

# STUDENTS FOR STUDENTS INTERNATIONAL



at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill



Hello from S4Si!

We believe that an investment in education will set an individual on a path to success that will ultimately help them break out of the cycle of poverty. S4Si is a federally recognized non-profit organization based at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Our mission is to provide educational opportunities to outstanding but disadvantaged young women. Currently, we support the secondary education of 33 girls on the Tanzanian island of Zanzibar.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

- After realizing the tremendous problems that many women face while trying to gain access to higher education, we made a commitment to focus exclusively on women's education.
- We believe that an investment in these students' schooling will set them on a path to success where they can realize their full potential as agents of change in their communities.



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## HOW WE WORK

- S4Si is run completely by students at UNC-Chapel Hill and our sister organization at the University of Virginia.
- We run our organization with different committees of volunteers that reach out to students on campus and members of the local community.
- Our student Board of Directors meets on a weekly basis to measure and evaluate progress on campus and discuss news and correspondence from our scholars in Tanzania.

## HOW WE CHOOSE OUR SCHOLARS

- Each summer S4Si sends student delegates to spend several weeks in Tanzania to choose new scholars.
- Scholars are interviewed, their academic records are reviewed, and other factors outside of academics are assessed.
- We find it particularly compelling when we meet a student who is very gifted but without the help of our scholarship would not be able to attend school because of the hardship it would cause her family.

## WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

- All money raised goes toward funding scholarships.
- We pay for: tuition, transportation, books, uniforms, meals, etc.
- We encourage our scholars to attend university; we will support them through their years there as well.

**HOW TO SUPPORT S4Si:** Our scholars will be the leaders of their generation in Tanzania, and supporting them is supporting the reversal of poverty and rise of education for women in Zanzibar. Students for Students International is always looking to reach out to individuals and organizations that are interested in supporting our mission. Investing \$300 will support a scholar for an entire year, and \$1,200 will support a woman for all four years of high school. However, any donation, no matter the amount, will no doubt make a lasting impact on the future of a young woman.

## FEATURED SCHOLAR



**Shemsa Abdallah Said** currently lives in the Mazini girls' hostel with other girls

her age who came to Zanzibar to get a better education. She has four younger brothers and three younger sisters who all live with her parents on Pemba, a small neighboring island. She earned high enough marks on her exams to attend the best government secondary school, Lumumba. Shemsa ranks seventh in her class, but is humble about her achievements.

She wants to be a doctor to help improve the health of her family and society.

## WHY GIRLS?

Today, more than 600 million girls live in the developing world; approximately one quarter of girls in developing countries are not in school

Of the world's 130 million out-of-school youth, 70% are girls

An extra year of secondary school boosts a girl's eventual wages 15 to 25%