



CANOPY LIFE
INTERNATIONAL



2021
ANNUAL REPORT





A Letter From Our Founder

Thank you so much for your support of Canopy Life International. We have had a tremendous year of growth both physically and spiritually. I am excited to share with you our first annual report of our work. As you will see in the following pages, we have been hard at work creating agents of transformation in the lives of 50 students.

The global pandemic affected our work as it did as much of the developing world. However, we saw the provision and protection of God poured out abundantly time and time again. By His grace, our students continue to thrive in our school.

In the last year, we have seen outstanding statistics that put our curriculum on par with the elite schools in the country. Additionally, we have been working with our Board of Directors in the United States and in Kenya to develop a strategic growth plan. Our long term plan will serve more students than ever before and will radically change the lives of hundreds of children through our God-centered approach to life, learning and entrepreneurship.

We look forward to sharing more with you as the year progresses and celebrate our successes. I hope you enjoy the information here and I look forward to speaking with each of you in more detail soon about how you can play a critical role in help our organization continue to grow.

- Christi Gordy

Since 2015

NO. OF KIDS

From 12 to 50 kids



CAMPUS



SUPPORT



1 Teacher for the first year

4 Teachers currently



4-6 Interns every year

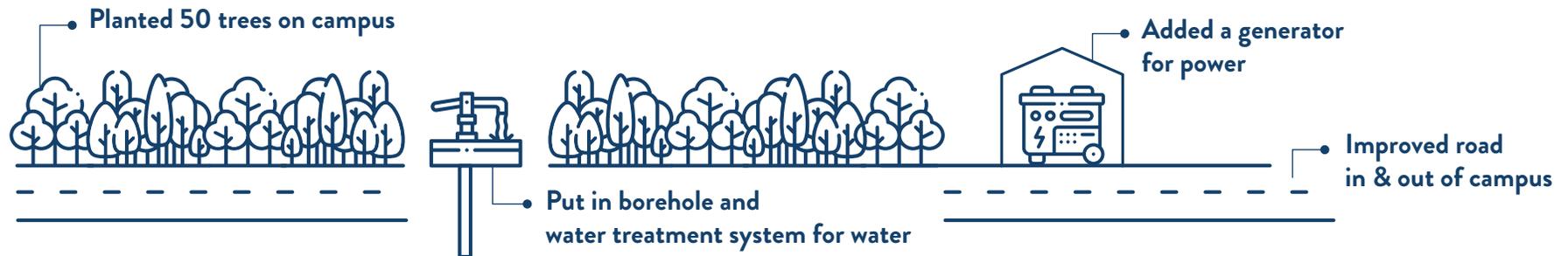


0 Sponsorships for the first year



200 Sponsorship spots filled

WATER, POWER, ROADS & LAND



In The Last Year

2021



Launched coding
in our Innovation program



Launched high school
programs (post covid)



Class 8 Students scored in top 25%
of nation in the KCPE exam.



Created a master plan
for our future campus



Created a first annual strategic plan
launched a logframe process for program
design and long term strategic plan

3,249

Lessons
Taught

432

Counseling
Sessions

27,530

Meals Served

246

Innovation
Sessions



A Message From Gladys

CANOPYLIFE.ORG/GLADYS

Transcription of Gladys's Exhibition Day 2021 Speech

Teachers, Guardians, and fellow students, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our Exhibition Day! Good morning. I am grateful to God for the opportunity to study here in Canopy Life. Since I joined Canopy Life, my world view has greatly changed. For instance, when I came to Canopy Life I wished to become a doctor because it was a reputable and well paying job, but because of the teachings I've received here in Canopy, I now admire to become a CEO so that I will be able to create employment opportunities for people in my community and to pioneer an organization to help the disabled in my community. Unlike other schools, Canopy Life does not just emphasize getting good grades and impressive grades, it also nurtures our spiritual lives and also ensures that we get the best out of Canopy. What I love about Canopy is that we get a safe environment where we can express our emotions and feel understood.

Fellow students, as we continue to learn how to become future leaders, entrepreneurs and problem solvers, I urge you to pay attention to their teachings from the people God has given us. I urge you to do what they tell you, and God will bless you and give you a long life. A popular African proverb says "it takes a village to raise a child", I would like to thank our sponsors and donors who give their resources generously to meet our needs. I thank all the Canopy Life directors for ensuring that we get the best out of Canopy. They make wise decisions for us and I appreciate our knowledgeable teachers who give us their teachings and are patient with us and support us all through the way.

As I conclude, I would like to encourage each one to play a part in the beautiful success stories. For our parents, I would like to appreciate you for when we go home you usually protect us and ensure we get all that we need. I hope that you will all play a part in these beautiful success stories as members of this Canopy Life family. We should work together to reach the place God wants us to be. God bless Kenya. Long live Canopy Life.

