## Our beneficiaries

Beneficiary: Sylvia Akinyi

**School**: St. Aloys Girls Reru Secondary School (Reru-Kombewa)

**Situation**: orphan

A senior at St. Alloys Girls Reru Secondary School in Reru-Kombewa, Sylvia is one of the first beneficiaries of the Jonda educational fund. Thanks to your generous contributions, she has received support for all four years of high school.

Early in 2015, we received request from one of our spotters in Kondele Kisumu of a young girl who had performed extremely well in her KCSE. However, because she did not have funds, she was at risk of not taking her spot in Form 1. In fact, she was preparing to start helping with her mother's small business. Her mother prepared and sold small meals such as Uji and Githeri to the BodaBoda (bicycle transporters). Sylvia's situation was compounded when her mother was diagnosed with cervical cancer and was unable to run her business effectively, while undergoing treatment.

As part of the vetting process, JONDA performed due diligence and validated Sylvia's situation. The decision was made to support not just her first year, but all four years of high school. In addition, in order to provide her the resources needed to be successful in her studies, a small commissary was funded which allowed her to buy toiletries and other feminine products.

Understandably, the weight of her situation, put Sylvia in a constant struggle. Despite this, she has consistently improved her grades, and has shown the highest degree of strength and perseverance. She hopes that she will be able to perform well enough to secure a place at the local

On March 19th, Jonda received sad news that Ms. Celine Nafula Mulima, Sylvia's mother, had lost her battle with cancer. Our team has assured Sylvia of our continued commitment to paying all her school fees. As a demonstration of this commitment, Jonda members individually provided additional support towards her mother's burial. Let's continue to support the potential, dreams, and spirit of children like Sylvia. Let's continue to show them that they are not alone, and that there is indeed a broader village....across the globe that will be there to give them every opportunity to succeed and reach their highest potential.

Beneficiary: Keith O. Ojwang:

**School**: Oriwo Boys High School (Kendu Bay)

situation: Orphan:

Keith's case is a tragic one. Keith is an ophan. His mother died at the hands of his father. His father was jailed for the murder and served time before being release. On his release, he fell ill and passed away as

well. With dad in prison and mother dead, he was taken in by his uncle who managed to scramble around and put him thru primary school.

Keith scored 349 marks on the 2015 KCPE exams at Gendia Adventist primary and was accepted at Oriwo. His uncle, having children of his own who were also attending secondary school, was not able to pay school fees for Keith. He was able to secure some funds to allow him to register but he was about to be kicked out for non-payment.

JONDA stepped in and reviewed and confirmed the case and suitability of Keith's scholarship. We awarded him as well with full tuition payment for the next 4 years as long as he maintained the grades as agreed upon to hold his scholarship. Keith has been a stellar student for the first year of his secondary school and shows promise as a possible success story to attaining good enough grades to make it to the university.

## **2018 Recipients of JONDA Scholarships**

**Beneficiary**: Edgar Omondi: **School**: Kanga High School

situation: Orphan:

**Beneficiary**: Ashley Shamel Tende:

**School**: Mbaga Secondary School

**situation**: Orphan: