

PAKISHU WOMEN ORGANIZATION

Enoosaen, Kenya

“The People of Cattle”



History of Pakishu Women

Pakishu Women Organization came into existence in 2013 as a response to the need to assist girls that were dropping out of school due to teenage pregnancies and early marriages. Reno at the time was serving on the Board dealing with Educational Bursaries within the County Government of Narok. She used the opportunity to sponsor as many girls as she could find the funds.

When her 5 year term ended, she sought to expand the Program by involving friends from Bend, Oregon to support her efforts.

This gave birth to the Girls Sponsorship Program.

Today, Pakishu Women Organization is a fully registered Community Based Organization (CBO).





GIRLS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The program targets girls who have dropped out of school due to teenage pregnancy and/or early marriages. The goals of the program include, but not limited to:

Getting the girls who dropped out to return to school

Supporting other needy girls to complete High school education

Supporting the mothers of the girls in taking care of the grandchildren while their daughters return to school

Providing basic technical skills to the girls beyond formal education



SPONSORSHIP (Cont.)

For the Program to succeed:

- ***The Girls*** require counseling and mentoring for them to see the value of returning to school.
- ***The Grand-Mothers*** need support in taking care of their grandchildren while their daughters return to school.
- ***Sponsors:*** We need to recruit sponsors to help cover the fees for these girls to complete their schooling
- ***Volunteers:*** The need to create a pool of volunteers to assist at different levels in this intervention process.

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- The Bracelet campaign is led by Andrea Rosenzweig from Bend, Oregon.
- The ladies from Enoosaen make the Maasai Bracelets and Renoï gets them to Andrea
- The Women in Bend sell the Bracelets and the money raised is used for the sponsorship of girls to return to school
- The Women in Bend have raised funds beyond the sale of Bracelets to support the efforts by Renoï to get girls back to school



JIM BRYSON & TECHNICAL TRAINING

- Jim Bryson has been part of Enoosaen Community providing clean drinking water for over 20 years.
- On hearing of the efforts by Renoir to assist the girls who have dropped out of school, he offered to help build a **Practical Skills Training Center** for the girls to learn life skills
- Pakishu Women Training Center was born
- Jim Bryson purchased the piece of land on which the Training Center will be constructed



