



# Turning Shares Into Shelter, Love, and Opportunity

Like many nonprofits, Seeds in His Garden has faced new challenges since the pandemic began. COVID-19 changed the way people give, and it has had a lasting impact on donor engagement worldwide. We are deeply grateful for the steadfast generosity of our faithful supporters – many of whom have been with us for years, even decades. Yet, we are also aware that the age of this faithful group is rising, and many are no longer able to give at the levels they once did.

Across the nonprofit world, organizations are working hard to find new ways to raise funds and connect with younger generations of supporters. The need for innovation is urgent – especially for a mission like ours, where childrens' daily care, education, and well-being depend on ongoing, reliable support.

One of the most powerful, and often-overlooked, ways to give is through stock transfers. Donating appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual fund shares is not only an effective way to support our mission – it can also offer significant benefits to you as the donor.

## Why Stock Gifts Make Sense

- Greater Impact for You and for the Children – When you donate appreciated securities you have held for over a year, you can avoid paying capital gains taxes. This means more of your gift goes directly to care for the children and less to taxes.
- A Charitable Deduction – You may be eligible to deduct the full fair market value of your donated stock on

## Brenda's Story: From Seeds to New Beginnings

In 2001, a Kenyan Social Worker brought two young boys, Eugene and Rod, to Seeds in His Garden for care following the death of their mother, (the father had already passed). At first, we only knew about the boys, as social services hadn't mentioned that they had a sister. But soon we learned about Brenda – through the boys themselves.

I remember calling her at her school (that was up-country) hours away to introduce myself and to state that the boys were with me. During that first phone conversation, I heard in her voice strength, maturity, and determination, somewhat cautious but clearly was not allowing fears to enter and confuse her conversation. She was beyond her

years. We invited her to Nairobi so she could be near her brothers, and she accepted. Brenda enrolled in high school there and soon became part of the Seeds family. She was head strong and articulate and began to bond with the brothers again.

As she developed, Brenda revealed her many gifts – creativity, communication, perseverance and courage. She took part in the activities

your tax return, reducing your taxable income.

- Ease and Simplicity – With a simple transfer from your brokerage account to Seeds in His Garden, your investment becomes a tangible lifeline – covering school fees, nutritious meals, healthcare, and a safe home for the children in our care.

## A Creative Way to Involve Younger Generations

Younger professionals, many of whom may not yet have large amounts of disposable income, are often more likely to have investments in retirement accounts, stock portfolios, or employer-issued shares. By learning about and engaging in stock-based giving, they can make a meaningful contribution now – one

that could have an even greater value than an equivalent cash gift.

For Seeds in His Garden, every stock gift strengthens our foundation for the future. It helps ensure that children in Kenya – many who have faced unimaginable loss – can grow up in a loving, stable environment where they can thrive and discover the love God has for them.

If you would like to learn more about donating stock, our team can provide you with step-by-step transfer instructions to give to your broker. You can reach us at [info@SeedsInHisGarden.org](mailto:info@SeedsInHisGarden.org).

Your shares can become shelter. Your investments can become love. Together, we can ensure that the seeds planted today will grow into bright futures tomorrow.



*The story continues on second side*

# Brenda

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we offered the children, including dance. When a Dutch company came to Kenya to audition young people for dance performance program, Brenda stood out among those that auditioned, but was it enough? There were over five hundred auditions in Nairobi alone. I watched on the day of her audition knowing that they were going to pick only twenty from around the country. She demonstrated the commitment and talent needed to succeed. Her dedication paid off. She was selected and for a couple of years she dedicated herself to the dance troop and perfecting her art.

Through that opportunity, she gained a sponsor who opened the door for her to pursue higher education in the Netherlands. Brenda went on to earn both her bachelor's and master's degrees in Tilburg, while also mastering the

language and building a new life in Europe. Along the way, she met Mark, and together they have been building their future with love.

We are so proud of Brenda – not only for her accomplishments but for the resilience and courage she has shown in every season of life. What began with a simple phone call to a teenage girl at school has blossomed into a life filled with promise, hope, and new beginnings. Where would she have been otherwise? And what a jewel Mark may have missed.

As Brenda and Mark now prepare to marry (*see chosen wedding gown on page 1*), we celebrate with joy and gratitude. Her story reminds us that every gift, every act of support, and every prayer for Seeds in His Garden helps create opportunities that can change the course of a child's life.

Please join us in praying for Brenda and Mark. It truly is one life at a time that makes the difference.

– Mom Becky



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**Our mission** is to provide care for abused, neglected, needy, abandoned and orphaned children in Kenya and prepare them to be Africa's future leaders. We seek to provide the children with physical, emotional, academic and spiritual tools needed to develop their full potential.

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Thank You!



**Maggie receives a welcome hug from her friend and sponsor Sophie upon arriving at the Netherlands airport.**

## The Love of A Volunteer

Sophie is from Holland who came to Seeds as a volunteer for several months and several times over the years. Maggie was a very tiny girl and there was a story of her rescue several years ago. She had to be hospitalized when she first arrived. Sophie and Maggie became good friends when Maggie was a little girl, and it has carried throughout Maggie's life (*right photo*). Sophie became her sponsor and supported her continued care in the home. Maggie is now visiting her sponsor in the Netherlands for a couple of weeks (*left photo*). Her goal is to continue her education and pursue a career in urban planning. What a difference for both lives. Thank you for the support to open doors



### HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE



#### Because of your generosity...

- ♥ Children are growing up in a safe, loving home.
- 📖 They are attending school and dreaming big dreams.
- 🍽️ Nutritious meals are served every day.
- 🌱 They are learning about God's love and grace.
- 🌱 Seeds of hope are planted for a better future.

Every prayer, donation, and word of encouragement helps us continue this mission.

Together, we are breaking cycles of poverty, neglect, and abandonment – ONE LIFE AT A TIME.

#### Stay connected and keep changing lives.

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Thank you for being part of the Seeds family. You are making a lasting difference.

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