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A NEW FAMILY FOR ROBERT AND JANE

“God sets the lonely in families....” – Psalm 68:6 (NIV)

At HopeCo, we believe that, whenever possible, children belong in families – either with their birth family or in another healthy, long-term family setting.

At the same time, we believe there is still a need for high-quality children’s homes for those children that urgently require protection and loving care.

Such was the case for Robert. He had no one to look after him. His mother died last year following a long illness. After a severe accident and stroke, his father was paralyzed and completely unable to provide for Robert and his two siblings. Robert was left to fend for himself and, without intervention, would likely have ended up living on the streets – hungry, helpless, and afraid.

Jane’s mother died while giving birth to her. She has no idea who her father is. Jane, now five years old, was left in the care of her aging grandmother. Our staff found her neglected and at risk in an unsafe home environment with no prospect of getting an education.

Robert and Jane are now safe at City of Hope, and since they have no relatives capable of caring for their needs, we are committed to being “family” to them. This means giving them what all families should provide: nurture and love, a warm bed, clothing, nutritious food, and medical care. They also receive counseling and support as they heal from past hurts, along with a top-notch education in our primary school. And, of course, they get to hear the good news about a Heavenly Father who loves them immeasurably and will never leave them!

HopeCo continues to pursue excellence in providing quality care to vulnerable children like Robert and Jane. This year, we are implementing new “Standards of Excellence” for our care programs in Tanzania and Kenya. Related to this, we are developing plans to renovate our residential facilities and adjust our care model to become more family-style. We are excited to put these new initiatives into practice as we continue to rescue frightened, lonely children and are family to them!



Are you interested in learning more about our plans and how you might help? Contact Matt Parker at matt@joinhopeco.com for more information!

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Celebrating Good News!

Marian's Service with HopeCo

One of HopeCo's most passionate friends and supporters recently visited City of Hope with her family – at the grand age of 91!

Marian Myers (pictured below) has been part of the City of Hope story from the very beginning. She has been a fantastic ambassador, fundraiser, prayer warrior, and a great encourager to the children and staff. And we were delighted to celebrate Marian's commitment and many years of faithful service by naming the new girls' dormitory at our secondary school in her honor.

Reflecting on her recent time at City of Hope, Marian said: *"From our warm welcome with all the children and staff gathered, singing, dancing, the band playing, and hands reaching out to be touched, to my tearful goodbyes, my heart was truly blessed. I feel so privileged to have been a part of the City of Hope from its beginning and (as it continues to grow) its continued growth. God has used so many people to create this miracle, and it has been a joy every step of the way!"*

On behalf of the children, thank you, Marian, for your faithful service and the love you have poured into their lives all these years. We are forever grateful to you!

Are you interested in visiting City of Hope and seeing for yourself how God is at work in the lives of these children? Go to [JoinHopeCo.com/go-on-a-mission-trip](https://www.joinhopeco.com/go-on-a-mission-trip) for more information about serving on a mission team.

Another Child's Life is Saved

HopeCo serves more than 500 children and young people daily in our children's home, schools, and empowerment programs – but thousands more kids are helped through Amani Medical Center every year!



Six-year-old Mary* is one of these children. Arriving at the Medical Center one day with a severe headache, vomiting, diarrhea, and a loss of appetite, she was diagnosed with severe malaria. Caused by mosquito bites, this disease commonly kills children and adults in sub-Saharan Africa.

Our doctors rushed to give Mary urgently-needed medicine and care. After two days in bed, Mary began to recover – and just a week later, she was smiling, running around, having regained her strength and appetite. *The free healthcare that our medical team gave Mary saved her life!*

Last year, our doctor and staff at Amani Medical Center treated 1,123 cases of malaria – most common during the rainy season (between March and May). Sleeping under a mosquito net at night is a great way to prevent malaria.

A mosquito net costs just \$20 and can save a child's life. Use the QR code to buy nets for some of our kids at City of Hope today!



New Leaders in Tanzania

At HopeCo, we are committed to nurturing capable local leaders so they can flourish and lead with excellence. This has always been vital to accomplishing our vision of “Transformed Lives, Flourishing Communities” in East Africa.



