

Elimu RESOURCE CENTRE

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ELIMU ANNUAL BBQ FUNDRAISER 2020

Doing it virtually this year!

Join us on Saturday, November 7th

Time: 9 - 10:30 AM EST (Ottawa / New York / Boston time)

This will be our day to celebrate YOU! - our global community.

Meet the Elimu Team in Kenya.



Learn how your contribution is impacting children and their parents in Kenya.

START TIME IN OTHER TIME ZONES:

6 AM in Vancouver / Los Angeles

7 AM in Calgary / Denver

10 AM in Halifax

4 PM in Malindi, KENYA

With Nina still in Kenya, we decided to make this year's event, a thanksgiving BBQ for the Elimu team. With your unwavering support that has made our projects possible and after getting through the massive challenges of COVID-19 so far, we have much to be thankful for.

You will get the chance to meet our team and hear their stories. Each one will share how and why they got involved with Elimu. They will also share stories from the children and youth they have been guiding and mentoring in our community.

Nina will be on hand to give an overview of the year, the challenges surmounted and the successes we celebrate.

For more details visit our Virtual BBQ web page. [Click here to go straight to it.](#)

New Mailing Address: In 2019 we changed our P.O. Box address. Please update your records:
Elimu, P.O. Box 38144, Ottawa, ON Canada K2C 3Y7

FOOD AND HOPE FOR OUR SPONSORED STUDENTS



In Kenya COVID-19 has been especially hard on families whose survival is based on day-to-day activities that put food on the table. We couldn't meet physically in April, but we sent the families of our Stay in School sponsorship program a food stipend via their phones. In June, a donation from the Rotary Club of Ottawa enabled us to purchase non-perishable foodstuffs which parents collected at Elimu Resource Centre. The extra support helped parents take care of rent

while keeping food on the table for their children. We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Ottawa and to all of those who continue to support Elimu during these trying times so that we can continue to give hope to those we serve in Kenya. The assistance provided for 21 families!

STUDENT EMPOWERMENT PROFILE *(Elimu Sewing Student - Linet)*

At just nineteen, Linet's parents are already looking to her to lift them out of poverty! She defied inherited social norms of being married off by her parents and began to pursue her desire to gain sewing skills, one of her passions.

In 2019, Linet, who is now a second year student, was sponsored by Elimu to join our sewing project. That was the beginning of her journey to success. She gained sewing skills and has basic computer skills too from a program that saw her coming to our Elimu Resource Centre every week for training, that is before everything closed due to COVID-19.

Linet laments, "I was really looking forward to finishing college this year because I can't wait to have my own workshop". Linet was part of a small group of sewing students and graduates who returned to the college in June to sew face masks for a local entrepreneur and make a little income.



When she graduates from Elimu's Sewing Project she will be given a sewing machine to start her own business and will start gaining a regular income. It is for girls like Linet that Elimu runs our sewing project transforming them from someone with no say in their own future (often married off before the age of 18) to valued income generators.

[Click here](#) to watch Linet and other Elimu sewing students in their home villages.

e-Learning without Internet?



Since 2018, Elimu has been delivering quality educational resources to learners using a unique digital edutech platform called Kolibri. With a laptop that acts as a server, students can access the educational content from any Wifi-enabled device such as a tablet, laptop, desktop, even Smartphone. There is no need for the internet with this platform, so access is totally free to the user!

In Malindi, where Elimu is based, internet is expensive and many poor families live without power. These vulnerable families have no access to home-based learning via TV or internet. Since COVID-19 arrived in March, Elimu began working on a new approach with Kolibri to boost our signal from Elimu Resource Centre out to the community at large, so that students with devices, even a simple Smartphone, could continue their learning at home. Stay tuned for those developments.



ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AT NYUMBANI KWETU

*He thought he wouldn't make it to high school.
Now he is getting ready for university!*

Joseph is one of two boys that our founder, Nina Chung, first took to Kindergarten back in 2005. That small step for these two boys was the seed that led to Elimu. Joseph's grandmother couldn't afford to take him or his older brother to school. Elimu has journeyed with them right through to high school graduation. A very focused student, he immersed himself in his studies and graduated from primary school with A. That took him to a national level school which in Kenya means one of the top schools in the country (a dream of many children). He completed high school in 2019 scoring B+ and has been accepted to a medical program. As he waits to go university in 2021, he has been able to pursue a Cisco Networking Academy course. Gaining internationally recognized digital skills and hands-on work experience are some of the benefits he continues to get from being an Elimu alumni. [Click here](#) to see how he describes the benefits he has gained in this brief video testimonial on the left:

FUNDING NEED:

These children are the first of their families to complete high school and move on to post-secondary studies. We thank God for the dedicated support we have received over the years. Thanks to the support of the Elimu global community, our founder's vision is becoming reality. You can help us send these young people to college with a donation on our website. [Click here](#) to donate now.

ELIMU CISCO STUDENTS HOME STUDY

Maggie is one of the girls that we are so proud of in our Cisco Networking Academy! She joined with the objective of broadening her IT knowledge since she hopes to pursue an IT program at campus in future. We followed her at her home, and indeed the sight itself was a clear indication of disruption. With Kenyan girls, house chores are a mandatory duty, and with people 'staying at home', there is so much to be done. Maggie seems to have adapted to that and still manages to create time for her personal studies. After being forced to close our resource centre and send kids home, she sought out new solutions to continue her learning. "Using a tablet was a bit tedious because of the small fonts so I was forced to keep zooming in and out hence consuming a lot of time. Also, the Cisco pages didn't fit on the screen so I would keep scrolling left and right," she says. But her major problem is poor internet connection since she uses a mobile phone hotspot which is extremely slow since the phone isn't that powerful. She has only managed to finish one chapter of her IT course but she continues to persevere. Maggie can't wait for the time to come when she can return to Elimu Resource Centre, because she is eager to finish her course! In the meantime, her tenacious nature is sure to bring success.



ELIMU WEBSITE RENEWED!

We are proud to announce our updated website! We hope you will find it more informative with more images.

[Read more about our projects.](#)

Meet the Elimu team and boards of directors. Keep up with our projects on our eMagazine.

Please visit it at www.Elimu.ca

VOLUNTEER PROFILE – HOSEA



Hosea first stepped into Elimu Resource Centre in 2016. He immediately saw that this was a place where he could improve himself and that getting involved would help him aim for his dreams. He began by cleaning up the bookshelves at the end of the day, an onerous job! He later became a regular volunteer helping at the reception desk and Kindle station. With new responsibilities given him, he grew in confidence. By spending a lot of time at the Centre, he got to work with the various digital tools and developed a love for technology. He graduated from high school in 2019 with a solid B-, a grade he fully attributes to having access to the educational resources of Elimu Resource Centre. He was accepted to university for an IT program and can't wait! In the meantime, he continues to volunteer with Elimu and is pursuing a Cisco Networking Academy course there. We will be watching for Hosea in a leadership role in the future!

[Click here](#) to hear Hosea's confidence as he shares his experiences as an Elimu volunteer.

FUNDING NEED – UPGRADING OUR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

We opened Elimu Resource Centre in 2016. Since then our digital equipment is aging and starting to mal-function and our paper books are well-used and falling apart.

Children, youth, teachers, adult learners benefit from our digital resources. Our sewing students comfortably surf the internet for new international fashion ideas. High school graduates, join our Cisco Networking Academy and gain 21st Century skills. Primary students access reading materials that are scarce in their classrooms and homes. Youth gain digital proficiency.

Will you help us upgrade our digital equipment? Or, replace a worn out textbook with a brand new one?

[Click here](#) to make your contribution.

SAMPLE COSTS:

Paper textbook:	\$10
UPS Charge Protector:	\$100
One tablet for offline studies:	\$350
A refurbished desktop:	\$430
A laptop for our Cisco courses:	\$700



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