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Annual Report



What's new?

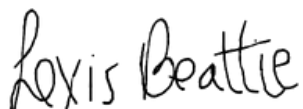
Hello Heshima Family,

What a year 2023 has been! We would like to acknowledge all of you for your commitment to our mission. Despite global inflation having infiltrated our daily lives, we have shown up in solidarity as ONE. To build a world we envision for our children - one where they are educated, empowered & elevated.

Having re-designed our strategic plan in the final quarter of 2022, this year is our first full year focusing solely on providing academic scholarships. Through the constant evolution of our academic scholarship program and our pilot project #TwendeUni, we are continuing to provide access to quality education as a long term investment in our children's futures. One where they have the tools to write their own future.

Asante - Thank you for being a part of this movement

We are Heshima on 3:
1,2,3 - We are Heshima!



Lexis Beattie
Founder | CEO

(Yes, that's me on the cover page with little Jarred who was awarded a Heshima scholarship this year. I can't wait to see him flourish).

INTRODUCTION



Access to high-quality education and supporting a child's well-being is a globally-recognized solution to the cycle of poverty.

Only when children living in abject poverty have access to education and are equipped with the proper tools can they break the cycle and set a new standard for their lives and the world they envision

When educated, children have heightened opportunity to step into their potential. When loved and empowered, they find their voice. When modelled positive behaviour and empathy, they grow into future leaders.



Our THEORY of CHANGE

Our WHY



Mission

Provide academic scholarships to educate, empower & elevate today's children into leaders



Vision

Building a movement where every child has access to education and the tools to write their own future.



Values

Equity, Authenticity, Leading by example, Teamwork & Respect

Heshima means Respect in Swahili. Respect children's rights, ourselves and each other & watch the world shift.





"There were many times in life where I was told to give up. But I, Catherine, do not quit. I am so proud to be a Heshima beneficiary, and this scholarship has literally saved my life.

One day when I am no longer in poverty, I will help kids through their lives like Heshima has for me. I hold the pen to my future. I am so glad I never gave up."

~ Catherine

Heshima Secondary Student



**Scholarships
awarded
this year**



25

Primary level

16

Secondary level

5

Post-secondary level

Academic Scholarship

Program impact

With this program as our sole focus, we emphasized on the importance of quality education. With that in mind, we provided 46 full academic scholarships to children who otherwise would not have access to it, in schools best suited to meet their needs.

We awarded:

- 25 primary level scholarships [5 with special needs]
- 16 secondary level scholarships
- 5 post-secondary level scholarships [our highest number of students to reach this level, ever!]

We facilitated & celebrated:

- Academic Improvement
- Personal growth & development
- Talent Exploration

Our students are the 1st in their families to graduate from their respective levels of education.



"Heshima has supported me with a scholarship from Grade 8 until now.

This year, I graduated from Moringa School - a leading post-secondary tech focused Institution in Africa. I am now officially a Software Engineer. I made a promise to Lexis - that I too will sponsor a Heshima kid one day."

~Moses

Heshima Post-Secondary Graduate





"My name is Shamim. I love going to school. I love you, Heshima"
~Shamim.

Our pre-primary student who has gone from surviving to striving in 1
short year.

So proud, we are!



University Bursaries
Awarded to young
Leaders



of recipients will be the
1st in their families to
hold a University Degree

Twende Uni

Program impact

This year, we piloted #TwendeUni:
A Scholarship Fund enabling the pursuit of postsecondary education for young leaders in financial need. The return on investment: Graduates actualize their visions and re-define the status quo. This bursary was inspired by the young Mandelas and Malalas of the world, let the world know their names and be transformed by their leadership.

Twende Uni translates to Let's go to University in Swahili, framed around the belief that when one of us wins, we all win.

We awarded 8 degree aspirants from 3 Universities across Kenya with bursaries to clear their fee balances, permitting them to study. Congratulations to our winners: Christine, Samuel, Job, Jolyne, Myriam, Fedinarnt, Gideon, Nobert, whom will be University Degree Holders by 2026 in the fields of Education, International Relations, Sociology & Information Technology.



