

## Milele Internship Programme

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Milele, meaning 'Forever' in Swahili, is an educational sponsorship programme based in the shanty towns north of Mombasa, Kenya.

You can see us below marked on the map!



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Milele, meaning “Forever” in Swahili, is a small UK-run charity set up by Amy and Richard Dobson in 2008 with a small team of dedicated volunteers to support them. Milele has a co-ordinator, Rieder Raphael, on the ground in Kenya who is a vital member of the team and provides us with a constant link to the children we sponsor.

Although education is at our heart, Milele is really much more than that. We run a food programme, a healthcare programme and a teddy bear donation scheme for our children as part of a holistic approach to their sponsorship. We also provide access to counselling and psychological therapy, as well as social and emotional educational input. All of our children come from difficult backgrounds and many are extremely vulnerable to issues such as child marriage, early pregnancy, HIV or just simple malnutrition.

Right now we have eighteen children, our youngest is five years old and still in kindergarten and our eldest has just finished his third year (of four) at Nairobi University studying Economics and Statistics.

Essentially, Milele gives each child better opportunities in education and life.

***We want all of the children sponsored by Milele to grow up safely and to have choices about their futures.***

## Education



## Food



## Healthcare

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Our key objective is to give children from the shanty towns north of Mombasa, Kenya, access to education and the opportunities to shape their own futures.

All the children we sponsor are from very vulnerable backgrounds and would not otherwise have this chance. Sponsorship truly is an opportunity of a lifetime for them.

As part of sponsorship, all school fees, exam fees, books, uniforms, school shoes, bags and PE kits are provided, as well as routine healthcare (e.g. vaccinations) and one good meal a day at school ensuring the children have a reliable, balanced diet.

In 2014, Emmanuel became the first sponsored young person to make their transition to University, and is now in his third year of four studying "Economics and Statistics" at the University of Nairobi. Milele sponsors Emmanuel by providing his University fees, boarding, food as well as access to the things he may need to complete his degree (i.e. a laptop). As the children sponsored by the programme transition from school, Milele will provide and support them with an opportunity they would never have had otherwise - to attend University, further education or training (though they have to do all the hard work!).

Aside from all these material benefits, sponsorship also helps to build the children's confidence and shows them that someone on another side of the world really cares about them.



Charity Director Richard Dobson with Emmanuel Kai.

Part of the Kenyan Milele Family with  
Charity Director Amy Dobson



Charity Registration Number: 1137863

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## How does sponsorship work?

Milele is structured as follows:

- Each child is allocated four or five sponsors (dependent on the child's individual needs); each paying £90 per year.
- This pays for all sponsorship costs for the whole year.

Before we take on any child we also raise a 'Support Fund' for them which will be used if:

- The child needs emergency healthcare
- An unforeseen eventuality occurs

As a child gets older and needs less contingency money for school fees, or at the end of each child's education, their allocated fund will be reallocated to a future child to help them start school too. This ensures secure support for all children, whilst allowing us to take on as many new sponsors as possible due to the high need in the area.

***Milele is structured so that each child's education is secure throughout, meaning we can provide reliable, long term support for each and every child.***

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## What is the Milele Internship Programme?

After running a successful volunteer programme in the UK and Kenya, we have developed the Milele internship programme. This programme aims to provide recognition for volunteers who dedicate their time and collaborate with Milele. The internship provides students and those looking to gain experience in different areas of the charity sector with the opportunity to build on their existing skills and develop new ones. We know that studying can be a busy time where students want to develop their CVs without increasing their stress load or having to travel a long way to participate. This is what we aim to provide! You can intern for us using just the internet and your mobile phone. We aim to foster a supportive environment whereby you can really make a difference to a small charity, and have this recognised as you move forward in your career.

### What will be the benefits for me?

- Log your hours volunteering to be recognised through a v•inspired award  
[www.vinspired.com](http://www.vinspired.com)
- Volunteer flexibly around your timetable
- Intern liaison on call/available via email to support you throughout your internship.
- Develop your CV by adding tailored experience to support your future career.
- Develop skills and experience in a range of areas
- A reference for future job applications!
- Liaison with Charity Directors with 10 years practical experience to learn about the charity sector.
- Opportunity to visit Kenya and meet the children aided by the sponsorship programme!
- Make a real difference to the lives of young people who want equal opportunities in their education and future life choices.

### What will be expected of me?

- At least 6 months commitment to interning for Milele
- A minimum of 25 hours
- Tell us about your interest skills and career plans and use these to shape your internship!

#### Example tasks:

- Write articles for local newspapers, blogs or our website.
- Make grant applications for funding
- Update our social media
- Find new sponsors
- Edit promotional videos
- Manage your own sponsored or fundraising event with support from Milele.

For more information, please visit our website [www.milele.org.uk](http://www.milele.org.uk),  
email [interns@milele.org.uk](mailto:interns@milele.org.uk) or apply using the application form attached.