Thank you.

About Samuel

A CONFIDENT, INNOVATIVE LEADER!

As these students head to high school, it has been overwhelming to realize that they are no longer the vulnerable children who entered Canopy Life in 4th grade. The investment in each of their lives over time is truly producing confident, innovative leaders.

One of these students is Samuel Ngumbau.

When Samuel came to Canopy Life in 2017, he was severely struggling in academics due to poor language skills. Over the past 5 years, we have seen him grow into a confident, curious innovative leader. Samuel scored excellently on his KCPE and, along with most of his class, qualified for a high-performing high school in Nairobi. Since joining high school, Samuel has been identified as a campus leader, taking the role of prayer coordinator with the student union and leading worship in the evenings.





Our Response to Covid

In March 2020, Kenyan schools closed due to COVID-19, and our staff responded with lightning speed by purchasing WIFI-enabled tablets and resource tubs to send home with the students to their rural communities. From March until October, our staff engaged daily with students through Google Classroom and What's App. Once the inter-county travel reopened, Canopy Life staff visited our student's communities regularly to conduct innovation and counseling sessions and to assist with technology challenges.

When it was all said and done, The COVID crisis left 17 million Kenyan students out of school, but Canopy Life students continued to learn using tablets for virtual learning in their villages. Returning to campus

in October 2020, our class eight students showed how impactful that opportunity was by scoring in the top 25% of the nation on their KCPE exams before graduating to secondary school.

Some of our students earned positions at a high-performing high school where they continue to lead the way in class and in spiritual and social arenas. It is amazing to realize that these students are no longer the vulnerable children who entered Canopy Life in 4th grade. The investment in each of their lives over time is truly producing confident, innovative leaders.

Shane Moncrief - Board of Directors

Last year, I had the opportunity to travel to Kenya and visit Canopy Life. I was able to spend time with the students and some of their families. This wasn't my first time in Kenya, but it was my first time in this capacity as a board member.

During my stay I had an opportunity to visit a few of the parents of our students. This was a really unique and meaningful time for me. I was able to hear from them how impactful Canopy Life is in the life of their students. They used words like self-discipline and self-sufficiency that they had not seen in their children prior to attending our school. Our name Canopy

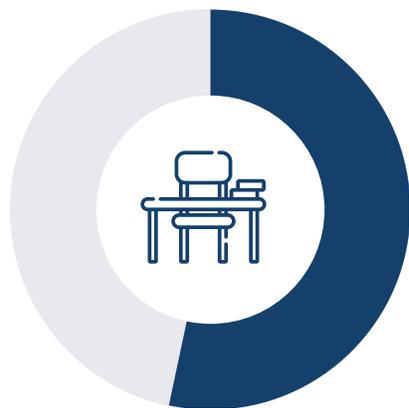
Life describes what we do so well. We provide a canopy or shelter from the outside world. This is so important for our kids from rural parts of that country.

While I was there, I also spent time on campus and I'm sure you would expect me to talk about how amazing the kids are – and they are amazing. What really impressed me the most is how incredible the staff are at Canopy Life. There were times for fun and games, I was with a group of 4th and 5th graders. More importantly was how the staff poured into those students, their creativity and their ability to connect with each student.

One student that I would like to tell you about is Daniel. I had the opportunity to see him immediately after he picked me as his sponsor during our Handpicked Campaign. The way he came into the room, the look on his face – the smile and joy. That's going to be the most memorable moments in my lifetime, not just on that trip. God teaches me something on every trip that I take. What God teaches me every time is it's not a big epic moment, it's the small things. The seemingly small connections between people and the relationships.



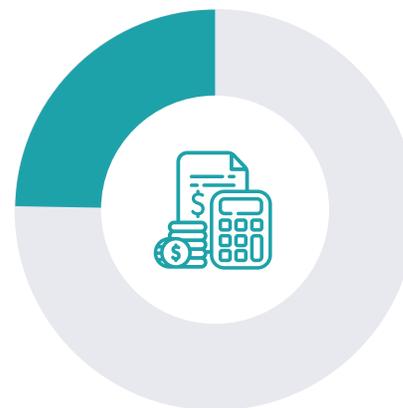
How Our Funds Are Used



24.6 %
Fundraising



22 %
Administrative



53.4 %
Program

In the next 5 years

WE WANT TO:



Purchase

4-6 acres
for campus expansion



Build

2 residential buildings,
dining hall, admin
building and an
academic building for
junior high



Increase

staff capacity
to accommodate the
student growth



Add

60 residential students
(*tripling our campus
population*)

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