Industry leaders
inspired our winners
at the ceremony



\$ fee balances -
allowing winners to
study & graduate



Wangari
Maathai

"Where I am from, girls are not empowered. I escaped child marriage & FGM. I made it from the desert to Nairobi. All I ever wanted was to go to school and one day graduate from University. To change my story and prove to society that we might lack, but we can make it, and through education, we can shine through the darkness. I believe one day I will be Professor Arbe (how cool!). I will break the barrier, I will change my situation & the world. Yes, I will. Thank you for making my dream come true".

CHRISTINE
TwendeUni Winner

I AM HESHIMA
#TWEDEUNI
 LEADER

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PROUDLY PRESENTED TO:
CHRISTINE ARBE HALKANO
 For being a young visionary leader
 who will use your education to
 transform the world.

AMOUNT AWARDED : KES 82,000

Drumbe
David Shumwa
Country Director

I AM
HESHIMA

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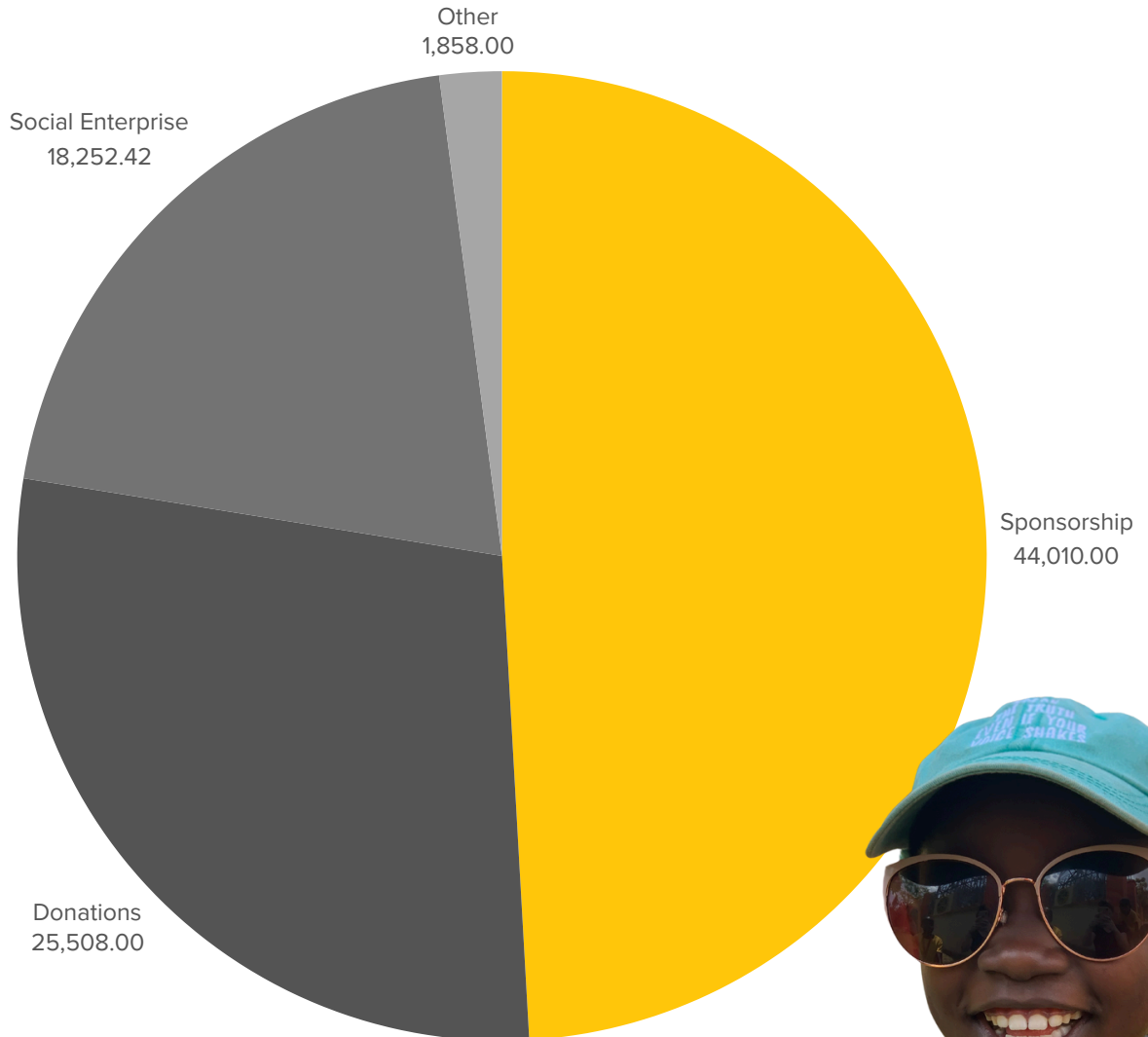




