



Our Mission

Hekima Place is a safe, loving and faith based home for orphaned and vulnerable girls in Kenya. We support excellence in education and empowerment for their futures.

At Hekima Place, we provide a home for girls for as long as they need and a school for children at Hekima Place and local communities.

With a focus on education, we empower children to succeed academically and to become leaders in their communities. We help our children overcome challenges by teaching them to love themselves, love others, and love learning.



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HEKIMA HILLS LEARNING CENTER



Our Story

Hekima Place was founded in 2005 by Kate Fletcher, who left her life in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to volunteer with AIDS orphans in Kenya.

Kate spent some of her own childhood in an orphanage in Philadelphia and then moved to Pittsburgh to become a Sister of the Divine Redeemer. Later in life she was a teacher, lab technician and nursing home administrator. After marrying Dr. Leonard "Fletch" Fletcher, the couple devoted countless hours to an impoverished Appalachian community in West Virginia. Sadly, Kate was widowed at a relatively young age in 2002, and began to feel called again to a life of service.

In 2003, Kate moved to Nairobi and immersed herself in the challenging new role of full-time volunteer. Working with children, Kate saw the increased risks facing girls- like sexual violence, trafficking, child marriage- and the limited services to protect and support them. With funding from friends and her church community in Pittsburgh, Kate dedicated her life to caring for these orphaned and vulnerable girls.

In 2005, with the support of a Board of Directors in the United States, private donors, and several Catholic churches in Pittsburgh, Kate founded Hekima Place starting with 10 girls on rented property. Kate continues to live onsite in Kenya and help care for our girls.

Our Home

Hekima Place consists of six homes for the girls and their caretakers, a dining hall, administrative buildings, a large garden, room for livestock, and a borehole that provides safe, clean water both for the home and the local community.

The District Children's Office places the children in most urgent need of rescue and care with us. All girls come to us with traumatic pasts. Some have been orphaned, others abused or abandoned. Some are survivors of sexual violence and arrive with PTSD. Some are living with HIV and others have been orphaned by the virus. No matter their story, we meet them where they are to help them heal physically and emotionally.

We provide medical care, counseling, nutritious food and meet all of their basic needs. Supporting them with love and empowering them with education, we value every one of our girls for both who she is and who she can become.



Our School

High-caliber schools in Kenya are urgently needed, not only for the girls of Hekima Place but also for children from nearby rural villages and towns.

Hekima Hills Learning Centre serves Hekima Place girls along with girls and boys from the community from pre-kindergarten through Grade 9. Each student has a full set of books for their own use. A cutting-edge computer lab, a science lab, and life skills centre bring educational opportunities to Kajiado County that aligns curriculum and progressive teaching methods.



*Asante Sana
Thank you*

for your interest in the life-changing work of Hekima Place!

