

# AWEF

African Women's Education Fund

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Summer 2013

**"...if you educate a women you educate a nation."**

*African Proverb*

## The AWEF story...

AWEF was started in 2004 by a small group of committed individuals from Croton-on-Hudson, NY who believe that educating women is the single best way to help reduce the cycle of poverty, and improve the future of women and their families in sub-Saharan Africa.

Thanks to your generosity AWEF now supports the secondary education of 40 young women in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Rest assured that all dollars donated to AWEF go directly to the education of these young women.

Since its inception AWEF's Board of Directors has do-

nated all operating expenses.

### **Together we are making a difference...meet Elizabeth**

Elizabeth William lives with her family in Tanzania. Elizabeth's mother learned about AWEF while working at a Capuchin mission in the Morogoro region of Tanzania. She requested help for her daughter's education and AWEF delivered!

**Elizabeth:** *"...you have given me hope for the future and happiness...education is just like a dream to me and my family because without your help I know I would have nothing..."*

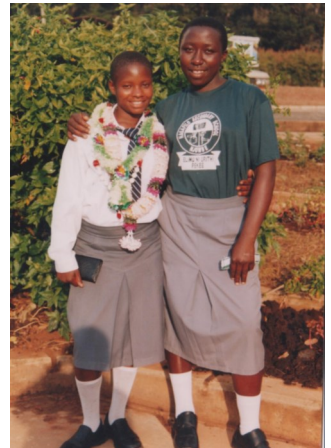
In 2012 Elizabeth proudly

earned a Bachelors degree in Community Development. She is one of many AWEF success stories due in large part to the secondary education AWEF sponsors.

Elizabeth is "giving back" by working with disabled youth and volunteering with a local NGO working to improve the skills of farmers with the goal of increased productivity. Elizabeth, who hopes to pursue a Masters degree, says she always dreamed of a job as an activist to help her country develop successful young women as the hope of future generations.



Elizabeth William at her Baccalaureate graduation from Tumaini University, Tanzania.



## Join us...bring a friend!



Donors and friends enjoying the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Cocktail Party

Please forward this newsletter! Let's continue to work together to help make a brighter future for more young women, and in doing so make a better, more equitable world.

- Mail a donation to: AWEF, 5003 Manor Drive, Peekskill, NY 10566
  - Visit our website: [www.awef.org](http://www.awef.org) for a more in-depth history of AWEF and to learn about alternate giving
  - Consider an organizational partnership at community events
  - Like us on Facebook: African Women's Education Fund
  - Join us for our annual cocktail party
  - Stop by our booth at Summerfest and other events around town.
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