



COMMONWEALTH
GIRLS EDUCATION
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**“Changing lives
through education
and FRIENDSHIP”**

Friends
of the CGEF



Africa



Pacific



Caribbean



Asia

**“If you educate a
man you educate
an individual, if you
educate a woman you
educate a nation.”**

African Proverb

Broken Promises

The UN's goal to provide education for all young people by 2030 is unlikely to be achieved. Globally, of the estimated 263m children who do not go to school, 135 million live in Commonwealth countries. Millions more do not complete a secondary education. Despite this it is commonly accepted that access to an education radically reduces poverty and increases security.

“International support for education from the OECD nations amounts to less than \$10 per child across the low and middle economy countries of the Commonwealth, barely enough to pay for a text book let alone a school education” Gordon Brown, Ministers Reference Book for the Commonwealth 2017

Educate a Girl

In the UK our daughters are guaranteed a free place in school and girls are safe. Girls will be encouraged to learn, to achieve and ultimately to play an active role in society.

Life is completely different for girls in two thirds of the low and middle

economy Commonwealth countries. Even if girls finish primary school, many never get the chance to complete their secondary education, the result of many different factors.

Commonwealth girls may face major challenges as a result of poverty, disease (such as Ebola or HIV/AIDS), climate change, FGM, war, conflict and discriminatory norms (such as child marriage), which curtail their chances of a complete and/or successful education.

When a girl stays in school life improves not only for her but also for many others in her family and community. Girls who complete secondary education are more likely to have smaller and healthier families, earn higher wages and have lower risks of disease. They will also ensure their own children and others in their communities are educated.

Imagine

Imagine a world where inspired FRIENDS across the Commonwealth wanted to see inspired girls in the Commonwealth educated!

A world where girls who are educated and empowered through secondary education become agents of change for others in their communities and countries; through the friendship of Commonwealth citizens everywhere.

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FRIENDSHIP means everything

**“I love love love what you do,
and everything about CGEF”.**

Gary Burns, London

The CGEF is uniquely about personal relationships and friendships around the whole of the Commonwealth - with our supporters and with those who help each of our girls change their lives.

**“This is close to my heart so I
will see what I can do for you”**

Victoria Mayhook, London

When our supporters commit to regular giving it helps us to give our Commonwealth girls the confidence that they will receive the support they need throughout their secondary education.

So from our 50th year onwards, and to add drive to our mission, we are bringing together a special group of FRIENDS who share our commitment to help girls finish school. Girls who finish school gain confidence and self-esteem, thereby fulfilling their desire for a better life for themselves, and their family, which ultimately benefits their community and society.

As a Friend of the CGEF you will actively help in creating a better future for girls across the Commonwealth and you will be a special part of a charity that for

50 years has gained unique and personal understandings of how lives can be changed. If you would like to help make a difference to girls, please join us as a Friend.

**Together we can Educate
a Girl, Empower a woman,
Inspire a Community and
Change lives.**

**Benefits (per year) of being a CGEF
Friend.** Your principal benefit is the knowledge that you are helping a Commonwealth girl to a better life

£100 pa:

- Welcome and Thank You letter from the Chairman
- Invitation to CGEF “Thank You Friends!” gathering
- Annual Report posted to you upon request
- Recognition on CGEF website


£500 pa:

- All of the Above
- Invitation to observe one CGEF Girls Meeting
- Recognition on CGEF website and Annual Report

£1,000+ pa

- All of the Above
- Opportunity to meet a Trustee to learn about sponsored girls
- Discussion about how your donation is spent for mutual benefit e.g. logo on website and/or Annual Report
- Consideration of interest in sponsorship into specific countries (where this coincides with CGEF interests)

A gift of £100 pa plus Gift Aid will provide £125 towards one girl's education for a year. A gift of £500 plus Gift Aid will provide £625 and pay for at least one girl to go to school for a whole year. A gift of £1,000 plus gift aid will pay for more than two girls to go to school for a whole year or could pay for at least one girl to complete their secondary education.

