

What's going on at SEGA!

190 Students

18 Teachers

27 Girls graduating SEGA this year

3,698 Chickens on the poultry farm

840 Eggs sold daily

Career updates on **SEGA Graduates:**

- 5 Students attending A-level schools
- 2 Students accepted to nursing schools
- 2 Students in private primary teaching
- 2 Students in private nursery school teaching
- 2 Students attending accounting
- 3 Students accepted to community development courses



Have you ever considered a dog-friendly fundraiser?

Northeast Nurturing Minds Chapter supporters raised over \$1,800 through their dog playdate fundraiser. Read all about the fundraiser, and find out how you can host your own!

Read the blog post here!



Aerial shot of the SEGA Girls School campus in the summer of 2014, Morogoro Tanzania

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we move into the final quarter of our school year here in Tanzania, I am reflecting on how far we have come together, and envisioning what lies ahead.

By the end of December 2014 we will have officially closed the "startup" phase of our school, as we prepare to enter our sixth year as a real secondary school on our own campus. Thank you for supporting us to launch this school!

We now have the bulk of our infrastructure complete and by the end of the year will have fitted our new buildings with furniture, computers and solar lighting. At present we have 190 students on campus and support another 17 graduates in continuing education programs in other institutions.

Through our first five formative years, your passionate, loyal support has been wonderful and provided everything we needed. Our focus moving forward will be strengthening performance and building financial sustainability while at the same time maintaining our focus on truly vulnerable girls. No small challenge, but I am confident that together we can do

Wishing you a beautiful fall season. I'll be dreaming of it as we enter the Hot season here in Tanzania!



Polly Dolan

Co-Founder and Director, the SEGA Girls School

Student Spotlight

How is the Student Sponsorship Program helping 13 year old Jerida attend SEGA?

My name is Jerida Mbilinyi and I am 13 years old. I am from the Ikonda village and live with my mother and younger brother. My father died when I was four years old, leaving my mother to raise my brother and me with very little. Our life at home is very hard. My mother is a farmer and whenever I am home, I help her on the farm as much as I can.

I am so grateful that I was given the opportunity to come to SEGA, because if I didn't, I would not be in school right now. Other secondary schools are much more expensive than SEGA, and my mother would not have been able to afford to send me to those schools, so instead, I would be living at home, working on the farm. I want to be a teacher because I can have a better life and I can help other students like my teachers at SEGA have helped me. I study hard everyday so that I can achieve my goals. I am so grateful and happy that I am lucky enough to be at SEGA!

For more information on sponsoring a student, visit <u>nurturingmindsinafrica.org/student-sponsorship</u>. All donations are tax deductible.





Upcoming Events

The SEGA Girls School (Morogoro, TZ)

• 2014 Graduation October 25, 2014

Washington DC Chapter (Washington, DC)

· Alexandria house party with special guest: TZ Ambassador Mulamula Tuesday, October 28, 2014

Northeast Chapter (Newton, MA)

• 5th Annual Nurturing Minds African Evening Saturday, November 8, 2014

Rocky Mountain Chapter (Boulder, CO)

• 6th Annual Nurturing Minds African Evening Saturday, November 15, 2014

Want to learn more about an event?

Fmail us at info@Nurturingmindsinafrica.org



English at SEGA

A major challenge for youth in Tanzania is changing the language of instruction from Kiswahili to English.

Students need to speak, read and write English in order to pass their Form IV exam, continue their education and get a job. At SEGA, thanks to a generous grant from the 1830 Family Foundation, we are able to use a combination of Tanzanian teachers and native English Speaking Volunteers (including a US Peace Corps volunteer) to deliver the national English curriculum and prepare students to pass their national exams. However, more work is needed to get students to not only pass the national exams, but speak English with fluency.



SEGA students take part in a workshop for the new essay writing contest.

Current initiatives on campus include:

- Morning talks whereby each student every morning makes a presentation
- Public recognition at school for the best English speakers each week
- English debates and other forms of interaction (cross-visits) with other
- Pen Pal relationships with people in the USA
- Exchange visits from US School groups
- Frequent visitors from our sponsors, supporters and volunteers provide numerous English speaking opportunities
- Words of the week presented in Assembly and highlighted in class (NEW)
- Essay writing contest (NEW)

In September we are excited to receive Kini LaPointe, an incoming English as a Foreign Language (EFL) Volunteer, who will teach English for two periods each day to new SEGA students. This course will provide intensive spoken English instruction to students on top of the regular national curriculum. Alice Mitchell, who has been with SEGA since October 2012, will soon be finishing up her service as a US Peace Corps Volunteer. Peace Corps will send another Volunteer this coming October. We are grateful for Alice's hard work in teaching Form I and II English and preparing students so well. She will be sorely missed!



It's important for us to keep track of our valuable supporters (that's you!) If you have recently moved or changed your email address, please let us know at info@nurturingmindsinafrica.org.

2015 Kilimanjaro Challenge

Join us for a trip of a lifetime! And make a difference in girls lives while you do it.

The Challenge: Raise the recommended amount of \$1,500 (\$3,000 per family) to support Nurturing Minds and the SEGA Girls School and then climb to the top of the highest peak in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro!



The 7-day climb begins July 10, 2015. Included with the climb: all local ground transport, all meals, 2 nights at the AMEG Lodge (pre and post climb), experienced and friendly guides, and high quality camping accommodations by Adventure International. The cost of the climb is \$3,900 per person, airfare not included. A three day, two night visit to SEGA will be offered following the climb, at an additional cost. Safari options are also available through Adventure International. Please contact Penny Tompkins for more information about these add-ons.

Visit our Donation Page to submit your \$500 deposit for this exclusive opportunity, nurturingmindsinafrica.org/donate. For more information, please contact Penny Tompkins via email at penny tompkins@gmail.com or via phone at 720-341-6374.

View the Experience: click here to watch a video of the 2013 Kili-Challenge by Nurturing Minds supporters Cathy & Penny.

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