Total Income in 2023

\$ 89,628 CAD

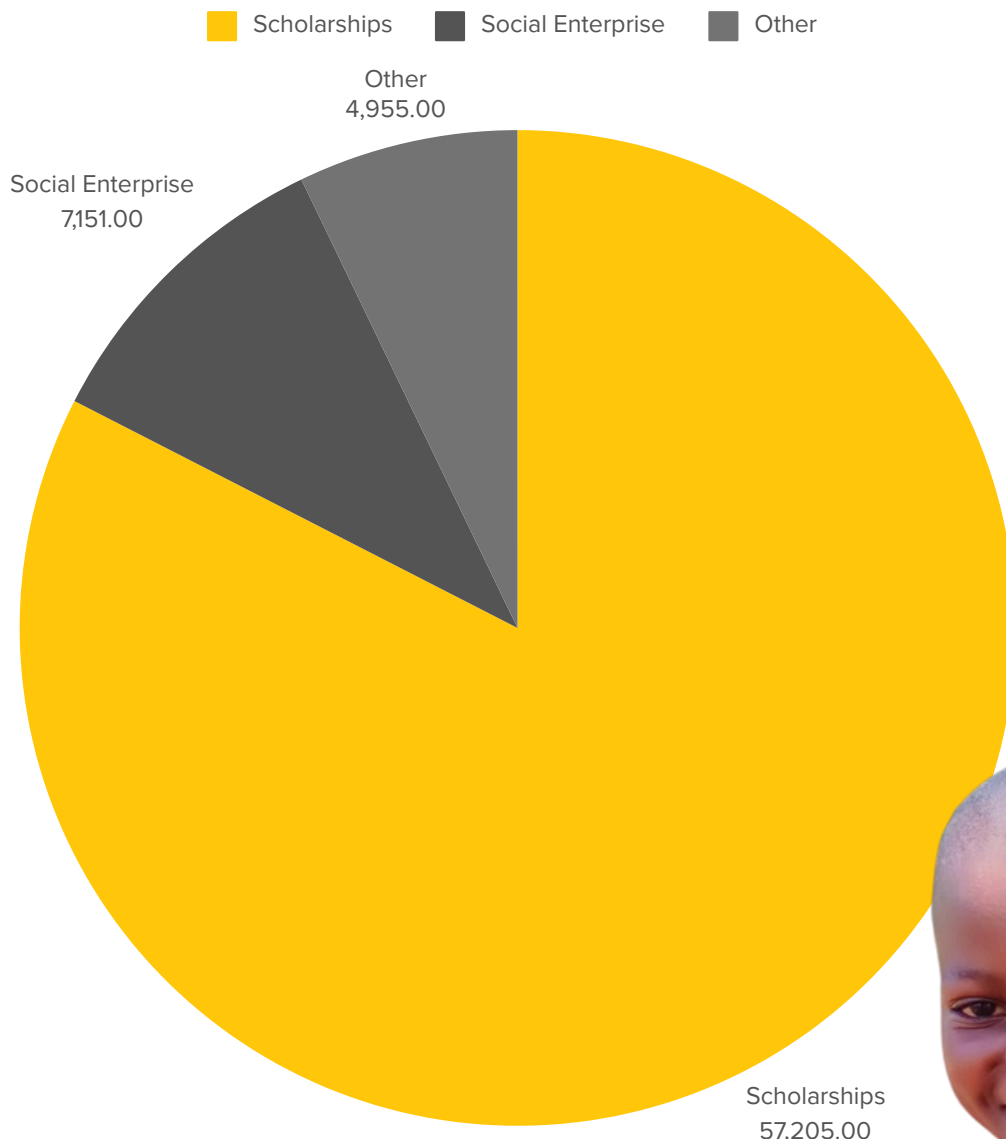
■ Sponsorship ■ Donations ■ Social Enterprise ■ Other





