

Caroline's Story

Caroline graduated with a BA in Development Studies at Mount Kenya University. Rafiki Thabo started supporting her in 2015.

Caroline comes from a family of eight children and was the first one of them to go to secondary school. While she was at secondary school, Caroline's parents could not afford her fees but she decided to try to study anyway. The Principal was so moved by her determination that the school paid her boarding fees and, unbeknownst to Caroline, he persuaded a family he knew to support her through secondary school.

After completing secondary school, Caroline worked as a housemaid for 10 months. She had lost all hope of continuing with her education. One day the family who had supported her through school got in touch and offered to support her to do a Diploma in Community Development and Social Work – for which she got a distinction.



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She wanted to continue her studies to degree level but the family could no longer afford to support her so she stayed at home for around two years, applying for scholarships for her a degree. She finally met someone who told her about Rafiki Thabo Foundation. She applied and was accepted as a Rafiki Thabo Scholar in January 2015, completing her degree three years later.

“Education has empowered me to make choices and know my rights as a young woman. Rafiki Thabo's support has saved me from early marriages and female genital mutilation. Without education, by now I would maybe have five children. Education has changed the way I perceive life.”



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