



## Gladys Mumbi: 33 Years of Compassion and Dedication at SOS Children's Villages in Kenya



Join us in honouring Gladys Mumbi, the Sponsorship Coordinator at SOS Children's Villages in Kenya, as she celebrates an incredible 33 years of service to the organization.

Since joining in September 1990 as a Sponsorship Assistant, Gladys has been an integral part of the growth and success of SOS Children's Villages in Kenya. Having had the privilege of working alongside Tony Herrnegger, the first National Director who oversaw the construction of the inaugural SOS Children's Village in Kenya located in Nairobi 50 years ago, Gladys possesses a deep

understanding of the organization's rich history. She witnessed the expansion from three villages to the current five, with Meru and Kisumu villages standing as powerful symbols of hope and care.

In her role as a Sponsorship Coordinator, Gladys ensures that sponsored children connect with their international sponsors through heartfelt letters, cherished photographs, and touching videos. By fostering these connections, she nurtures a sense of family and belonging among the children across the five SOS Children's Villages in Kenya.

Beyond her professional contributions, Gladys is a testament to the transformative power of sponsorship. Since 1995, she has been a local sponsor, witnessing firsthand the profound impact it has on a child's life. The girl she sponsored joyously celebrated her wedding and was blessed with two children, a heartwarming reminder of the enduring legacy of support.

Gladys's unwavering dedication and belief in SOS Children's Villages' mission, vision, and values have made her an invaluable member of the team. She recognizes that every action, no matter how small, contributes to the greater cause of uplifting vulnerable children and youth. Gladys says, "The sun does not shine on itself but on others."

Gladys' journey from a Sponsorship Assistant to a Sponsorship Officer to her current role as Sponsorship Coordinator exemplifies the growth process when one is focused and determined. With her Master's degree in Project Management, she brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to her role, ensuring effective project implementation and success.

As we celebrate Gladys Mumbi's 33 years of compassionate service, let her story inspire us all to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Together, we can create a brighter future for the children and youth under the care of SOS Children's Villages in Kenya.