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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I am Irene Shingora. I am 16 years old and a firstborn in a family of five children. While I was in primary school, I did my Kenya Certificate of Primary Education Examination and I passed very well with 356 marks out of 500 marks. As my parents did not have enough money I was forced to join a day school, St. Patrick's Ikonero Secondary School where I am now in Form 2. I believe that I can make it in this school. My two sisters and a brother are in primary schools.

My father is called Zacharia Andanje and my mother is Judith Andanje. Both of my parents did not finish their primary school education. So they work as casual labourers to feed, clothe and pay fees for us. For me to be in school, it has forced my father to sell part of his small piece of land in order to pay fees this year. Next year, I am not sure if my parents will keep me in school.

Therefore, I will be grateful if you would assist me complete my education. I am good at Mathematics and Kiswahili and last term I represented my school in Mathematics competition at Zonal Level. When I finish my formal Education I would like to be a doctor. Sometimes when I fall sick and go to hospital, I see many people on long lines suffering. So I would like to help such people. I would also like to assist my siblings so that they can get some education. I would be so grateful if you will help me realize my dream.

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REF: IRENE SHING'ORA ANDANJE

I have known Irene Shing'ora since 2009 when her parents came to live in the neighbourhood. She was then 9 years old. Irene is dependable, hardworking, patient and focused. She loves reading.

Irene performed well in her Kenya Primary School Education examination and this enabled her join St. Patrick's Ikonyero Secondary School where she is in Form 2. Her performance is generally good as she is among the top 5 in a class of 70 students. Her good performance in Mathematics has made her represent her school in competitions. Given chance she can perform.

Irene's father left school in class six, her mother never went to school. Thus, for them to get any worthy employment is almost impossible. They assist neighbours in digging gardens and menial work for survival. Many times Irene is out of school due to lack of fees. Her two sisters and a brother are in Primary School and her youngest sister is to join nursery school next year. Therefore, paying Irene's fees is becoming more and more difficult with time. She may drop out of school unless there is some intervention since her parents cannot manage to pay her fees.

Irene is performing well despite the challenges she faces in her humble background. She has the potential and with support to sustain her in school, I am sure she can perform even better. I would, therefore, highly recommend Irene for any financial assistance that can enhance her reach the level of education she can manage.

Signed:



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(Guardian and Neighbour)