

# Rwanyana Community Trust

News Bulletin February 2025 Celebrating Sponsorship



Sponsorship is the bed rock of our charity. It started in 2012 when Grace Bevan wanted to help some destitute and malnourished children in her home village, Rwanda. She gained sponsorship for them from friends which enabled her to open a nursery class and her brother Spencer housed them in his home. Those same children are thriving today and attending college or secondary schools still supported by their loving sponsors.

## Where are they now?



Barham is thriving at secondary school. Here he is bringing a gift of potatoes to us in the guest house.

Betty is just going into her last year of her garment design course at technical college. She dreams of running her own business



Isaac was thrilled to receive some tools from the charity on our last visit. He is studying electrical installation.

### Charity Objectives

RELIEF OF POVERTY

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EDUCATION

UK Charity Registration Number 1177712

## Agrey and Doreen

Agrey, Doreen and a younger sibling were left with their grandmother when their parents separated and left home. The grandmother neglected the children to the extent of not feeding or clothing them. This only came to light when the younger sibling died of malnutrition and Agrey and Doreen came to the attention of Grace's brother, Spencer and his wife Peninah. Doreen was in hospital for a month recovering from malnutrition after which both children were taken in and cared for by Spencer and Peninah



### Maureen, Agrey's sponsor, Northern Ireland

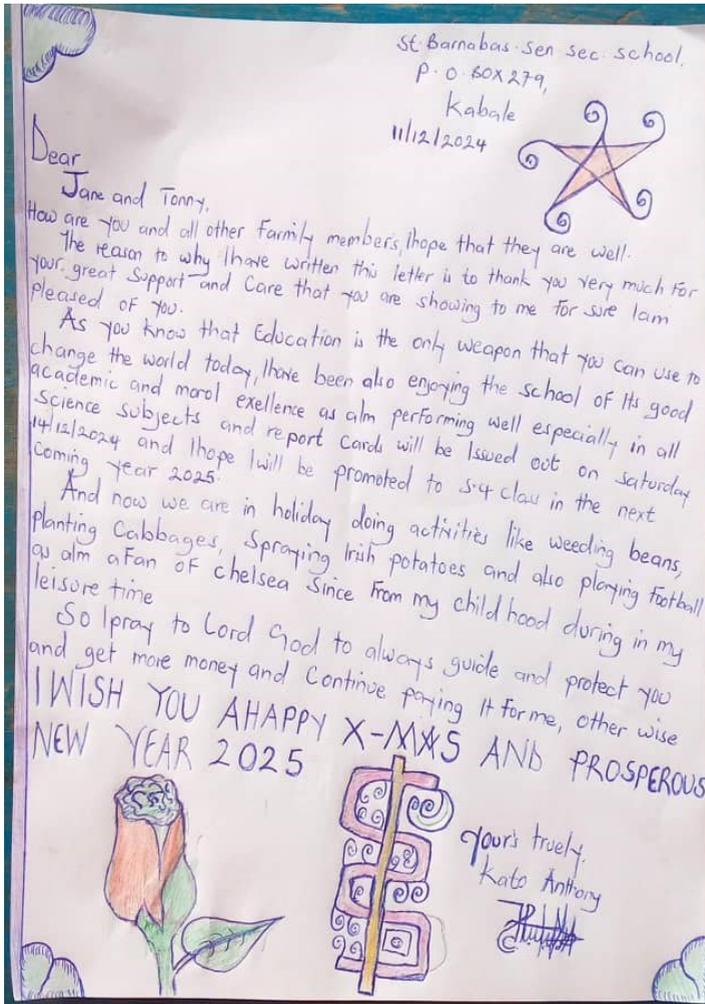
For many years I'd sponsored children through World Vision in Nepal and Bangladesh but I was always aware that a large part of the sponsorship money was used for administration. I met David and Grace when I was volunteering with VSO in Tanzania, so when Grace's brother and his wife started to care for abandoned children by taking in Agrey and his sister, Doreen the search for sponsors began and in this case I was delighted that all of the sponsorship money would go to the project.

I and a friend started sponsoring them in 2012. They were both so tiny, I thought Agrey looked so brave in that first photo. It's been so wonderful to follow their progress and watch them grow and blossom into healthy, clever, hard working and ambitious young people.

I've been privileged to hear from Agrey in his regular letters through the years and to get personal reports and photos from Grace, Stuart and Barbara and Martyn and Mandy when they visited the village.

I feel as proud of his achievements and of the lovely young man that's he's become, as if he was my own son. He is now realising his ambition to become an engineer by studying in his second year at Rukore Technical College where he is working hard, as always, and experiencing life outside of the village for the first time. I'm very pleased to be able to help with his fees and accommodation through continued sponsorship.

Go Agrey!



The sponsored children write two letters per year to their sponsors and the sponsors get the opportunity to write back when trustees visit the village, which is usually once or twice per year. Here is a letter from Kato Anthony who was brought to the project as a destitute small boy and is now thriving at secondary school.

### John and Linde Baker, Belgium

We have been sponsoring a number of children in Rwanyana village for several years. The children themselves keep us regularly informed on their schooling, and we also receive newsletters from the charity's trustees on other activities financed by the charity such as the village health clinic and a solar panel project. We feel this is a cause which is well worth supporting because of the feedback and also because there are no administrative costs and all the money raised goes to the village.

## Sponsors urgently needed



There are always children in Rwanyana who would be greatly helped if we can secure a sponsor for them. Recently we have secured a sponsor for 9 year old Shine . This enables her to attend Bevan Community School where she will get 2 meals per day as well as uniform and stationery. Bevan Community School is 75% funded by our charity through sponsorship, donations and fundraising.

We also have a growing number of post primary sponsored young people attending secondary or technical college.

This is 14 year old Nshemereirwe Simple. She has completed her primary education with good exam results. She is desperate to attend secondary school, but she needs a sponsor.



### What does sponsorship entail?

Child sponsorship for a child at Bevan Community School is £25 per month. This provides school fees, uniform and stationery for the child. The children get a breakfast of a porridge drink and a lunch of posho (a maize meal paste), a bean stew and vegetables. This can often be the only food the children get that day. When a child leaves Bevan primary school, to progress to secondary education, or vocational training, the costs are between £40 to £50 per month. At this point the sponsor chooses how they would like to go forward, some increase their support to meet the higher costs, others continue at £25 per month and the charity makes up the difference. We have children from age 4 to age 14 looking for sponsors.

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