Spotlight on a GCEF graduate:
A bright future for Lynn

Lynn Kuya, a gentle yet powerful 18-year old, has achieved a dream she thought would never be possible: she has graduated from secondary school and received an admission letter to study economics at Kenya’s Egerton University. Orphaned at 13 years of age when her mother, a nurse, passed away, she was unable to continue in school, until the National Nurses Association of Kenya offered her a place with the Girl Child Education Fund. She thrived in her studies and is now dreaming again about many possibilities in front of her. Recently, Lynn penned this note of thankfulness to the nurses of Kenya for the support she has received through the Girl Child Education Fund.

With great pleasure I appreciate every support I have received from the National Nurses Association of Kenya, through the Girl Child Education Fund. I acknowledge that they have been my support ers throughout my entire high school education since form one till four. I can’t express my gratitude enough for the undivided support of the organization as one of the lucky beneficiaries of the organization that empowers the girl child who has the need and thirst of education, yet cannot afford it.

I studied at Kambui Girls’ High School. Despite the many requirements by the school on admission I got the requirements bought for by the organization that made my life in school easier. I can vividly remember in form three where set books were a compulsory asset - I received them all through the organization’s dedication to my education. All in all am forever grateful to the Nurses Association for their devotion and selfless dedication towards the girl child education. Lynn Kuya

Letter from the President

Dear FNIF Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support of the Girl Child Education Fund. It is thanks to the hard work of the GCEF Coordinators and the nurse volunteers as well your loyal contributions that we can continue to keep girls like Lynn in school and give them a chance at a better future and realise their dreams. Since its launch in 2005, the GCEF has enabled 79 girls to complete secondary school. As you turn your thoughts to the holiday season, please think about how you can make a difference in each of these girls’ lives.

Let us remember the words of former UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan: “There is no tool more effective for development than the education of girls”. Please give to the Girl Child Education Fund: www.icn.ch/Donations/Make-a-donation-to-Girl-Child-Education-Fund.html. Many thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely, Rosemary Bryant, FNIF President

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Honouring Patrick Suleiman Bateganya

It is with tremendous sadness that we inform you of the passing away of our wonderful friend and most esteemed colleague, Patrick Bateganya, following a courageous battle with leukaemia. We mourn the loss of this passionate, caring and brilliant man, so dedicated to building and strengthening nursing and extending care and services to the excluded.

Though just 43, Patrick had accomplished so much for nursing, health, orphaned children and marginalised populations in Uganda. He shone brightly as an inspirational leader nationally and internationally. As the Uganda Girl Child Education Fund Coordinator, Patrick went to every corner of Uganda, sometimes at risk to his safety, to ensure that the opportunity for education was made available to the orphaned daughters of nurses everywhere in the country. He worked tirelessly to support the girls psychologically as well, building support networks for them and for their guardians, teachers and extended family. As General Secretary of the Ugandan Nurses and Midwives Union, Patrick dedicated himself with equal energy to the creation of a Wellness Centre for Health Care Workers and to the building of a strong and resilient nursing structure to serve the health of the nation.

No one worked harder, or with more passion and joy than Patrick. We are grateful to have known him and honour his memory.

Celebrating the GCEF Nurse Volunteers

We are delighted to put the spotlight on the GCEF Nurse Volunteers, as their contribution is a critically important element in the success of the Girl Child Education Fund. In Kenya, Swaziland, Uganda and Zambia, they contribute their time, expertise and caring ways, allowing the programme to have a presence throughout the country and providing a network of support for the girls and the National Coordinators.

For this issue we are pleased to recognise Pamela Kabibu. Pamela lives in Kilifi, a coastal town in Kenya, where she is the Nursing Officer-in-Charge at Kilifi District Hospital.

Pamela has been providing support and guidance for “Louise”, since she entered the GCEF programme in 2006, after her mother and Pamela’s colleague, passed away. Pamela made the application to the GCEF on Louise’s behalf and for the past six years she has been dedicated to Louise’s well-being and ensured that she had someone to turn to in need.

Louise completed secondary school last year and has been accepted at college to study health systems management.

*Louise’s name has been changed to protect her privacy.*
The Florence Nightingale Teddy Bear was launched at the ICN Conference in Malta in May 2011, in support of the Girl Child Education Fund. Hand crafted by the Great British Teddy Bear Company, the GCEF bear has been a wonderful success, so far raising more than £4000 to keep the GCEF girls in school. FNIF thanks everyone who has purchased a bear as well as the ICN member associations who have helped us to promote the bear by adding the link to their websites.

We are equally delighted to report on the various ways in which other organisations have helped to promote the Florence Nightingale Teddy Bear:

Sanofi – with whom ICN is working on the Care Challenge initiative – promoted the Florence Nightingale Teddy Bear during the launch of this exciting on-line competition. Available on www.care-challenge.com Care Challenge encourages nurses everywhere to submit their own ideas and innovations, or nominate colleagues for one of the 20 awards for the best ideas/innovations, offering an incredible opportunity to develop the initiatives further and give them global recognition. Submission to this contest is open until 31 March 2012.

The American Nurses Credentialing Centre (ANCC): Karen Drenkard, ANCC Executive Director, purchased Florence Nightingale Teddy Bears for all the ANCC staff who worked to make a success of the ANCC National Magnet Conference®, 4-6 October 2011, bringing together 7,000 nurses and nursing executives from top hospitals to celebrate Magnet Recognition.

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GCEF supports the primary and secondary schooling of the orphaned daughters of nurses.
Thank you for helping to keep the girls in school and for giving them the chance of a brighter future by purchasing a GCEF Florence Nightingale Teddy Bear.

www.gcefbear.com
Linda Carrier-Walker joins FNIF Board

FNIF is delighted to announce that Linda Carrier-Walker, former ICN Director of Development and External Relations has joined the FNIF Board of Directors.

Other Board members are:
- Rosemary Bryant, ICN and FNIF President
- Hiroko Minami, immediate past President of ICN and FNIF
- Rudolph Cini, ICN First Vice-President
- James Bissell, professional health administrator in Switzerland
- Richard Bruce Flavell, specialist in bank risk management
- Patrizia Carlevaro, Managing Director, Otsuka Pharmaceutical
- Victor West, former Director and Council member of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses

Prevalence of child labour among orphans

A recent study by the Duke Global Health Institute (DGHI) has found that one in seven orphaned and abandoned children in low and middle-income countries is a child labourer. The study, Positive Outcomes for Orphans, was funded by the US National Institute for Child Health and Development and was led by Kathryn Whettan. The resulting research article, Child work and labour among orphaned and abandoned children in five low and middle income countries found that orphaned children “not attending school were 4 times more likely to engage in child labour than those in school, and children who were engaged in child labour were twice as likely to not attend school compared to children who worked fewer than 28 hours.”

Another significant and distressing finding was that female children were more than twice as likely to be engaged in child labour.

The report highlights the burden of unpaid domestic “chores” which often prevents girl children from attending school, interfering with their educational attainment and future wellbeing.

The complete study, Positive Outcomes for Orphans, can be found on: http://globalhealth.duke.edu/dghi-fieldwork/open-projects/pofo

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FNIF also sincerely thanks everyone who supported the GCEF through the purchase of a Florence Nightingale Teddy Bear or participation at the FNIF Luncheon in Malta.