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### Did you know...

10 million children in sub-Saharan Africa drop out of school every year \*

\* *UNICEF and UNESCO Institute for Statistics*



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## EFAC Chosen By Segal Family Foundation

Segal Family Foundation (SFF) is a model for the future of nonprofit success in the developing world. They create connections between like minded organizations that result in a collaborative effort rather than, for example, 50 youth organizations working independently, struggling to address issues on their own.

In just one year, EFAC has undergone tremendous growth from our partnerships with both SFF and their Sub Saharan partners. To now be entering 2014 as a **Targeted Capacity Support** partner is an honor and great opportunity.

EFAC, unique in its passionate volunteer base who contribute 200 + hours per week of volunteer time, has been chosen for Targeted Capacity Support in order to strengthen its staff and systems to make a greater impact. SFF will provide an in depth assessment, professional advisement and will broker connections with their community of partners and donors.

This assistance in addition to a \$30,000 grant will be the catalyst for EFAC's Phase II: Growth and Sustainability.



*EFAC Kenyan Program Director, Beth Wokabi, recently attended the SFF Youth Network in Nairobi Kenya*

## 98% of Graduates Qualify for University

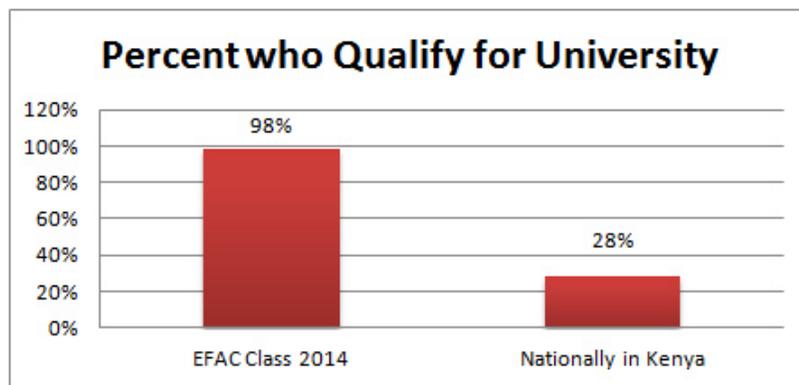
This year EFAC student results exceeded all expectations. 98% of the recent EFAC graduates earned a C+ or above on their national high school exit exam (KCSE), qualifying for University admission, while only 28% of students nationally scored that



well. And at the top of the class, 10% of the class (5 students) got a plain A compared to .5% nationally.

We choose students who show great promise and have no financial means to continue with school. Often their national exam results, Kenyan Certificate of Primary Education, are not the top in the country but careful consideration of how they do academically in the marginalized areas they are from, combined with character references and grades determine their acceptance into the EFAC program.

EFAC's Kenyan partner Africa Nazarene University conducts an innovative and hands on mentoring program throughout the year. Many EFAC students are orphans, slum dwellers and pastoralists and without the intensive mentor program would have difficulty creating a vision for the future. Clearly the class of 2014 has great vision and determination.



## Empowered Women Change Their Communities

In 2013 EFAC, in collaboration with Global Give Back Circle, chose two young women to study law at Africa Nazarene University. Both graduates shared unusual leadership qualities and a desire to return to their communities to advocate for women and girls. In a recent interview they shared their goals and aspirations with us.



*Sadia, Class of 2013*

### Sadia

"In my community girls were never the priority. If EFAC did not offer me a scholarship I would be a mother of 10 by now."

"At secondary school I was able to build my self-confidence, improve my grades, and develop my leadership skills. I became a captain in charge of the school."

"I want to be the voice of the voiceless members in my society. I want to elevate the status of women in my community. I want to give back to the women in my community so not returning home is not an option."

### Naira

"Before my EFAC scholarship I had no support from my community. I was only relying on my father's little earnings for my primary school."

"Being a prefect in secondary school really shaped my leadership skills as I learned to be patient, kind, humble and perseverant."

"Since I was a young child I have always admired to be a lawyer. Many injustices are being perpetuated in our society such as corruption, child labor, early marriage and genital mutilation. I will return to my community to be a voice of reason, a bridge to excellence and an example that women are capable and need to be valued."



*Naira, Class of 2013, and her family*

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### **Volunteers: Claude and Joan Marchessault**

This amazing husband and wife team, co-founders of Strategic Leadership Group Inc, joined EFAC in 2009 to facilitate our first retreat and to work with the board to create a well-defined vision for the future. They have volunteered their time and



expertise every year since and EFAC attributes much of its growth to their unique and innovative guidance.

When asked about their involvement with EFAC Joan responded: "The Board and Staff combine commitment, loyalty and talent. It is a board that comes together around their similarities and expands its thinking through its differences. They are a joy to work with!" Claude talked about the sponsor base, "The Sponsors are the heart and soul of the organization. They would say sponsorship has provided them with a source of giving that makes them feel like they are "in the game"...in the "world game" that is."

Strategic Leadership Group is a change management and leadership development firm that partners with corporate and non-profit boards, executives and management teams across the country and internationally. They are continually pioneering the application of systems and neuro-leadership models and practices to evolve the smart (outcome-focused) and healthy

(values-centered) organizations needed for our shared future.

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## Welcome to the Class of 2018

In February, EFAC welcomed 25 girls and 14 boys into the EFAC program. Selected from over 400 applicants, the Class of 2018 is one of our strongest classes with an average KCPE score of 378 and all ranking in the top 10% of their 8th grade class.

Without an EFAC scholarship, all of these students would have had to quit school after eighth grade but are now enrolled in top ranked schools in Kenya thanks to donor support.

After Tresia's mother passed in 2005, Tresia went to live with her maternal aunt who makes barely enough to support her own children and cannot afford secondary school fees for Tresia. But Tresia is a good student, described by her head teacher as "assertive and quite industrious" and graduated at the top of her eighth grade class of 132 students. Tresia was offered an EFAC scholarship as part of the Class of 2018 and is now a freshman at Vanessa Grant Girls School.



Tresia  
Class of 2018

We are currently seeking sponsors for Tresia and 30 of her new classmates.

[Click here](#) to meet our other new students.

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## Upcoming Events

**April 13, 4:00 PM:** Champagne, Chocolate and the EFAC Story: lisa teague studios, 95 market street #4. All are welcome. Please RSVP to [info@educationforallchildren.org](mailto:info@educationforallchildren.org).

**April 16, 12:00 PM:** EFAC mentor presentation at Granite Investment Advisors, Concord NH.

**June 24, 7AM to 3PM:** Seventh Annual EFAC Golf & Tennis Classic at Wentworth By The Sea Country Club, Rye, NH. Join us for golf and tennis followed by lunch and live auction. Lunch guests welcome. [More details](#)

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