



Frederica

A radiant milestone: Frederica stands proudly beside her longtime sponsor, Sonya, on graduation day in 2025. Frederica arrived at Brittany's Home of Grace at just five years old, and today she steps into a bright future—her success shaped by resilience, opportunity, and the steadfast support that has walked with her at every step.

7,439

PATIENTS

861

SURGERIES

823

KRA

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236

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170

CHILDREN

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KENYANS

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MISSIONARIES

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FUNDS RAISED

Growth

2025 *Philippians 3:13*

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VISION STATEMENT

Empowering Children and Communities to Thrive Through Education, Health, and Hope.

MISSION STATEMENT

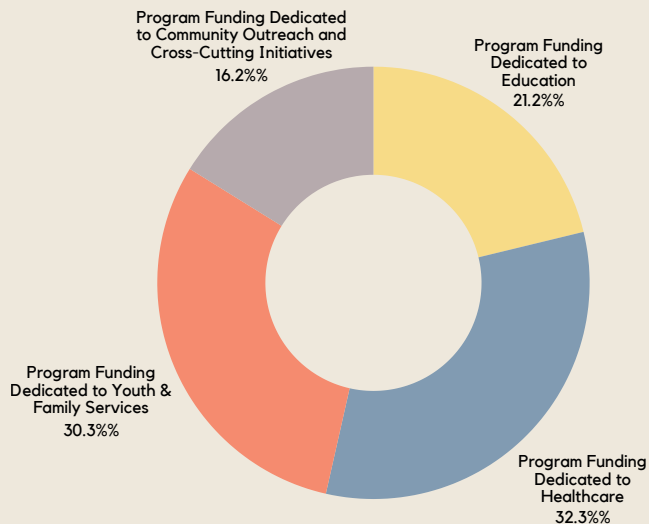
Our Mission is to transform lives through accessible medical care, high-quality education, and compassionate community support. Join us to make a lasting impact.

VALUES

Integrity, Partnership, Compassion, Respect, Excellence, and Resilience.

Core Services

- Children’s Home + Youth and Family Services (Brittney’s Home of Grace): Provides a safe, loving home and services for orphaned and vulnerable children.
- Healthcare (Brase Vision & Medical Clinic): Operates a year-round clinic staffed by Kenyan providers, with additional support from ~20 short-term, medical and surgical mission volunteer teams annually.
- Education (Kenya Relief Academy): A top-ranked primary and junior secondary school serving more than 800 students, including children from Brittney’s Home of Grace and the surrounding community.
- Community Impact Initiatives that support widows and vulnerable families, deliver prison healthcare, improve community infrastructure, expand medical education, create economic opportunities, and engage neighbors through community sports.



Our Christian faith shapes our mission, and we respect the diverse beliefs of all who join us. Together, we work side by side to bring hope, healing, and opportunity.



A Message From Our CEO

2025 was a transformative year for Kenya Relief—one marked by unexpected challenges, met with grit, resilience, and enduring hope. As I reflected on our guiding verse for the year, Philippians 3:13, I was encouraged by its message of growth, renewal, and pressing forward with purpose. I stepped into the role of CEO during a demanding moment as we navigated the abrupt—thankfully temporary—foreign doctor ban and the financial pressures that followed. From the beginning, we faced these challenges together, and I am grateful for the warm welcome, encouragement, and emerging friendships that have supported me as I've begun getting to know our community. Even in the midst of uncertainty, we saw meaningful progress in Migori because you stepped forward with generosity and resolve. By pulling together, we not only persevered—we reached stability. It was harambee in action, and it has positioned us to begin 2026 strong.

