

THUNDER NEWSLETTER

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THE THUNDER
FOUNDATION



GRATITUDE CORNER:

Each year, the school and health expenses of our children are partially supported by sponsors from across the globe. These sponsors play a vital role, with their consistent contributions covering approximately one-third of our annual costs. The remaining funds required are raised through special events and generous donations. We deeply appreciate the kindness and commitment shown by both our sponsors and donors. Together, we can achieve great things!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR MAZ

Maz is a friend, teacher, PhD student, wife, and mother. She brings extensive experience with charities and NGOs and has supported our project since its inception, having lived in Nairobi when The Thunder Foundation was founded. For her 50th birthday, Maz made the remarkable decision to donate her birthday gifts to the Thunder Foundation, encouraging her friends to invest in the future of our children. The funds that would have been spent on Maz's presents instead became a meaningful contribution to our cause, filling us with pride and immense gratitude. Thank you, Maz! Your donation will be used to enrich our Spring Break program.



WHEN GENEROSITY MEETS CREATIVITY..... THANK YOU LISE MOLONEY:

Lise and Chris Moloney are one of the most committed and generous donors and sponsors in our Thunder Family. Besides supporting us with a conspicuous yearly donation, Lise is busy all year round creating beautiful pieces of art that she sells at her restaurant Walnut in France. She dedicated a beautiful corner to spread awareness about our project and raise more funds, a true Thunder Ambassador. Check her beautiful Easter hens and chicks.



THANK YOU BANDA SCHOOL IN NAIROBI

The Banda School in Nairobi is one of our annual donors, fundraising on our behalf during their spring rugby tournament in South Africa. One of our moms crafted 200 beaded bracelets featuring the Kenyan and South African flags, which Banda students will bring as a present to their competitors. Before travelling the students fundraise to raise money for our foundation. Congratulations to the Banda students—this year, you surpassed all expectations!





SPECIAL PEOPLE AT OSSOLA AMICA DELL'UGI

Three years ago, during the London Virtual Marathon fundraising event in a small village in Northern Italy, we connected with a dedicated group of volunteers. They work tirelessly for children with cancer, advocating for high-quality treatment and care. Upon hearing the story of our children, they couldn't resist helping us organize the event and supporting our project financially. Thank you, Damiano, Mirella, and the entire team!

ELENA AND DAVIDE:

Elena Bonalumi and Davide Moglia will soon organize and run the Virtual London Marathon in Villadossola, Italy, for the sixth consecutive time on April 26. They will be joined by the Church Young Group and Ossola Amica dell'UGI. The event will feature not only the run, but also games, workshops, and food, making it a fun-filled day. Thank you, ragazzi!



ANITA OUR HERO:

Anita is one of Thunder's form 4 students and is nearly 18 years old. Last January, following a challenge period for her family, she realised there were no funds to send her four siblings back to school for the new academic year. Saddened by the thought of her brothers and sisters being unable to attend school, Anita decided not to return to her boarding school and instead stay home to care for them. This was her final year in secondary school and she requested a transfer to a catering school to increase her chances of finding a job. Thunder Foundation agreed to pay the siblings' school fees, allowing all five children to return to school. Anita will complete her catering course and hopes to support her siblings' education. We were able to help Anita's family thanks to generous and unexpected donations.

HALF-TERM MEETING:

On February 26th, Ramadan and Zeitun met with our children during their half-term break to check in before their return to school. Taking time to sit together, share experiences, and reflect on challenges is essential for our students' growth. With Ramadan and Zeitun as allies, our children gain confidence and motivation to overcome obstacles, especially since these two adults often serve their primary role models. A longer meeting is planned for April during the extended break. In addition to discussing grades and performance, important conversations about life choices and responsibilities took place, particularly as ten of our secondary students are preparing to graduate in November.

WELL DONE ROMY!

Romy and his classmates in Form 3 at Kahuho High School received the prize for achieving the best academic results in a school of over 1,600 students. We are incredibly proud of Romy and his peers.

