

# DIANA MAENDE WAKUNGWI

My name is Diana Maende Wakungwi, a 16-year-old girl from Lusheya sub-location in Kakamega County, Kenya. I was born on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2003. My parents are Daniel Wakungwi and Emily Lubale Wakungwi. My father is late and the only parent we have at the moment is our mother who's physically challenged/disabled. We are five kids in our family, 2 sisters and 3 brothers from which I'm the first born.



I began my Early Childhood Development Education in 2009 whence I performed quite fair. Life was hard and food was rare for us. I was often sent home back home due to inability to pay school fees and I could miss lessons beyond two weeks! My father died when I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. It was a sorrowful experience and as expected life took a new course, struggling every day. Gladly, God has been

with us in all and through all. I know He understands our position and has been fair to us.

In primary school, Mathematics and English were my favorite subjects due to the availability of determinant teachers and personal hard work. I was nervous about the Kenya Certificate for Primary Education (K.C.P.E) but fortunately when the results were released, I had scored 339 marks. Thanks be to God. I aspire to become a doctor. I'm sure I'll be able to have a positive impact on my family and the community.

I have got a singing gift which uplifts my faith and brings me closer to God. I play netball and volleyball as my best sports. I also have leadership qualities (having served as a class prefect in primary school). I am a Christian.

I heard about Living Hope High School from a friend who was crediting its academic excellence and well-founded discipline among students. I'm joyful for the opportunity given to join this institution from which I know I'll attain my academic excellence and become part

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of the elites from here. I also believe I'll be nurtured morally and offer my support by participating in some school work and other relevant activities. My mother is my biggest role model. She has overstretched her abilities to bring me and my siblings up and I give her credit where it's due!



We live in a mud structured house which needs frequent renovations. Our latrine is also not in good shape. The income level for my family is very low. Our mom is just charwoman at a local dispensary. We struggle to live on what she makes from there, so one can imagine how the situation would be with me relying on the same

for my tuition fee in school. We can hardly afford to get most of the requirements I need to join school with. I only remain to pray for miracles from God.

To anyone reading this piece of my story, I hope the Lord will touch your heart to do what you can help me chase my dreams. I'm sure mine are also valid like other people's! Thank you so much.