



## Sega's First Class Graduates!



December marked Sega's first graduating class. This was a true celebration of singing, dancing, and cheering. Initially, these students were placed in a borrowed classroom until our first building was finished. So, the completion of this program was truly something to celebrate.

A particular highlight was the ceremony itself, during which USAID Tanzania Mission Director, Sharon Cromer, addressed the graduates, students, families and Sega team. Sharon praised the hard work and accomplishments of the students, founders, and sponsors – emphasizing the importance of educating women. As a recipient of an educational grant herself during her high school years, Sharon was able to relate well to the students – the struggles they have overcome and the challenges they will face in the future. She encouraged the girls to pursue whatever individual goal they each hold in their hearts and to follow it no matter what.



## Share the Love Event in Colorado



In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the Youths for Nurturing Minds Group in Colorado organized a Share The Love event for pets. The group came up with the idea to make homemade organic dog biscuits and sell them to friends and family. Over 1,400 dog biscuits were baked over the course of a weekend and packaged in cute Valentine-themed bags. The result? A girl in Tanzania is sponsored for a year at the Sega Girls School.



Noah Llerandi,  
Nurturing Minds Youth  
member baking the  
biscuits.



Emmy Strongwater (16) and  
Emily Devery (17) Co-Chairs  
of the Youths for Nurturing  
Minds Group



## Nusura Visits the U.S. from Sega

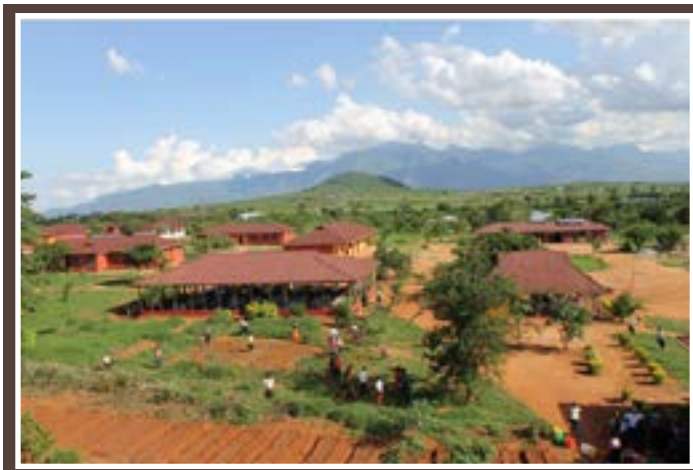
Nusura, a third-year Sega student participating in an exchange program at the Friend's Central School outside of Philadelphia, has had a very busy semester. While in the U.S., Nusura has visited PA, MA, CT and CO and has met many supporters who have made this dream come true.



Nusura arrives in Philadelphia with her host family,  
the Saligman's, for the semester.

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## Construction Update



Thanks to a USAID grant and matching funds from generous supporters across the US, Segga is on the road to finalizing our campus. The school's contractor and team are making rapid progress expanding Segga's infrastructure including a much needed staff house, laundry facility, infirmary, and multi-purpose building.

We are very excited about these additions to our campus and the positive impact that it will have on our students. We are incredibly grateful to all of those who are making these developments possible!

## 2015 Kili Challenge

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Our 2015 Kilimanjaro Challenge which includes 2 days at the Segga Girls School and a 7 day ascent up Mt. Kilimanjaro. If seeing the "Big Five" animals is on your bucket list, add an optional safari to the adventure. Adult-only trip is planned for February 4 – 16, 2015; family-focused trip (children 14 and older) July 1 – 13, 2015. We are asking each climber to raise \$2500, or each family \$5000, which will enable us to continue providing a high quality education that will empower vulnerable girls to change their lives and follow a pathway out of poverty. For more information, please contact Penny Tompkins at [penny.tompkins@gmail.com](mailto:penny.tompkins@gmail.com).

## Make a Difference, Become a Sponsor

An important program for the Segga girls is our student sponsorship program. Not only does this program help students with their English education by writing letters, but it also gives them loving support knowing that someone in another part of the world is routing for them. Consider becoming a sponsor, and help change a girl's life by helping cover the cost of her education.



The student sponsorship program is a terrific opportunity for groups or families desiring to have a direct, global connection with a young Tanzanian girl. For \$750 a year, a Nurturing Minds Sponsorship provides a safe classroom, quality teaching, warm meals, uniforms, books and a warm bed to sleep in. If you are interested in participating in this vital program for the Segga School, please contact Christine Hammarskjold at [www.nurturingmindsinafrica.org/student-mentorship](http://www.nurturingmindsinafrica.org/student-mentorship). We have several girls in need of sponsors. All donations are tax deductible.

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