



On behalf of THE SOPHIA FOUNDATION,

It is my honor to share a Special Thanks to Philanthropist Mary Vail, MBA in Las Vegas, NV, USA. I met Mary through Philanthropy University in 2015. Mary's background and experience in charity works was extensive and I believed I could learn from her knowledge.

She graciously agreed to act as a mentor in assisting me to develop a non-profit focused on caring for women and children. Through her knowledge, assistance, inspiration and support, I began to put together the elements for the non-profit. Mary also encouraged me to continue my studies at Philanthropy University (PU).

During my further studies at PU, I met another student Maryam Mostajir who shared my same interests of caring for women and children. Maryam and I collaborated together and in 2017 we founded The Sophia Foundation.

Celebrating the year anniversary of The Sophia Foundation, I am indeed grateful to Mary Vail for guiding me through the process and assisting me in actualizing my dream.

Warmest regards,

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The Sophia Foundation <https://tsfkenya.com/>

The mission of The Sophia Foundation Kenya (TSF Kenya) is to fight poverty and disease through advancing access to education for vulnerable children and improving livelihoods opportunities for widows in Nyakach, Kisumu County through a long-term, holistic approach which includes financial support for education, life skills, business start-ups, training and child protection.

Our approach to development is holistic empowerment and life skills-based interventions delivered through education, capacity development and support and collaboration using community managed approach. We engage in community initiatives that focus on empowering these vulnerable children and widows in unlocking their potentials for self-actualization and durable solutions.

The Sophia Foundation will be registered as a CBO. It is founded to meet the social needs of orphans and vulnerable children; whose lives remain trapped by poverty and HIV/AIDS in Kenya. We believe that if vulnerable children lives transformed and inspired, they will in turn transform their communities, Kenya and the World.

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