

# MY AUTOBIOGRAPHY

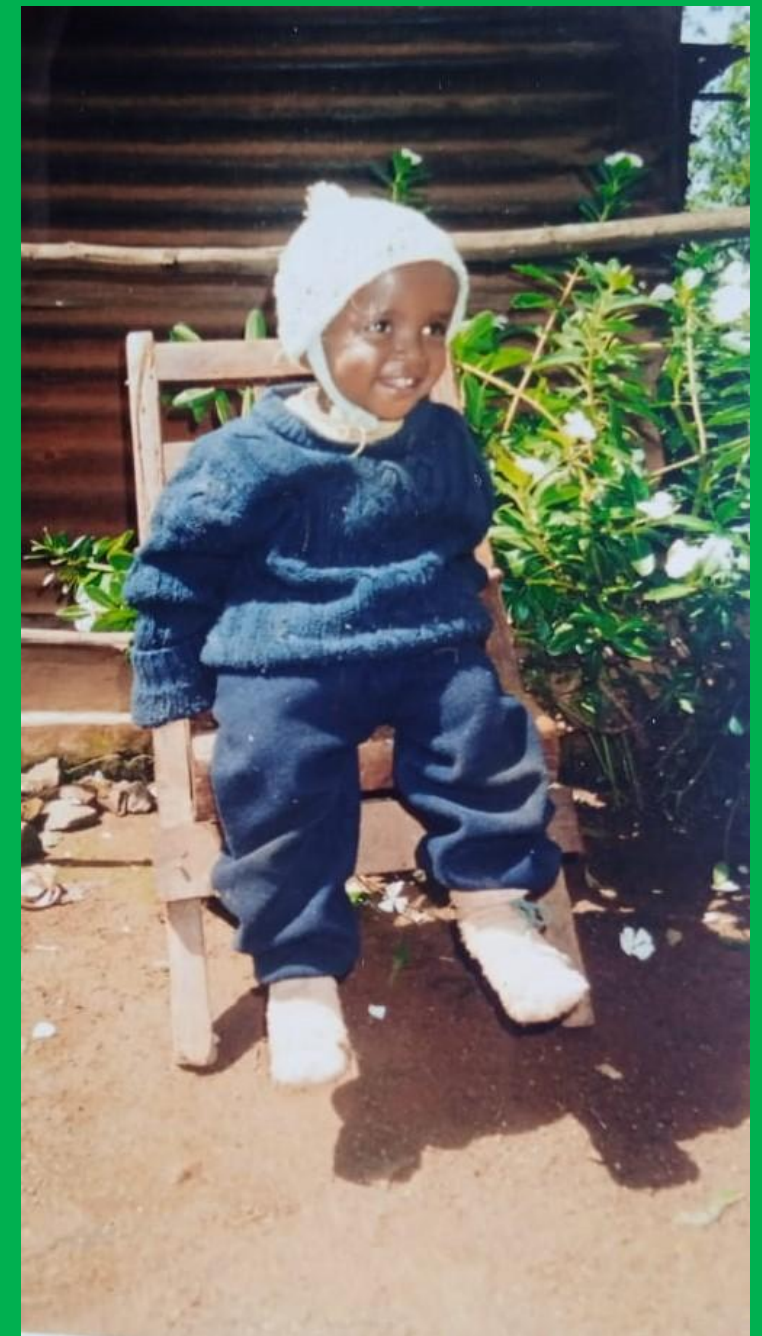
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# INTRODUCTION

