



## Refugees In Schools Everywhere

## Summer 2021 Newsletter

### LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

### ---Announcements---

Dear Friends,

Happy Birthday to us! One year ago this week Refugees In Schools Everywhere was formed. Coincidentally it is World Refugee Day on June 20<sup>th</sup> and there is SO much to celebrate!



Ann Strandoo  
Director

### New Board Members!

We are so excited to welcome our new board members. [Zainab Alhassani](#), [Tsewone Melaku](#) and [Mohamed Ahmed](#) join us.



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Tsewone Melaku



Mohamed Ahmed

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### New Refugee Scholars!

Our scholars have completed their exams and started their internships. Despite pandemic delays they are on track to start their second term this fall.



### Our Eastlands Technical College Students

Seven refugee students moved to Nairobi, Kenya from their refugee camp more than 500 hundred miles away to attend Eastlands Technical College thanks to our generous supporters.



*“Right now I know that my children will not suffer because I will be able to provide for them now that I have a skill.”*

-Nelson, a refugee from Uganda studying Mechanical Maintenance

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Our scholars are living outside the refugee camps with regular meals, electricity, indoor plumbing and health insurance. More than that: they have been given the chance to pursue a dream.

These refugee students are used to overcoming the greatest obstacles in life and they took on the challenges of living through a pandemic with the same attitude that has gotten them through the hardships of refugee life. They persisted through lockdowns, online learning and deferred internships. We are happy to report that they completed their technical exams this month, started their internships, and are right on track to start their second term this fall.

### Loyola University Chicago Virtual Gala

This spring Refugees In Schools Everywhere was honored to be selected by Loyola University Chicago students to be the focus of their service learning project. The students held a [virtual gala \(click to watch\)](#) that raised nearly \$5,000 for scholarships. As part of the project, the Loyola students interviewed our cohort in Nairobi.

In the opening video interview from the Loyola gala, scholarship recipient Nelson Ochan describes the life-changing impact of our donors' support.



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Nelson goes on to add that that his wish is that sisters in the camp will have the same opportunity. We could not agree more Nelson! One of our strategic goals at Refugees In Schools Everywhere is to ensure the number of refugee females enrolled in school and higher education reaches parity with their male counterparts. Which means...



Women’s Vocational Program

Together with our community partner Windle International Kenya we will offer scholarships to young refugee women starting this fall. Windle conducted surveys, refugee women participated, and we listened. Three professional degree programs were identified as areas of strong interest by the women.

Windle staff evaluated courses in Nairobi and selected Kenya Medical College and Kenyatta University programs in Midwifery, Nutritional Counseling, and Psychosocial Counselling.

Thank you for your continued support--together we are changing the lives of young refugees and their families for generations to come.

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