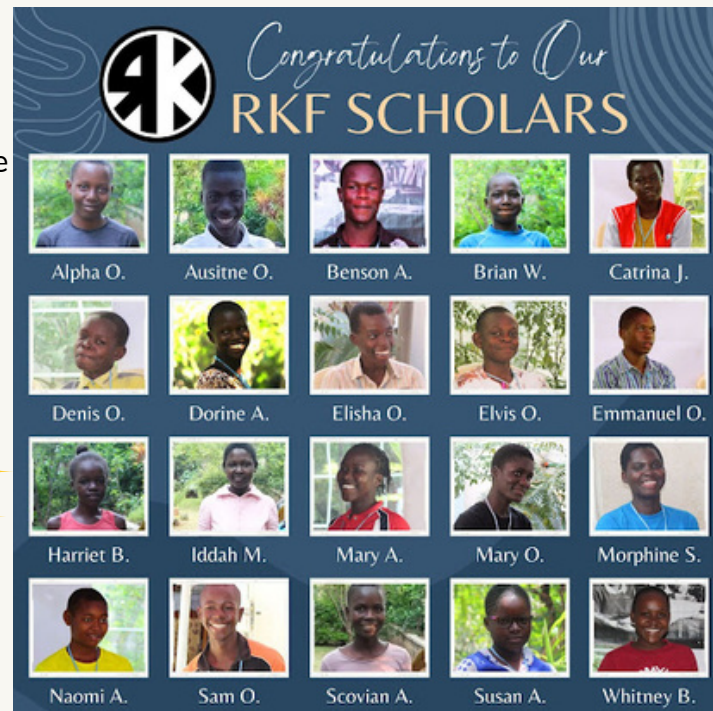
Frank, a beneficiary of the Scholarship Fund has completed his secondary school and just recently got accepted to pursue Psychology in one of Kenya's top universities, Moi University.

We supported Frank for one year. While he was in Form 3, his family was struggling to pay his fee due to financial constraints. After evaluating his performance and having one-on-one sessions with him and the family, his determination to continue studying motivated us and a local donor to support him through his secondary school education.

Frank's story mirrors that of many students we assist through our Scholarship Fund and like him, we are now supporting 20 other students, including 3 who started with us last year and 17 new scholars (all pictured above) who joined us this year. This year's scholars have joined schools like Moi Forces Academy, Mudavadi Girls, Moi Girls Nairobi, and Ramba Boys among others.

You too, can change the life of a student. Are you interested in sponsoring a student in 2025?

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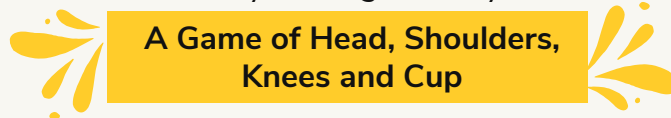


SCHOLARS' WORKSHOP - TERM 1

Alongside financial support, our scholars also receive termly mentorship, psycho-social support and personal development workshops throughout their secondary school education for well-rounded growth.

We recently held a 3-day workshop with scholars after the completion of their 1st term! The days were divided into different activities and speakers shared valuable insights and wisdom with the scholars. And so much more... [Read the full report on GlobalGiving here](#)

Check out our fun ice-breakers video by clicking on the yellow button!

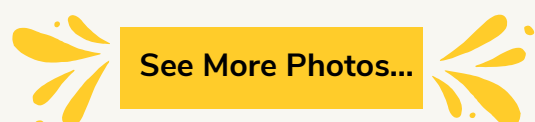


TEACHERS' ROUNDTABLE

Teachers are the cornerstone of our community, serving as the vital link to our direct beneficiaries: the students. With their deep understanding and knowledge of the students and their communities, teachers are crucial in setting up our programs and providing essential feedback from the beneficiaries.

They are our extended hands in the field, ensuring our initiatives are effectively implemented and impactful. Every term, we take some time out, to be in community with our teachers and listen to the stories they have to share. We also provide psycho-social support, team -building activities and motivational sessions during the Roundtable.

Immersed in a team-building activity, "Build-a - puzzle" are our teachers. A snippet from our Teacher's Roundtable 2024 - Term 1.



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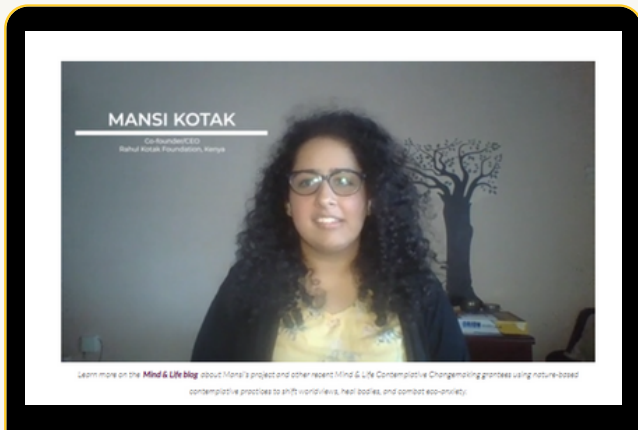
For the 5th consecutive time, The Rahul Kotak Foundation is incredibly proud to announce that we have been honoured with all 6 badges awarded by GlobalGiving. These badges represent significant recognition and validation of our ongoing commitment and impact on the communities we serve.

The badges awarded to our organisation include:

- Project of the Month
- Effective
- Top-Ranked
- Vetted
- Site-Visit Verified
- Staff-Favorite



GARDENING & MINDFULNESS



As a grantee of Mind & Life Institute's Contemplative Changemaking Grant in 2023, we've been able to bring to life a quote by David Sobel through our Climate Action Program: "If we want children to flourish, to become truly empowered, let us allow them to love the earth before we ask them to save it."

Contemplative gardening allows us to give our undivided focus and attention to the earth. When we care for a plant or a tree, it isn't easy to focus on anything other than the plant or tree. We engage most of our senses in this act of care and this helps us bring our whole being to gardening. You can watch this video in which our CEO, Mansi Kotak, shares more about this project: [Seeding the Future Through Contemplative Gardening](#).

Watch this interview to learn more about how we are introducing contemplation to students in public primary schools in Kisumu through our Climate Action project that makes climate education more accessible and practical for children living in urban communities.



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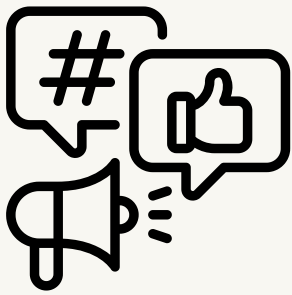


THANK YOU FOR LITTLE BY LITTLE MATCHING

From Team RKF, to all of you who donated towards our project during the Little by Little Campaign, **Thank YOU!**

Your donations of \$1,100, matched with \$449 matching funds by GlobalGiving, helped us raise a total of \$1,549.





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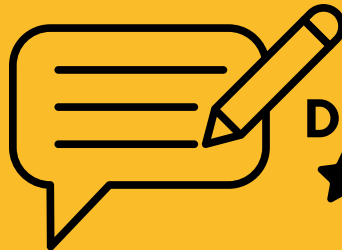


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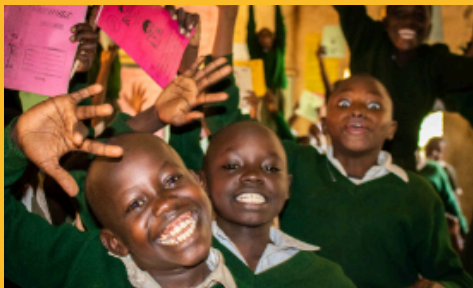
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