

Making a difference...

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There are many famous philanthropists in our country who receive much recognition for their large, charitable donations.

However, there are also individuals who silently give to those who are less fortunate.

Kirsten de Lorimier is such a person. She lives in Boulder with her partner, Marc, and two dogs, Tucker and Trixie la Croix. She is also my daughter and I'm very proud of her generosity with ACF because, for the past two years, Kirsten has sponsored one of our students, **Rose Nampaso**.



Kirsten & Marc deLorimier

Rose attended her first year of Naivasha Girls High School this year; she has the highest test scores of all of our students and we see great things in her future. Kirsten has communicated with Rose through letters to offer her encouragement and support. She has sent pictures of her family, and a video introduction of herself which Shari showed Rose during her recent visit to Africa.

Kirsten has been to Africa and witnessed the poverty firsthand. She feels an affinity with the Maasai girls because they simply do not have the opportunities we receive in the U.S. When people ask, "Why support children in Africa when there are so many children in the United States who need help?" She states, "Our government has a wide range of services and programs available to help those less fortunate, whereas the Kenyan government does not. Maasai receive absolutely no assistance for shelter, food, education, healthcare or employment. We can make such a huge difference for these kids."

Kirsten looks forward to meeting Rose in Kenya or, if Rose continues to do well in school, she may have an opportunity to come to the United States for a visit.



For some, sponsoring one child would be enough. But not Kirsten. She recently received a large company bonus and as a result would like to sponsor four more additional students. She knows giving these children an education will transform their future and is a wonderful legacy for anyone who wants to leave the world a better place as she does.

Kirsten does not require recognition; however, we, on the Board of the Amboseli Children's Fund, believe she is an inspiration and people should know about her kindness and compassion for others.

Thank you, Kirsten, not only from the children of Amboseli, but from all who are connected with ACF.