



In their words

Ben's story

"Glad's House is my new family."

Ben's parents died in a car crash when he was just eight years old. He was sent to live with his Aunt who mistreated him. With nowhere else to turn, he dropped out of school and ended up on the streets of Mombasa. The Glad's House outreach team identified him and offered their help. Thanks to their support, Ben began to trust adults again and shared his desire to return to school.

Ben took part in our education programme and was supported through daily classes and one-to-one sessions.

Social workers also worked with Ben on addressing the traumas he had experienced and rebuilding his self-esteem. "I come to Glad's House because I learn from teachers and friends. Glad's House is my new family. I know when I am here I will get help to go to school and go far."

Ben sat his final primary school exams in December 2017 and has just started secondary school, taking him one step closer to his ambition of becoming an engineer.

About ChildHope

ChildHope believes that children should enjoy a safe and secure childhood, but for those growing up in the toughest circumstances, these rights are denied. Born into extreme poverty and violence, they have no protection. We work with local partners to ensure these children's voices are heard, their rights are upheld, and they are able to access essential services.

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