

Jasmine's story. A life changed.

The eldest of three siblings, including a severely disabled sister, Jasmine knew her single mother struggled to overcome poverty for her family. 'My mum cares for my sister and she works hard selling tomatoes at the market. I know she worried about how she could afford to give me an education,' Jasmine says.

'Mum only reached Form 2 at school, and she wants more for my brother and me.'

Jasmine is now 12 years old and is in Grade 5 at St Jude's. She is achieving top grades and says the boarding at school has opened her mind to a new world of possibilities. 'It's amazing to have so many people around to study with, work together and share ideas,' she says.

Inspired by her school mates to aim high, Jasmine hopes to make Tanzania proud in the future as an Aeronautical Engineer. 'There are not many women doing this, and I would like to be an inspiration for other women in Tanzania to achieve an education.'

Jasmine also hopes her career will help her to provide for her family and, in particular, support her mother and sister. 'I need to find a way to help disabled children in Tanzania. There is not much support for them and I want to educate people to stop the disabled here from becoming isolated.'



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What does St Jude's do?

The School of St Jude is a charity-funded school that provides a free, high-quality primary and secondary education to almost 1,800 of the poorest and brightest children in the region of Arusha, Tanzania, East Africa.

Founded in 2002 by Australian Gemma Sisia, the school is located across two well-equipped, modern campuses and a boarding house, which provides boarding facilities for about 1,400 students and employs over 250 Tanzanians.

The St Jude's holistic approach and extended national curriculum is creating community-focused leaders with strong skills and values. With a St Jude's education, students have a chance to escape the cycle of poverty and help not only their families and community, but the whole of Tanzania.

Who can attend St Jude's?

Once a year, St Jude's tests thousands of the poorest children to find students who have strong academic potential. We search for children who will benefit the most from a high-quality education to ensure prosperity for the wider community.

We love visitors!

Come visit us in Tanzania to enjoy the unique opportunity of meeting our students and staff. Make a donation and stay in a safe, comfortable and furnished on-site room, complete with ensuite.

Where are we?

The School of St Jude is situated in Arusha in northern Tanzania, the largest country on the eastern side of the African continent. Arusha is a colourful city and the hub for tourists on safari to the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater or a trek up Mt Kilimanjaro or Mt Meru.



Why is St Jude's different?

- Free, high-quality education
- Daily nutritious meals and clean water
- Annual medical checks
- Boarding for about 1,400 students
- Libraries, stationery, science lab, art classes, computer labs, sports fields and much more

How you can support our mission

- Sponsor a student and share their journey. You'll receive comprehensive information about them and regular updates on their progress.
- Donate to provide things like science equipment, lunches and text books.
- Share your professional skills in Tanzania. See our website for positions.
- Visit us in Tanzania and see the school for yourself. We love visitors!
- Spread the word by telling your friends about St Jude's, or hosting a fundraising event.