Leave a
Legacy 

Adding a gift to Commonwealth Girls Education Fund (CGEF) in your will is a wonderful way to leave a legacy and impact the lives of special girls, their families and their communities across the Commonwealth in future. Legacy giving enables the CGEF to plan confidently about sponsoring girls into the future.

If you plan to make a special legacy gift to the CGEF we thank you for your thoughtfulness and ask that you please consider letting a Trustee know in confidence, details here: <http://www.cgefund.org/inthenews/164-legacy-giving>

**Please discuss legacy gifts with
your family, lawyer and/or financial
advisor.**

One success story among many:



"For 8 years, (between 2000 – 2008), I was the only pediatrician in Tonga, where almost 40% of the population are under 14 years old":

**Dr Toakase Panisia
Fakakovikaetau (nee) Pele**

The CGEF sponsored Toa in Tonga for six years from 1975 to 1980, before she obtained a government sponsorship in Fiji to go to the School of Medicine at the University of the South Pacific."



"My ambitions are to become a successful surgeon or cardiologist when I grow up, uphold all the moral values of my country, take care of my siblings and family, be a motivator and a role model to other Botswana girls, pursue and achieve my goals and dreams and lastly utilize this opportunity of being given sponsorship."

Clair in Botswana

What's stopping us?

The cost of schooling is a key hurdle for girls completing their education. **The Commonwealth Girls Education Fund (CGEF)** sponsors capable girls in over 30 Commonwealth countries where without financial assistance they would be unlikely or unable to continue their secondary schooling. Grants of up to £500 per girl a year are used to pay for school and exam fees plus other required costs like uniforms, books, transport, meals and equipment needed by girls with disabilities.

Why CGEF?

Three key values of the Commonwealth are: Access to Education, Gender Equality and the Importance of our Youth. The CGEF has held these as core values for 50 years and has supported almost 3,000 girls in graduating from high schools in over 40 Commonwealth countries, helping to give them a sense of their own worth and empowering them to act as ambassadors for female education in their own countries.

We deliberately focus our attention on small numbers of girls so that we can develop a reciprocal and useful relationship with each student. This enables us to witness the life changing impact that each girl makes on the ground.

What it costs to sponsor a girl through FRIENDSHIP and the difference you can make

"The CGEF did not just make a difference to my life – it made a difference to the life of my entire family. I could pay my school fees and buy basic schoolbooks and uniform. I still walked the 20km from my home to school and went without lunch, but my mother became the envy of my neighbourhood". Ladi Dariya

Each year we sponsor up to 400 girls through secondary school. Girls receive grants of between £125 and £500 each year, amounts being tailored to the local cost of their specific needs. Girls are sponsored for 2-6 years depending on the education systems of each country. We keep in touch with our girls through an Alumnae Association.

I would like to be a Friend of the CGEF

Title.....Full Name.....

Home Address.....

Postcode.....Telephone Nos...../.....

Email

I **DO/ DO NOT** wish to be acknowledged in your Annual Reports as:.....

CGEF would like to keep you up to date with our latest news and how you can support our vital work. We will keep your details safe and you can change your preference at any time by emailing adminsec@cgefund.org or calling us on 0330 113 2191.

- I would like to hear from you via email
- No thank you, please do not contact me by post
- No thank you, please do not contact me by telephone

The only information we hold about you is your name and contact details which you have provided to us. The information will never be shared by us with any other party or for any other purpose. The only communication you will receive from us is a regular newsletter or information about special events. Please contact adminsec@cgefund.org if you no longer wish to receive any communication from us.

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Make your gift worth more at no extra cost to you Please tick in order to gift aid your donation

I would like The Commonwealth Girls Education Fund to treat this donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the last four years as Gift Aid donations until I notify you otherwise.

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay the difference.

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PAYMENT

£100 pa £500 pa £1,000 + pa other amount pa

I will donate annually/ monthly via

- cheque (enclosed) payable to the Commonwealth Girls Education Fund
- online via Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/cclef/donate>
- direct bank transfer / standing order to Commonwealth Girls Education Fund, Barclays 20-42-73, a/c no. 50232394

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Signature.....

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