

ACCES Kenya – Transforming Lives Through Education

African Canadian Continuing Education Society (ACCES)
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The ACCES Kenya Legacy

The African Canadian Continuing Education Society (ACCES) was established in 1993 by Beth and George Scott of Surrey, British Columbia, Canada, to reduce poverty through education in western Kenya. More than 30 years later, ACCES remains a trusted, transparent, and highly effective Canadian charity working in both Canada and Kenya. The organization has invested over \$8 million in Kenya and helped 4,500 people achieve their post-secondary goals through scholarships.

The ACCES Kenya Mission: Alleviate poverty through education

We believe that education transforms everything. Each ACCES graduate becomes a role model and change-maker, strengthening their families and communities.

ACCES provides partial post-secondary scholarships to talented but financially challenged Kenyan youth in Bungoma, Busia, Kakamega, and Vihiga counties in Western Kenya. Students supported by ACCES attend universities, colleges, and trade schools across Kenya.

Key features of the ACCES Kenya model:

- **Local Selection Process:** Over 800 local applications are reviewed annually by Kenyan staff and alumni volunteers who conduct interviews and home visits.
- **Continuous Support:** Once selected, students receive annual funding and mentorship until graduation, as long as they maintain good academic standing.
- **Community Leadership:** Alumni return to mentor others, creating a powerful cycle of empowerment and giving back.

The ACCES Kenya Impact

The impact of ACCES extends beyond education — it builds stronger families, communities, and local economies. One scholarship can lift an entire family out of poverty and inspire future generations to follow. There are countless examples of this amongst our alumni in Kenya.

- 4,500 post-secondary scholarships awarded over the last 32 years.
- 117 new students in 2025, bringing total active beneficiaries to 391.
- Alumni include teachers, doctors, engineers, entrepreneurs, and community leaders.
- ACCES does not provide direct funding to students; we pay tuition fees directly to the institution.
- Tuition for students varies based on the family's income and the student's program of study.
- Most of our students qualify for ACCES scholarships of \$300 to \$600 CAD per year (depending on the program of study and government subsidies).
- In 2023, ACCES celebrated its 30th anniversary and helped establish the ACCES Scholars Foundation, a Kenyan non-profit led by alumni to continue supporting our mission.

Together, we can continue changing lives — one scholarship at a time.

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Efficient Use of Donor Funds

- ACCES is committed to maximizing donor value, with most funds going directly to student support.
- ACCES has an annual financial audit conducted by independent auditors in Canada and in Kenya. The most recent annual reports and financial statements are available on our website.
- The Executive Director meets regularly with Kenyan staff, and travels to Kenya 1-2 times per year to provide oversight and support to our staff on the ground in Kakamega.
 - Kenya: Two full-time professional staff, a security guard, and a part-time bookkeeper.
 - Canada: One part-time executive director and a part-time administrative assistant who both work from home.
- In 2025, the Kenyan office moved into a rent-free space donated by one of our earliest alumni, who now serves as a UNICEF director. The gift of space symbolizes sustainability and gratitude.
- The Kenya Advisory Committee is made up of former beneficiaries and provides advice to the executive director about local matters which could impact the operations of ACCES in Kenya.

The ACCES Kenya Foundation – Your Legacy

The ACCES Foundation is a separate registered Canadian charity established in 1997 and proudly supports the mission and work of the ACCES Society, providing the financial foundation that sustains its educational and community programs in Kenya. Through the generosity of donors, the Foundation ensures that vital initiatives continue to thrive through prudent and conservative investments managed by a long-time volunteer portfolio advisor.

A planned legacy gift is more than a donation; it is a way to extend compassion, create opportunity, and help build a brighter future for beneficiaries and their communities for generations to come. Including the ACCES Foundation in your legacy giving plan connects your values with lasting impact and meaningful change.



How You Can Help

Donate: Every dollar supports our mission to alleviate poverty through education.

Share: Tell friends, family, and colleagues about ACCES.

Engage: Attend events or host small gatherings to raise awareness.