That’s why we were so excited recently to commission several new leaders (see the picture) to serve with us in Tanzania – including head teachers for our schools and a new General Manager, Cynthia Joseph, to oversee our programs at City of Hope!

Future leaders include our children too, who will grow to become “changemakers” in their families, workplaces, churches, communities, and nations as they:

- Passionately pursue Christ
- Live lives of integrity
- Demonstrate courage in doing what is right
- Show compassion as Jesus did
- Pursue excellence that honors God
- Cast a vision for a more hopeful future
- Serve others wholeheartedly
- Have a teachable spirit

And our girls and women are encouraged to pursue leadership positions – something that is profoundly counter-cultural in the communities we serve!

Over the next year, we will roll out a new leadership growth strategy designed to sharpen our impact in this critical area. *Let Matt Parker (matt@joinhopeco.com) know if you want to learn more about this!*

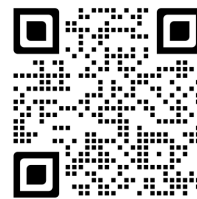
** Names changed to protect privacy*

Renewed Hope for Vulnerable Young Women



Nineteen teenage moms are now receiving training in our empowerment program in Kenya – and we are thrilled to see the progress that they are making!

At the age of 15, Ester was forced to marry a much older man. The marriage left her suffering and traumatized as she experienced horrific physical and emotional abuse. The turning point in her life came when a kind man offered to marry Ester and released her by paying off her abusive husband. This allowed her to enter our program, where she learned how to sew – and receive the counseling and care to help her recover from her trauma. She was an amazing student and now owns her own business making school uniforms for local schools! Our Kenya Programs Director, Hilda Boke, says, “Ester now knows that she is valued, capable of providing for her family, and for the first time, she is excited about her life!”



Scan the QR code to purchase a sewing machine and help another young woman like Ester experience hope for the first time!

In 2022, HopeCo...

- Served more than **500 children and young women** daily
- Held **5,085 consultations** with young moms and their babies
- Successfully delivered **251 babies** at Amani Medical Center
- Provided counseling and care to **31 girls** in Kenya who have experienced abuse or child marriage
- Provided residential care to more than **90 children** at City of Hope

Three GREAT Ways You Can Change Children's Lives

Robert and Jane now have a safe place to sleep at night. Mary's life was saved after a visit to our medical center. Ester has joy for the first time. And young leaders are being raised to become the changemakers their communities desperately need.

By becoming a **monthly partner**, you are part of changing lives, offering hope, and giving joy to those who need it most. Simply choose one of the following options:



HOPE AMBASSADORS

Make a monthly gift of \$20 or more to rescue vulnerable girls in Kenya from abuse, female genital mutilation, child marriage, and trafficking – and give them protection, counseling, and care. You'll get regular news and updates about the girls being rescued.



CHILD SPONSORS

Contribute \$39 a month toward meeting the needs of a child at City of Hope. This a great way to stay connected with an individual child, track their progress and interests as they grow, and make a long-lasting impact in their life!



HOPE PARTNERS

Donate \$100 or more a month to care for all of the children in a specific program – at our children's home, a school, our medical center, an empowerment program, or our safe house in Kenya. We'll keep you updated about their progress and plans for the future.

Please consider becoming a monthly partner today and be part of seeing lives transformed and communities flourishing! Thank you for caring!

Scan the QR code to become a monthly partner. If you have any questions, contact Sarah Alfieri at sarah@joinhopeco.com.



OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

At HopeCo, we recognize our responsibility to steward the financial gifts received from you with integrity and accountability. We are therefore committed to:

- Using your gifts wisely and effectively, and in the ways you intend
- Reporting with transparency about how your gifts are used
- Being truthful in all our communications
- Praying for you

This promise to you is reflected in our accreditation from the Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability (ECFA). We have also been awarded a Platinum Seal of Transparency from from Candid (formerly GuideStar).

When you give to HopeCo, you can trust us to act responsibly, truthfully, and with integrity!

