

# Meet Entito



Ten year old Entito is a Maasai girl living in Kenya.  
Entito will probably be forced into an arranged marriage  
at age 13 to a 30 plus year old man,  
be his 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> wife  
and bear 7 or more children...

but Entito wants to attend school.

If Entito finishes high school she will most likely....

- Be the sole wife of a man SHE chooses;
- Bear 3 or 4 children (instead of 7 or more);
- Educate her children (girls and boys);
- Improve the standard of living for her family;
- Make a positive impact on the environment;
- Have an increased sense of dignity and self esteem;
- Be prepared to attend college and choose a career.

**YOUR SPONSORSHIP OF**

**\$34 a month will give Entito this future.**

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BEADS for Education, in conjunction with the African Wildlife Foundation, has developed a two pronged effort to help girls, women and their families in the Maasai regions of Kenya. We provide sponsorships to pay school fees and workshops for girls and programs to promote women's business development.

### **SPONSORSHIPS FOR A PROMISING FUTURE**

Here are some questions you might have:

#### **What percentage of the \$34 a month is applied to the student's education?**

**100%** - Your sponsorship pays for the girls school/boarding fees, workshops on HIV/AIDS, women's rights, career counseling/mentoring and community service projects. School fees are paid directly to the school. All operating expenses are raised through the generous donations of our sponsors and supporters.

#### **What contact will I have with my sponsored girl?**

You will receive a picture, a short introductory letter and regular progress reports from the school. The girls enjoy corresponding with their sponsors. Sponsors are encouraged to write directly and to visit their sponsored girl, family and school.

#### **What kinds of schools do the girls attend?**

Girls attend private schools in order to access the *best* education available. The school year consists of three terms beginning in January. Due to long distances, most secondary and many primary schools are boarding schools. ALL of our sponsored girls attend boarding schools.

#### **How is the program monitored?**

The BEADS Program Manager and assistants, in conjunction with the school principals and parents, meet regularly with the girls and their mothers to oversee the sponsorship program.

#### **What are the criteria for sponsorship?**

We select girls who are presently in school but are at risk for forced early marriage. Girls are required to maintain satisfactory grades, attend workshops and provide letters and school reports at the end of each term. In order to continue through college with a BEADS sponsorship, girls are required to volunteer after they graduate from high school for 4 terms working for BEADS programs. Girls usually volunteer as HIV/AIDS trainers of trainers and elementary school teachers in the public schools. Girls are dismissed from the program if they do not meet these criteria or if they become pregnant during their sponsorship.

#### **What languages do the girls speak?**

There are approximately 42 languages in Kenya, 10 of which are represented by our sponsored girls. Most girls speak Kimaasai as their native language. Swahili and English are learned in school and your letters will be written in English.

#### **What if I cannot afford \$34 a month?**

Some of our sponsorships are shared by small groups of people. Girls are never dropped from the program if the sponsor cannot continue but a replacement sponsor is located.

### **HAND-CRAFTED PRODUCTS**

The Dupoto Women's Group is one of the BEADS women's projects. Founded in 1993, the Dupoto Women's Group consists of 25 Maasai women who support more than 125 children. This is their primary source of income. Due to their success, the Dupoto Women's Group has received funding from USAID and has been selected as role models for other women's groups in Kenya. BEADS supports women's groups to produce high quality products and to modify their traditional bead craft for the overseas markets. Products are marketed in the United States and Europe through volunteers and the BEADS website.

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