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## SUPPORT A TEACHER



"A good teacher is like a candle—it consumes itself to light the way for others."

*-Anonymous*

We at Hamomi Children's Centre are honored to have two full-time staff members whose selflessness and devotion to teaching and supporting over 100 disadvantaged children has allowed Hamomi to thrive and become a beacon of hope in its community. Unfortunately, for nearly nine years they worked without pay. From begging on the streets to relying on the kindness of friends and family, their dedication meant immense personal sacrifice.

In November 2008, our two teachers received a salary from Hamomi for the first time. With support from donors like you, we can continue to pay our staff an honest, steady wage so they will never again be reduced to begging once the school day is over. Our commitment to paying our staff not only rewards hard work and ensures their health and well-being but ultimately ensures the well-being of all 100 students. Without these two individuals, Hamomi would not exist.

## RAPHAEL ETENYI

Raphael Etenyi, the Founder and Director of Hamomi Children's Centre was born and raised in Western Kenya. There he attended Primary and High



school—graduating in 1990. After working as a farm laborer he moved to Nairobi where he attended classes in Early Childhood Education. Living in the Kangemi slum, he was overwhelmed by the number of uneducated street children he met on a daily basis. In 1999, Raphael—believing children from all backgrounds deserve an education—founded the Hamomi Children's Centre.

Running Hamomi has meant constant devotion and personal sacrifice. For ten years Raphael has worked seven days a week, 365 days a year—nine of these years without pay. During this time his wife left him and he now raises their two children, ages 12 and 7. Through the years Raphael has depended on the kindness of relatives and strangers to survive and support his family. With the salary he now receives, much has changed:

“Great appreciations from the bottom of my heart for your monthly support that has brought a remarkable achievement in my life, Hamomi students, teachers and all of our slum, Kangemi. The donation motivates and gives assurance in building a successful Hamomi. I am happy to say that I'm stress free because of some of the things that have been accomplished due to this regular donation.

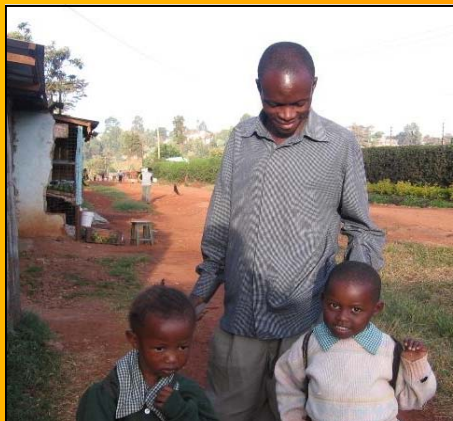
I bought a blanket for my two sons, Mike and Moses. The one they had been using was too old and you could see through it if you held it up to the light! I guess the wire came in at the right moment, as the rainy, cold season has begun in Nairobi.



## OUR HOPE

On a daily basis we are awed by the dedication and selflessness of both Raphael and Musumba. While they are now receiving salaries for the first time in Hamomi's history, we know that this meager salary is not nearly enough. Their hard work deserves to be adequately rewarded. We hope to one day pay them the salaries they truly deserve.

Once we have accomplished this, we aim to begin hiring the best and brightest teachers to work at Hamomi. To ensure that our students develop into adults with the skills necessary to improve their social and economic condition, they must receive a first class education. This, we know, comes with hiring top rate teachers.



## MUSUMBA ESAU



Musumba Joseck Esau was born in 1972 in Western Kenya. He attended secondary school before attending Social Work College. Unfortunately, he was unable to complete his

degree because of financial constraints. Luckily, he found a good job with a local non-profit.

After losing this job, he heard about the work being done by his childhood friend, Raphael, at Hamomi. Impressed with what he saw, Musumba decided to forgo finding a new job and instead joined the center in October 2000.

Since that time Musumba has been fundamental in Hamomi's growth and success, however it has meant immense personal sacrifice. Working without pay forced him to beg and rely on relatives and friends for food, rent and other basic needs. Unable to afford medical care, his wife died of Typhoid, leaving him to raise their two young children.

However, with a salary now coming in things are looking much better for Musumba:

“I received the \$100 for the month of April. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my supporters under the program 'Support-a-Teacher'. Major thanks for the continued support that has and is still improving my life in the slum. Earlier I had stated that I play the roles of mother and father, which is hard to perform, but with the donation all is moving well.

Last month I bought a blanket for my children. This month I have bought myself a blanket as well. The money came at the right time when Nairobi is experiencing rains and it is very cold in the tin house we live in. Unfortunately, my paternal uncle passed away last month in Mombasa, some of the money from the donation will be used as fare to travel to the Western part of Kenya for his funeral.”