2025 required careful stewardship. Rising costs and financial pressures prompted us to strengthen internal systems, prioritize essential services, and focus on long-term sustainability. Our teams in Kenya and the U.S. ensured continuity of care at Brase Clinic, expanded outreach efforts, and maintained high-quality services across all programs. These decisions positioned us for healthier financial footing in the years ahead. Even in a challenging year, Kenya Relief experienced remarkable success:

- **Children's Programs:** The children of Brittney's Home of Grace continued to thrive. This report highlights the journey of Federica Atieno, who joined BHOG at age five and graduated in 2025—a testament to love, stability, and the impact of sponsorship.
- **Healthcare:** Despite the unexpected and temporary nationwide ban on foreign doctors, our teams adapted quickly, and local physicians and volunteers stepped in where possible to support care delivery.
- **Education:** Kenya Relief Academy reached a historic milestone. All 82 Grade 9 students passed the national assessment with top-level scores and advanced to national-level secondary schools. KRA is now the top primary school in Migori, with a waitlist of more than 300 students.

This year also brought a major leadership transition, and I want to express my sincere appreciation to John Holderman II for his faithful service as Interim CEO. Looking ahead, we are investing in stronger systems, deeper Kenyan leadership, and expanded opportunities for students.

As a mother with three children the same ages as those we serve at BHOG and KRA, our mission resonates deeply with me, and it is my mother's heart that keeps me dreaming about the futures our children can have. Along those lines, I am excited to share that Principal Solomon and I are exploring new mentorship pathways—from journalism and aviation to medicine, finance, and entrepreneurship—to spark curiosity and equip our students not only to succeed, but to lead.

Thank you for being part of our community, for your generosity, and for your steadfast partnership. To our staff, volunteers, partners, sponsors, and the children and families we serve—your resilience, dedication, and hope shaped every success in 2025. I am profoundly thankful for all that you make possible. Your belief in this mission helped make 2025 a year of courage, growth, and meaningful impact, and your support has positioned us to enter 2026 with strength, stability, and renewed purpose. This is the spirit of Philippians 3:13—renewal, perseverance, and pressing forward with purpose.

With gratitude and hope,
Melissa Cook
Chief Executive Officer

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What inspires me most when I reflect on this past year is not only what we accomplished, but the stories behind every success—the children, families, staff, volunteers, and sponsors whose faithfulness makes our future possible.”

2025 Impact By The Numbers

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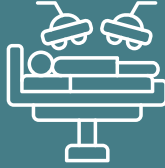


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BRITTNEY'S HOME OF GRACE

- Mentorship
- Counseling
- Creative Expression through Art Trauma Therapy

BHOG deepened its commitment to emotional and spiritual wellbeing while also preparing children for safe, family-based care when appropriate. Children are gaining the confidence and resilience they need to flourish—whether in our home or reunited with family.



KENYA RELIEF ACADEMY

- Ranked Top School
- Advanced Athletics
- Increased Demand & Visibility

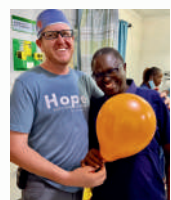
KRA strengthened its leadership in innovation and whole-child learning. In 2025, the school became the top primary school in Migori, recognized for its robotics team, strong sports programs, and the exceptional performance of our Grade 9 students on the KJSEA.



BRASE CLINIC

- Added Blood Storage Refrigerator
- Addressed operational needs
- Adjusted Staffing

Brase Clinic added a blood-storage refrigerator to strengthen surgical and emergency care, and continued improving core operations—including inventory management, pricing, and marketing—to enhance efficiency and long-term sustainability.



MISSION TEAMS

- 16 Mission Teams

Despite the setback of the temporary foreign doctor ban, we were still able to send 11 Surgical Teams, 2 Prep Teams, a Dental Team, an Eye Team, and a Vacation Bible School Team.





Young Athlete Tyline Atieno Makes History on the International Stage

A remarkable milestone has been achieved by Tyline Atieno, a Grade 6 student from Brittney's Home of Grace (BHOG), whose talent and determination have carried her onto the international football stage.

Tyline recently exceeded expectations by earning a coveted place on the Junior Secondary School National Team. Representing her country with pride, she competed internationally against teams from Tanzania, Rwanda, and Uganda.

The Kenyan team secured an impressive 4th-place overall finish—an achievement that reflects both the team's strength and Tyline's individual contribution. Notably, Tyline has made history as the first student from Kenya Relief Academy and BHOG to gain recognition at this level of international competition. Tyline's journey is especially inspiring considering her humble beginnings. She arrived at Brittney's Home of Grace at just seven years old, carrying big dreams and a passion for the game.