ENOOSAEN WOMEN EMPOWERMENT CENTRE

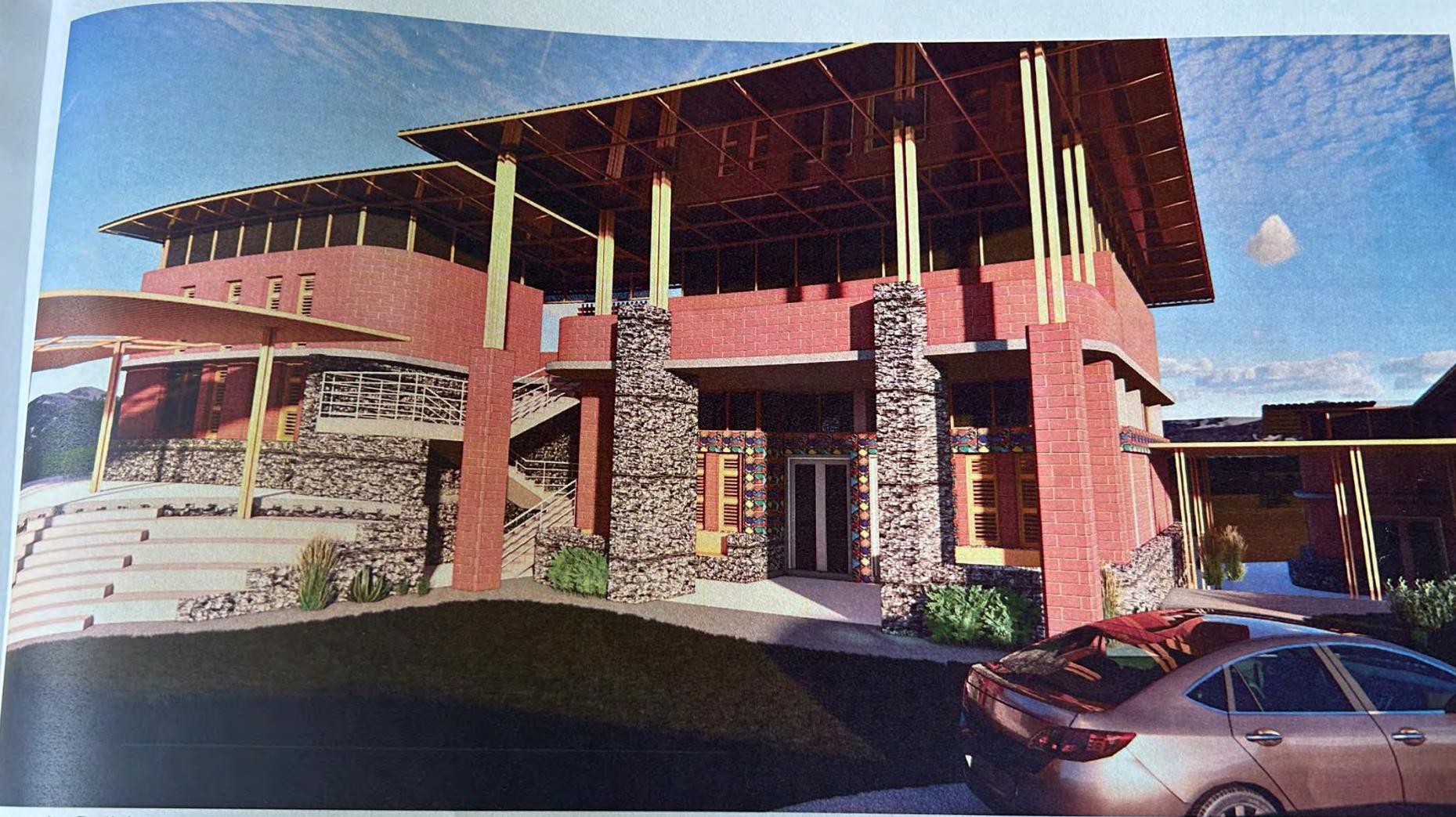


Contextual design that celebrates the culture diversity of the maasai people while addressing contemporary needs. Rooted in sustainability, the design integrates local materials harmonizing with the natural landscape. The centre features classrooms, workshops, wellness spaces, and communal courtyards, inspired by tradition while embracing functionality.



Training Center (Cont.)

- The Architectural designs for the Center have been done
- The ground breaking for construction is planned for mid-September 2025
- The Practical Skills Training Center will focus on those girls who have not been able to thrive in the pure academic field



Community Building

At the heart of the Center stands the community building, its entry foyer framed by gabion wall creating a gallery space for showcasing art. Designed with flexibility in mind, the building seamlessly transforms — serving as a vibrant community hall or, when needed, adaptable classrooms.



Amphitheater

The amphitheater forms the heart of the community, welcoming visitors at the entrance to the site. Designed to draw people together, it embodies the spirit of the facility as a true gathering place.



Courtyards

Blocks open into courtyards at the rear of the site, with gabion walls incorporating seating to create breakout spaces and opportunities for outdoor lessons.

PAKISHU TRAINING CENTER COURSES

The Practical Skills Training at the Center (*none traditional alternative life skills*) will focus on the following areas:

- **Carpentry**
- **Masonry**
- **Plumbing**
- **Bricklaying**
- **Electrical & Mechanical Engineering (Foundational)**
- **Textile Art (Tailoring, Knitting, Crochet, Beadwork)**
- **Computer Training**
- **Nutrition, Hygiene, & Family Planning**
- **Starting & Managing a Small Business**





LEKISHON OUTREACH

Lekishon Outreach Local Kenyan Operations

In 2022, Ole-Ronkei approached Therese Picado and shared a case of a needy family whose children had dropped out of school for lack of school fees.

