

# Samuel's Story

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Samuel is autistic and, very sadly, his mother deserted him when his condition was diagnosed. His grandmother is now bringing him up but relies on manual labour to make ends meet and sustain Samuel and another three grandchildren whose parents passed away from HIV-related illnesses. Samuel's grandmother managed to enroll him at a special school run by catholic nuns. It is a boarding school as there are no schools within their locality that have special units for children living with disabilities. Samuel's grandmother has been struggling to pay for his school fees as two of her other grandchildren are in secondary school and he was at risk of dropping out.



We were able to bring Samuel onto our Scholarship Programme so his grandmother does not have to worry about his fees anymore and can concentrate on supporting her other grandchildren through school.

Samuel is really enjoying school so far and we are committed to supporting him throughout his school life—and beyond!

To support Samuel costs Rafiki Thabo Foundation £500 per year