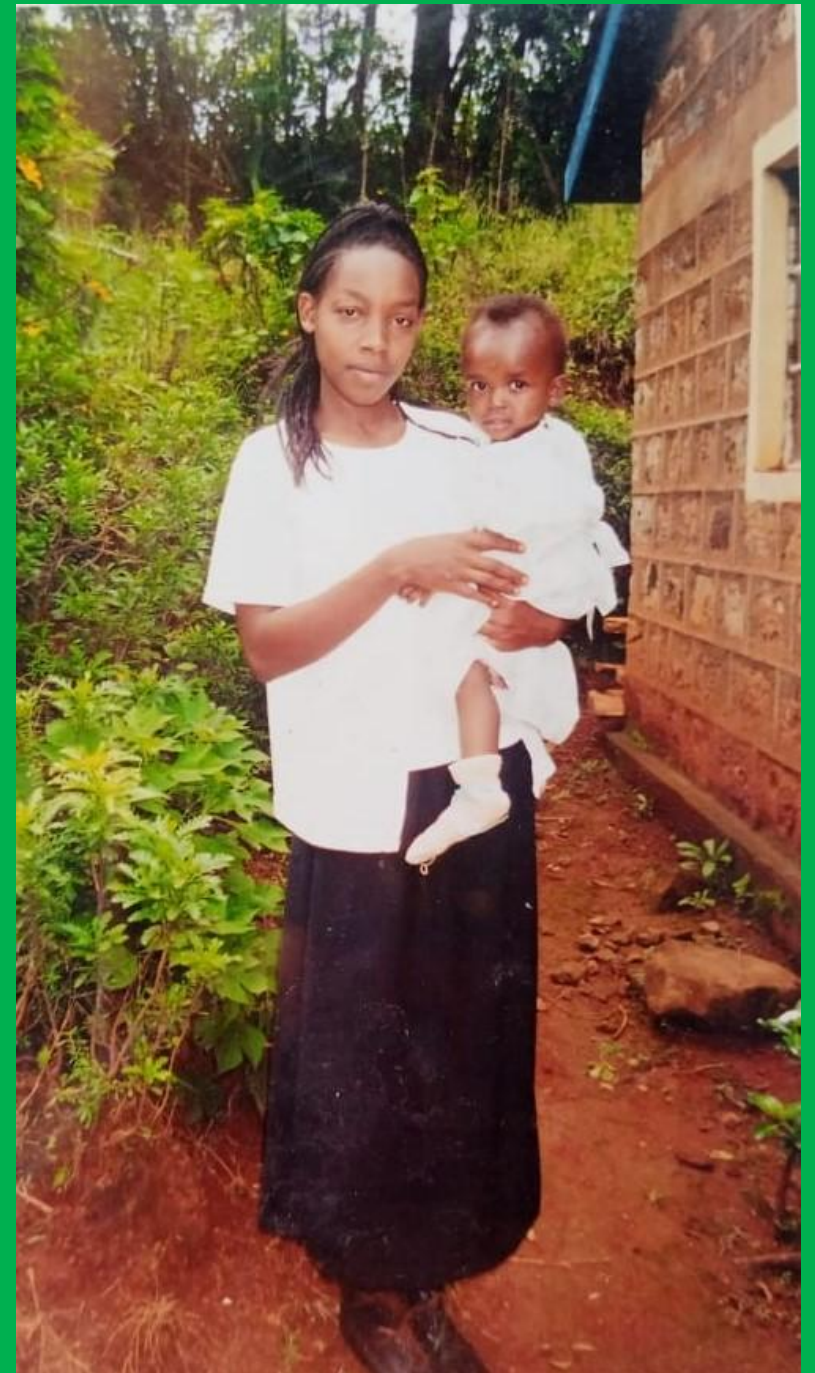
- I am Wanjiru Lucy Wanjiku, born on December 2001, in Gathera , Muranga county. I am one of three sisters and have an intriguing tale from my childhood where my parents took me to Nairobi Conservancy and I managed to get lost .
- However, with great concern my family along with the staff at te conservancy embarked on a task to find me. They finally found me safe and sound and I was now so happy and relaxed

.That incident reminds me of the importance of a loving family and how the loving bonds hold us together to date.



# PARENTS

- I am fortunate to be the daughter of Mr. John Nganga and Mrs. Mary Wanjiru who both come from the growing town of maragua in Muranga county. I am proud to be concieved by them and trully admire them.
- They are not only loving and caring but they are also dedicated and industrious entrepreneurs. They have showed remarkable resilience in the world of business through their ability to take risks and pursue their dreams.
- Beyond that my parents have shown unconditional love and support, always encouraging me to follow my passions and pursue my dreams. As reflect upon my lineage, I am filled with gratitude for remarkable parents I have.



# SIBLINGS

- I am fortunate to have two siblings namely, Tabitha Wambui and Joystacy Michere whom I hold in high regard. Tabitha being the eldest and Joy the lastborn, have been an inspiration to me throughout mt life.
- They have set a remarkable example for me to follow. Their determination, leadership skills and responsible nature have always impressed me. I often seek guidance and wisdom from them to help me deal with situations I might be in.
- I admire ther ability to deal with life upto the point they are in and looking up ate them will also help me be in the position they are in in life.

# ORIGIN OF THE NAME

.The significance of my name hold a profound meaning. Wanjiru, which translates to “brightness”, carries with it a rich heritage and legacy. I bear this name proudly as I was named after my grandmother, who is not only an exceptional individual but also held great esteem within our community.

. Being named after a remarkable woman connects me to a lineage of strength and resilience. It serves as a constant reminder of values and virtues that shaped my grandmother’s character and success.