Therese Picado and her husband Steve Curtis took it upon themselves to raise the funds for the four children. Today, all the four children are in school and doing well.

With his background as a Tax Consultant, Steve proposed to register a 501 (c)(3) organization to help with tax deduction for those who donate.

Steve & Therese registered Lekishon Outreach as a not-for-profit charitable organization.

Lekishon Outreach will serve as the principal entity for charitable donations from the US for the projects being undertaken by Pakishu Women Group.

Lekishon Outreach Website: www.LekishonOutreach.org



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide financial assistance for projects and education, associated with marginalized people in developing countries, and to help facilitate sustainable microenterprises and the achievement of at least a high school education and preferably an advanced education in a diversity of fields, including conservation and wildlife management and eco-tourism.

PROGRAMS



Victory Africa Ministries (VAM) Kabale, Uganda

Through homes for orphaned and street children and the nursery and primary school, VAM provides education and comprehensive social services to children. Additionally, VAM provides microenterprise training and start up funds for women. All programs help break the cycle of poverty and create healthier families.



Educational Sponsorships Maasai Lands, Kenya

Sponsor students through high school and, if possible, advanced education. Currently, sponsors are supporting students in high school, nursing school and technical university.



Pakishu Women Organization Enoosani, Kenya

Provides educational opportunities to girls who have dropped out of school due to pregnancy and/or early marriages, while supporting the mothers of the girls through microenterprise, such as beadwork, as they care for their grandchildren.



Pakishu Women Training Center Enoosani, Kenya

Construct a technical training center for girls and women, especially those who have dropped out of formal education, and provide alternative, non-traditional life skills to engender self-reliance. Technical skills training to be offered includes welding, carpentry, plumbing, sewing, and more.

BOARD MEMBERS

Steven Curtis, Treasurer
Jennifer Quastina, Secretary
Joseph McCabe, Vice President
Therese M. Picado, President
Stephen Senkaaba

MEMBERS AT LARGE

Jim Bryson
Edward Kemuekye
Paco Kemugicha
Ole Rankel
Renel Rankel

SUPPORT

Pakishu Women Organization will need support in the following areas:

- Construction and completion of the Technical Training Center
- Sponsorship of the girls attending regular school
- Sponsorship of the girls in the Technical Skills Training Center (once center is built)

SUPPORT (CONT.)

- Sponsorship of girls on waiting list
 - 7 girls in middle school (\$350 per year)
 - 4 girls in high school (\$540 per year)
 - 1 girl in college (\$690 per year)
 - Emergency funds to complete educational course (\$200-\$500)
 - The annual sponsorship fee includes tuition, uniforms, books, transportation, tutoring, etc.
- Community engagement
 - Annual Cattleman Race in Dec. (\$2,500-\$3,000 per year): Brings entire community together. Prizes include a cow, sheep and goat.

THE STORY OF NANKINI



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- She was sponsored while in High School
- Proceeded to a Technical College to study Procurement
- Today, she is working in the local sugar cane factory in the Procurement department
- She is from a family of 10 children
- The family owns around 5 acres of land and no animals
- Some of her siblings are in school and others have dropped out

THE STORY OF NANKINI





The story of Christine

- She was sponsored in high school by a donor in Eugene.
- She scored very high on national exams and was admitted into the prestigious Thika Medical and Surgical College in the nursing program.
- She began in August 2024 and is doing exceptionally well in her course of study.
- She is sponsored primarily by a group of retired nurses who share her passion for helping people through nursing.
- This career guarantees employment and above average income.



PAKISHU WOMEN GROUP COMMITTEE

Registered Committee Members

Chairperson:	Renoi Ronkei
Secretary:	Elizabeth Mosiro
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