While Tyline's accomplishment is undeniably her own, it also highlights the powerful role of support. The consistent encouragement and sponsorship provided by child sponsors have helped create opportunities for students like Tyline to discover and pursue their talents. Her story stands as a testament to what is possible when determination meets opportunity.



Hello,

My name is Federica Atieno, a proud 19-year-old graduate and a grateful beneficiary of the BHOG program. I was admitted at the age of 5, and the journey since then has been nothing short of life-changing. Through the program's support, guidance, and opportunities, I have grown into the person I am today. I stand here not only as a graduate but as a testimony of the impact this program has on young lives. My experience in school was tough. I struggled to understand classwork and was not always sharp in academics. These challenges made learning difficult, but the social staff helped me identify my strengths beyond the classroom. At the orphanage, I had the opportunity to interact with other beneficiaries. Supporting them in the home taught me the values of love and compassion. During my stay, my character was shaped, and I grew into a role model for other children in the program. Being at BHOG gave me what every child needs: a home, shelter, food, and access to education. This foundation transformed my life and opened doors to opportunities I never imagined. Through the support I received, I was able to join a beauty college in Migori, where I earned a diploma in cosmetology. I trained in hairdressing and beauty therapy, and today I am proud to say I can work, earn an income, and take care of myself. The social staff have been a constant source of guidance and encouragement. They became like family, walking with me through this journey. Their support gave me strength and helped me grow into a responsible young woman who now looks forward to extending a helping hand to others.

To my sponsors, words cannot fully express my gratitude. The support you gave me has changed my life. I am truly thankful and inspired to one day support others in need, just as you supported me. Thank you! *Federica*

Celebrating Excellence at BHOG

Before the 2025 school year closed, our social staff hosted a special Awards Day to celebrate a year marked by academic growth, personal development, and meaningful achievements across every age group.

Family members joined in, and Joy, one of our clinic missionaries, helped cheer the children on.



2025 Awards

Primary & Junior Secondary Awards:

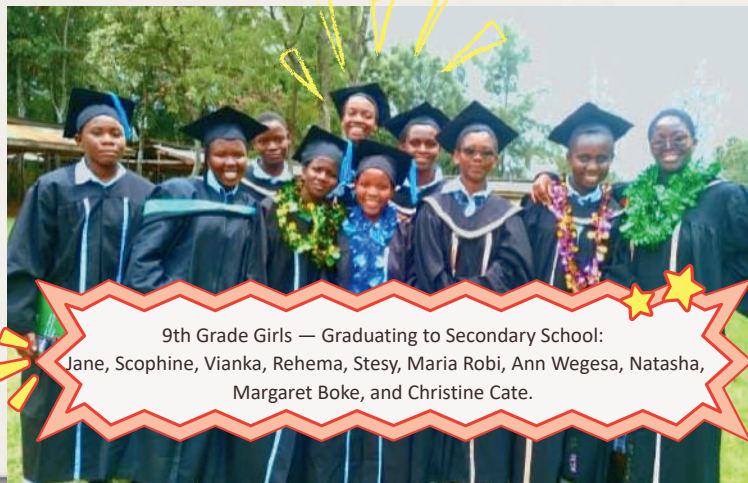
- *Kindest*: Ramsey Tobias & Betinna Annabel
- *Cleanest Room*: Stalon & Rita Camila
- *Most Disciplined*: Geoffrey & Prisca
- *Cleanest Child*: Maxwell & Sikujua
- *Most Caring*: Ramsey Tobias & Rosemary
- *Leadership*: Brighton & Velma
- *Best Performing*: Jackson, Mary & Hillary
- *Most Improved*: Austin, Calvince, Faith, Hillary, Michelle & Bahati
- *Best athlete*: Tyline
- *Academic Progress*: Stephen

Post-Secondary Achievements:

- Wayne Okoth — Bachelor of Tourism Management and Travel (Admitted to University!)
- Milton Onyango — School of Science and Economics (Admitted to University!)
- Faith Awuor — Bachelor of Science in Applied Computer Science (Admitted to University!)

Diploma & Vocational Programs

- Sheila Achieng — Food and Beverage (Enrolled!)
- Lavender Akoth — Beauty and Hairdressing (Enrolled!)
- Federika Atieno — Hairdressing and Beauty (Graduated!)



9th Grade Girls — Graduating to Secondary School:
Jane, Scophine, Vianka, Rehema, Stesy, Maria Robi, Ann Wegesa, Natasha, Margaret Boke, and Christine Cate.

Healing A Child, Strengthening a Village: Our 2025 Follow-Up Visit



Victor and Ginnie, Surgery Day 2024

On our team's drive to Kenya Relief's campus in 2024, our driver stopped at the usual gas station in Sotik town. Ginnie shares, "we pulled up to the pump, and there was this beautiful boy leaning on the pump right by my window. He smiled at me, not saying a word, and his smile was amazing. I noticed he had a large tumor covering half of his face. My heart ached for him. Fortunately, I was traveling with Dr. Darian, who has operated on people with Neurofibromatosis. I spoke with Victor and learned that he had been living at the gas station, not attending school, and not receiving proper nutrition." This leaves him so vulnerable for people to abuse him. His eyes told a story of resilience and hope; despite the hardships he faced.



A Parking Lot Consultation, A Life Transformed. Dr. Darian did a consultation in the parking lot and Ginnie called Kenya Relief's clinic administrator to ask for help. "His response still brings tears to my eyes: 'Get a guardian, someone who speaks for him, and I will do the rest.'" When Pastor Moses entered, a beautiful friendship began. While the team grabbed coffee, took bathroom breaks, Dr. Darian, Dr. Roth, and Ginnie spoke with the small crowd gathering. It was clear that Victor was loved. Someone brought Victor's grandfather who permitted Pastor Moses to take Victor for surgery and care. Another team performed eye surgery to improve his vision. Without Kenya Relief, none of this would have happened. Victor's

transformation was not just physical—it was emotional, spiritual, and communal.

"He always smiles. Always reminds me he's 'lucky' to have met the Kenya Relief team'...,but we know that we're the lucky ones."

- Ginnie Mayer, MSN, MBA, RN & Kenya Relief Team Leader

Our 2025 Follow-Up Visit. As foreign doctors couldn't operate, Ginnie's team partnered with Kenyan surgeons on life-changing operations. But the highlight? A field trip to Victor's village where he now attends school, which they visited as well as his home. They brought books and athletic equipment to his school, 1,500 students, no running water or bathrooms. **The headmaster beamed sharing that Victor was thriving!** In Victor's village, the team saw the ripple effect. A previous team had donated cows and sheep, and Victor proudly showed how he cares for them—a confident, compassionate young man rooted in his community. The team also brought supplies for his grandparents and mother's family. Victor's life has been transformed, as has his entire village.

The Power of Community. Victor's story is a testament to what happens when love, skill, and generosity come together.

What's Next? Victor still needs another surgery to reduce the tumor on his cheek. With your help, we hope to make that happen in 2026.



Asante Sana: You Make This Work Possible

My husband Bob and I had the privilege of going to Kenya Relief years ago as educators. Our hearts were captured by the children at Brittany's Home of Grace, the children and staff at Kenya Relief Academy, the people working at the clinic, and everyone we came in contact with.

We led the education team for several years, working with the teachers to provide training, demonstrating teaching skills, and giving financially to provide materials needed. But the needs are great. Bob and I determined to give each month.

As God's people, dearly loved by Him, we must remember that we are saved to serve others. We are blessed beyond words. Why not share what we have with people that have needs upon needs but lack resources? We are in a position to be the hands and feet of Jesus by giving of our resources to those in need. Why not give to an organization that meets the those needs? The little bit my husband and I give isn't much, but if we all do what we can out of the abundance God has given us, the needs will be met. We can help by going, giving, and praying.



Bob and Lynne Bray of Knoxville, Tennessee. Photo taken in the Rift Valley

Thank You Volunteers & Supporters! We couldn't have done it without your generous support!