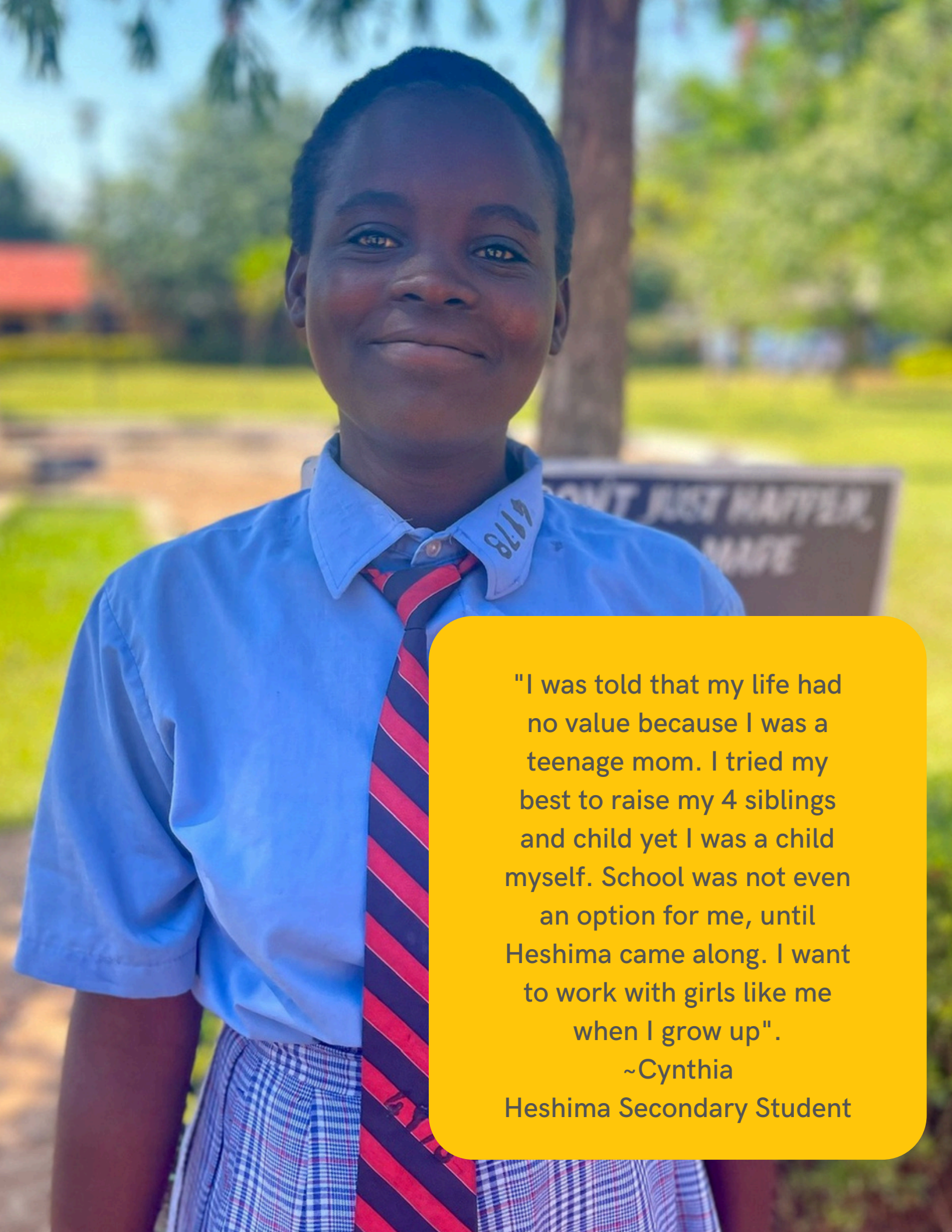
Total Expenses in 2023

\$ 69,311 CAD



*Difference carried over to 2024 to pay school fees as the Kenyan school year commences in January.





"I was told that my life had no value because I was a teenage mom. I tried my best to raise my 4 siblings and child yet I was a child myself. School was not even an option for me, until Heshima came along. I want to work with girls like me when I grow up".

~Cynthia

Heshima Secondary Student



Asante Sana! Thanks To You!

Our dedicated
Heshima Village:
Donors,
Volunteers &
Team



It takes **A VILLAGE** to RAISE **A** *child*
-African Proverb-
THIS is Our *Heshima* **VILLAGE**
& These are Our CHILDREN



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