# ETHNICITY

- Both my parents and me belong to the same ethnic group , further deepening our connection to our heritage. Being rooted in the traditions and customs of our ethnic group has shaped my identity and sense of belonging.
- By embracing our society's norms and values, I strive to contribute to its preservation and growth. Moreover, recognizing and respecting our societal norms fosters harmony and understanding among individuals within our community.
- It is through collective efforts we can pass down our traditions to future generations.

# REGION BORN

- I was born in Muranga but grew up in close proximity to Kasarani Stadium. Living near the stadium provided me with wonderful opportunities to engage in various recreational activities during the weekends and holidays such as watching my favourite football games and spectate them.
- These recreational activities fostered a sense of camaraderie and created lasting bonds with my family and friends. Growing up in Nairobi provided a vibrant and engaging backdrop for my childhood. It instilled love for sports in me which I hold on to to date



# FAMILY HISTORY

- Kasarani being in close proximity to Nairobi CBD, proved to be an advantageous location for my parents who are business people. The area provided them with ample opportunities to interact with the diverse range of individuals and conduct their business endeavours.
- Furthermore, the proximity to Nairobi CBD offered my parents convenient access to a range of business opportunities. By capitalizing on the advantages of Kangemi's strategic position, my parents were able to flourish in their business pursuits.



# WHERE I GREW UP

- I have spent most of my years in Kasarani, a vibrant neighbourhood within the outskirts of Nairobi county. I can confidently say that this place has left an indelible mark in my life.
- Kasarani with its rich cultural diversity and sense of community played a vital role in helping me overcome my initial struggles. It taught me the importance of embracing change and living with different people from different places.
- Looking back, I realize that those challenging early days were instrumental in shaping my character and preparing me for the future. Kangemi holds a special place in my heart as that one place I have loved a lot.

# FIRST MEMORIES

- That memorable day at Nairobi Conservancy is carved vividly in my mind. It was a day of utter excitement which for a while later turned into utter stress. In the moment of separation, fear gripped me as I caught sight of the roaring lions nearby.
- Thankfully I reunited with my family and the fear gradually subsided. The experience left an incredible mark on me reminding me of delicate balance between humanity and the untamed wilderness. It served a powerful lesson teaching me to appreciate the creatures that inhabit our planet earth.

# FIRST FRIEND

- Growing up, I had a friend named Bobo, and our bond was inseparable. We spent countless hours playing and shared the joys of childhood together. We however separated after joining kindergaten which was difficult for both of us. Our parents however recognized our friendship and decided to enroll us in the same school. It was a joyous moment for both of us.
- Being reunited in the same school brought back the familiar comfort of shared experiences and adventures. The bond we formed in our early years only grew stronger with time, serving a testament of enduring friendship.

# VACATIONS

- Our family vacations often consisted of visiting our grandparents in Muranga County. These trips provided us with valuable opportunities to connect with our extended family members and deepen our understanding of each other.
- We got to spend quality time with our grandparents where they shared with us their wisdom and we carefully paid attention.
- These vacations were not just about leisure, they were about building stronger family ties through shared meals, storytelling and even working together in the farm. Looking back, those trips to Muranga hold a special place in our hearts as they provided us with cherished memories.

# WHERE I WAS SCHOOLED

- I had an opportunity to attend various schools throughout my childhood. I began in kindergaten and later transitionned to Little Angels Academy and continued my studies till class three. Later a new chapter unfolded when I tranferred to Wambugu Nyamu Academy. It was where I embarked on my eight year primary journey where learned to navigate the challenges and joys of being away from home.
- I got introduced to new friendships and diverse experiences. Looking back, the journey multiple schools allowed me to adapt to different environments.

# BESTFRIEND

- Throughout my academic journey, I had the pleasure of crossing paths with individuals from various walks of life. I happened to meet Hellen whom we shared a special connection. He quickly became a trusted companion with whom I could share my joys and sorrows with.
- Our shared experiences deepened our friendship as we embarked on countless adventures together.
- Hellen's presence enriched my life as we motivated and inspired each other to pursue our dreams and overcome obstacles. Looking back I am grateful for Hellen's presence in my life.

# HIGHSCHOOL AND FRIENDS

- Following my eight and Kenya Certificate of Primary Education(KCPE), I received a letter inviting me to join Tumutumu girls High School in Nyeri County. To my surprise my friend Alice also received admission to the same school. Though we were in different streams our friendship remained unwavering. We managed to meet and catch up during breaks and free times.
- We continued to support and enrich each other during our time at the school. Looking back, I am grateful for the fortunate circumstances that allowed Hellen and I to maintain our friendship despite being placed in different streams.



