



Giving Opportunity to Children

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We partner with local heroes who are having the greatest impact on the most vulnerable children.*



GO'S LOCAL CHAMPION OF CHANGE

Spotlight: Grace Seneiya
Maralal, Samburu Central District, Kenya

Thanks to Grace Seneiya, the 140 children living with disabilities at the Samburu Handicap Education Rehabilitation Programme (SHERP) are alive. Grace founded and runs SHERP to provide a loving home, food, clothing, counseling, schooling and access to basic medical care to Kenyan children living with disabilities. SHERP also works with the children's families in hopes of the children one day returning home to be integrated within the community. Giving birth to a child with disabilities is considered a curse in Samburu culture, and many of the children at SHERP were abandoned and left to die. Grace is determined to invalidate this stigma by educating her community and showing them the value and need to nurture all children.

Since 1999, Grace has been an outspoken advocate for children living with disabilities. She earned a Bachelors Degree in Special Education and Counseling - no small accomplishment for a woman from rural Kenya. She won the President of Kenya's Youngest Achiever's Award and received the Human Rights Award from the Law Society of Kenya.

GO was introduced to Grace by a fellow grantmaker and with an initial grant, GO provided SHERP with mattresses, pillows, sheets and blankets for the children. It was the first time these children had slept on solid mattresses. As a result of Grace's professional management, GO provided Grace with another grant to make SHERP wheelchair accessible, providing the children with greater freedom of mobility within their home. Grace operates SHERP on a shoestring budget, so when GO Founder Scott Fifer visited SHERP, he was skeptical about what kind of conditions he would find at a place with 140 children. He was amazed and heartened to find such a clean and well-organized centre where children's abilities and confidence are being fostered. Grace is indeed a champion of change for her community and the world, and GO is honored to help her further her vision.

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