

The School of St Jude





The School of St Jude provides a free, high-quality education to approx. 1,800 bright but disadvantaged students from the Arusha region in Tanzania.



The School aims to create community-focused leaders with strong skills and values. These students will one day help address the serious shortage of qualified professionals in Tanzania.

**92.5% of the Tanzanian adult population never attended high school.
Government schools are over-crowded, under-resourced, under-staffed and
often produce poor academic results.**



**Only 68% of primary school aged children (7-13) from the poorest families attend
school and only 25% of all high school aged children attend school*.**

***UNDP Tanzanian Human Development Report 2014**



**It's no surprise then that each year thousands of students apply to attend St Jude's.
Only a lucky few are chosen to receive a scholarship each year!
So how are the students chosen?**



First, students must be bright and pass a range of academic testing at St Jude's. They must also have placed in the top 10% of their government school classes.



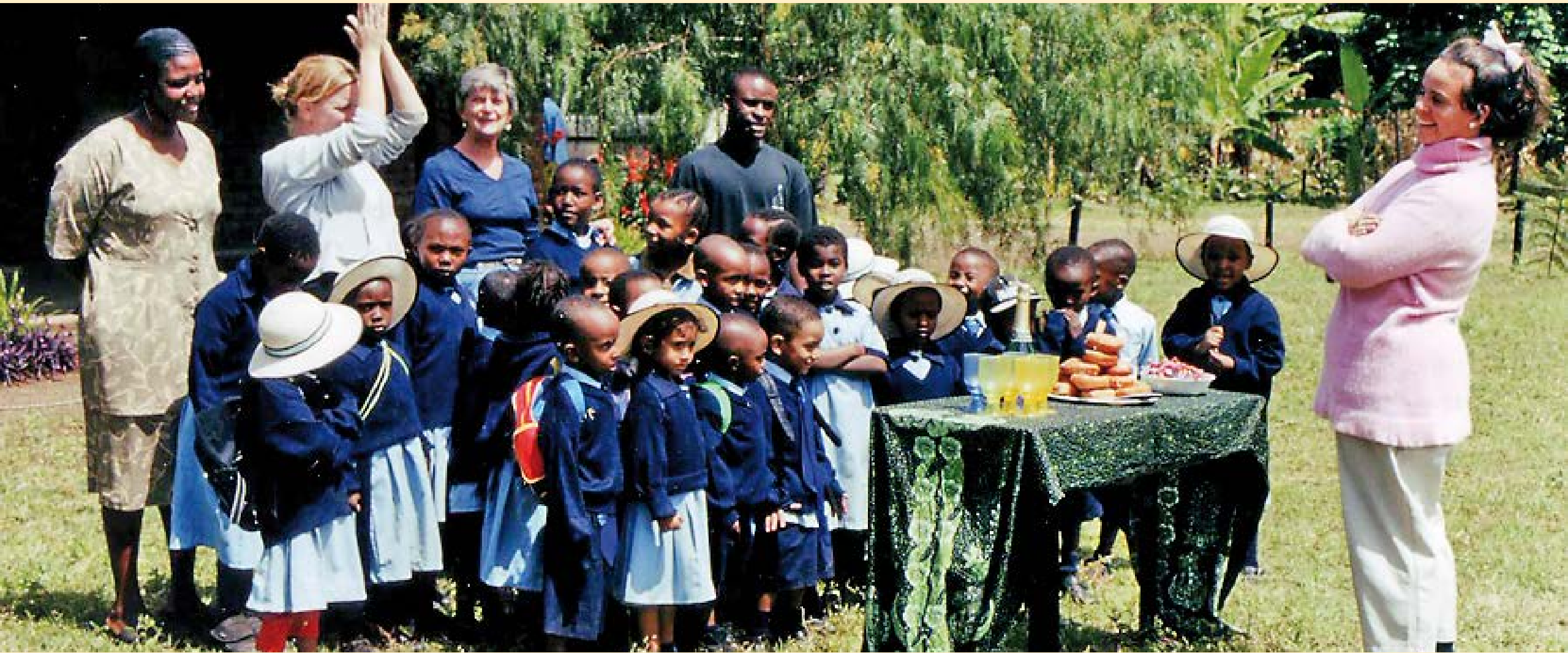
**Second, they must be from disadvantaged backgrounds.
Most of the students' families live on less than US\$1.25 per day.**



For the approx. 150 new students chosen each year, the hard work pays off on Uniform Day when they receive their brand new shirts, trousers, ties, socks, shoes and dresses.

For many of them it's the first time they've ever owned a new item of clothing!

A Brief History



Gemma Rice grew up on a sheep farm in New South Wales with seven brothers. She completed a Science Degree (majoring in Genetics and Biochemistry) and a Diploma of Education.

At the age of 22, Gemma travelled to Uganda to teach. There she developed her belief that all children should have access to a quality education, the key to breaking the intergenerational poverty cycle.



After falling in love with and marrying Richard Sisia, a Tanzanian safari guide, Gemma decided to set up a school in Arusha on a plot of land donated by Richard's father (pictured) to support her mission.

With the first donation of \$10 from a friend, Gemma began to set up a free, private school for disadvantaged children.



Thanks to the support of friends, family and, of course, Rotary clubs, the first school building was started in 2000.



The school opened in 2002, with three students and one volunteer teacher.



Over the years St Jude's has grown...



And grown...



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Rotary helped build our first classroom, stock our libraries, purchase buses and support our teachers. It has sponsored students and shared our story with thousands of others to raise awareness.

St Jude's wouldn't be where it is today without the support of Rotary clubs just like

In 2017, St Jude's provides a free, high-quality education to about 1,800 students, with boarding accommodation for about 1,400 students.



The School employs more than 260 local Tanzanian staff, and the students receive more than 29,000 meals each week!



**We are proud to say that the value of Rotary has also been realized by our students.
In 2016, St Jude's established Rotaract, Interact and EarlyAct clubs.**



In 2016, St Jude's students achieved some amazing results.

The Grade 4 class placed in the top 0.4% of all students in Tanzania.

The Standard 7's placed in the top 1.% nationally, with a 100% pass rate and all students receiving an A or B average grade.

96% of Form 2 students achieved a Distinction!



**The first ever Form 6 class, in 2015, achieved a 100% pass rate,
with more than 50% achieving a Distinction average.
They placed 25th in the nation and in the top 10% of all of Tanzania!**

Over 80% of the 2015 graduates chose to give back to their communities, working in the under-resourced, under-staffed government schools and sharing the knowledge they gained while at St Jude's.



These graduates have begun their tertiary education, with the majority electing to study Agriculture, Education, Engineering, IT and Medicine. All are National Priority' degrees, as determined by the Tanzanian Government.

So how can you help?

Sponsorship

St Jude's have a range of sponsorship packages, and you will hear first-hand of the impact you are having.

General Donations

Make a general donation that helps to cover our ongoing costs, including teachers, food, boarding and more.

Spread the Word

Host an event and share the St Jude's story with your friends, family, colleagues, team mates or school!



Or you could even visit St Jude's!

Spend time with our students, visit their homes and meet their families. See first-hand the impact St Jude's is having.



There is lots more to see and do in Tanzania. Enjoy numerous national parks, including the world-famous Serengeti, filled with African wildlife. Experience the rich Maasai culture or attempt to scale Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak!

For more details on St Jude's, visit schoolofstjude.org

Check out the brochures and DVDs available

Follow St Jude's on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook or YouTube

Or get in touch with Gemma on gemma.s@schoolofstjude.co.tz

Thank you!



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