# SPORTS ADN INTERESTS

- During my high school years I had the opportunity to represent my school in athletics competitions. In form 3 I had the opportunity to participate in inter-school games. It was a fierce competition but I managed to excel, securing a place at the national level.
- It was an incredible achivement, not just to myself but also for my school. I was warmly welcomed to school and applauded for my achievements. The recognition not only affirmed my success but also motivated me to continue pursuing excellence in sports and other endeavours.
- To this day, I hold the memories of that triumph close to my heart.

# FIRST CELL PHONE

- Upon returning home from school, I eagerly shared the award I had won with my family. They were so proud of me and their faces showed a deep sense of satisfaction.
- To express their appreciation for my hard work and dedication my parents gifted me with a phone. It was an incredible gesture and I was overwhelmed with joy.
- The phone enabled me to communicate with my friends while at home and also played a huge role in helping me learn new things.

# CULTURE

- **TRADITIONS**

- Culture is a deeply ingrained aspect of our lives, something that is instilled in us from the moment we are born. This is especially true for the Kikuyu culture which is widely recognized and celebrated.
- One notable element of Kikuyu culture is the traditional staple food, Githeri, which is a mixture of maize and beans. It is a delicious and nutritious meal embraced across the Kikuyu land
- The significance of culture cannot be overstated. It shapes the beliefs, practices and sense of belonging.

# Holidays

- The Christmas holiday occupies a significant and cherished space within our hearts. Its the time when many individuals embark on journeys back to their ancestral villages.
- During these gatherings the grandparents have the opportunity to weave captivating tales for their grandchildren. The nights spent around the cracking fire offer a sense of comfort and nostalgia
- The Christmas holiday, with its generational storytelling serves as a reminder of the importance of family, heritage and power of shared experiences.

# GIFTS

- During my birthday I received a lot of gifts from my family and friends. The gifts allowed me to celebrate my special day with utmost happiness.
- The act of receiving those gifts brought a sense of gratitude and appreciation for the love and thoughtfulness of those around me. Each gift served as a tangible expression of affection and friendship.
- Looking back, those birthday parties were more than just events, they were opportunities for connection, laughter and a celebration of life.

# LANGUAGE

- During my upbringing I was taught to communicate in English, Swahili and Kikuyu. This enabled me to engage and interact with a diverse range of people. However my curiosity and eagerness to learn have sparked a desire within me to also acquire the knowledge of Luo language. I find it fascinating.
- Exploring the nuances of the Luo language would not only enhance my linguistic abilities but also foster connections with people from the Luo community, fostering greater understanding and appreciation.

# FUTURE PLANS

## COLLEGE

- . My aspirations lie in pursuing my second degree at Jomo Kenyatta University and obtaining a masters degree in finance. The university holds a special appeal for me due to its renowned reputation and esteemed academic programs.
- . Masters degree in finance aligns with my passion for the field and my desire to deepen my knowledge and expertise in this dynamic and ever-revolving discipline.
- . Jomo Kenyatta would expose me to diverse community of individuals from various backgrounds and cultures.



# WORK

- Upon obtaining my second degree, I envision myself in the role of a finance manager within a prominent organization, either in Kenya or within an international setting.
- This position would provide me with the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills I have acquired throughout my educational journey.
- Whether working in a local Kenyan firm or within an international organization, my aim would be to make a meaningful impact by maximizing the firm's financial presence and generating tangible results.

# FAMILY

- Family serves as the foundation of one's life, providing motivation, love and a sense of belonging. I see myself as a devoted husband in future to one wife and a caring father to three children.
- In my role as a father, I will prioritize their emotional well-being, encouraging open communication and supporting their dreams and aspirations. I will provide guidance, imparting life lessons and values that will empower them to navigate the complexities of the world.
- My vision for the future generally involves building a strong and loving family, where we support and uplift one another.

# TRAVEL

- From a young age, I have had dreams of exploring various parts of the world. A vacation to The Sahara Desert has always been on top of my list where we can create unforgettable memories with my family.
- I have also longed to experience the electric atmosphere of a Arsenal match in London. The passion and energy surrounding the sport combined with the Iconic stadium make it a dream destination for any football enthusiast.

# CONCLUSION

- As I conclude, I am grateful for all the individuals who have played an integral role in my journey. Their unwavering support, guidance and invaluable advice have shaped me into the person I am today.
- As I reflect on my journey and look towards the future, I am humbled by the opportunities I have had and the individuals who have been instrumental in my development.