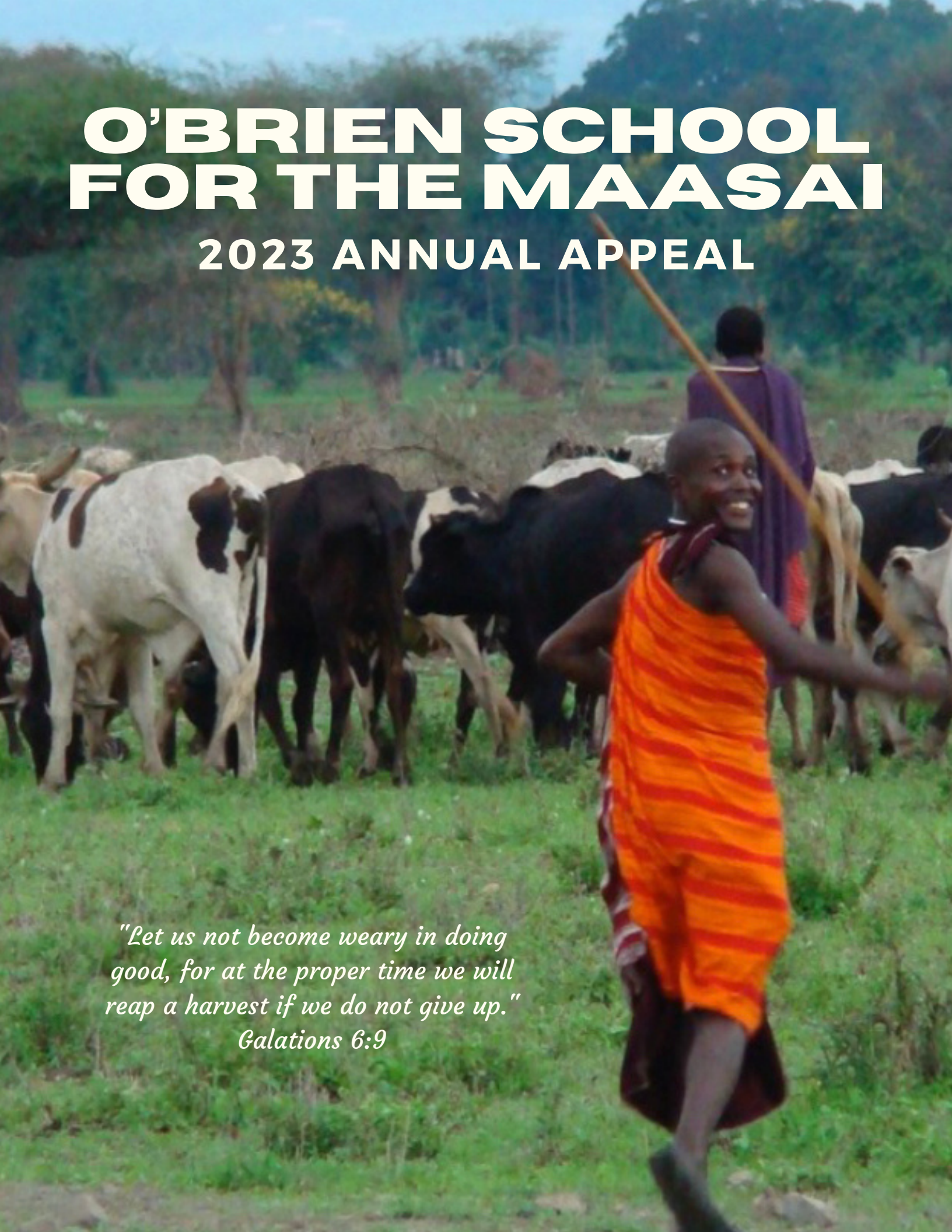


O'BRIEN SCHOOL FOR THE MAASAI

2023 ANNUAL APPEAL

*"Let us not become weary in doing
good, for at the proper time we will
reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

Galatians 6:9



A LETTER FROM OUR CO-FOUNDER

For 16 years, we have answered God's call to empower this village and our students with a future recognizing the gifts bestowed on them. What a challenge, but what a joy to now see how our shepherds became the best students in the region out of over 200 schools. We have a lot to be proud of. While we are offering them the opportunity, our Maasai students SO want to find their greatness and become more than other generations who just watch their fathers' cows. It is because of your generosity and belief in our role in this village that our students are becoming who God put them on this earth to be and to use their gifts to make this world a better place!

Know our village is amazed by your generosity in helping their children have a better future, and they surround you with prayers of gratitude.

May God continue to bless you all,
Kellie M. O'Brien, President and Co-Founder



WE NEED YOUR HELP GOING FORWARD

At O'Brien School, we are dedicated to providing high-quality education to our community and beyond. Our goal is to help shepherds become scholars and future leaders by equipping our almost 400 students with the skills and qualities they need to make a positive impact on the world.

We need your help now more than ever due to the persistent droughts in the Kilimanjaro region. The Maasai are shepherds, and they are grappling with the devastating impact on crops and livestock. OBSM is steadfast in its commitment to meeting the needs of our students, but we cannot do it alone. We seek your help to provide relief to our community during these challenging times.

Join us in breaking the cycle of poverty through our programs and help us bring hope to our community.



OUR IMPACT AND GOALS

Bridging Continents, Filling Hearts

Goal \$15,000

This fall, we took a significant step forward by sending a shipping container filled with essential supplies. Beyond 20 crates of school materials, the container included bikes, medical items, 600 pairs of shoes, 50 school desks with chairs, and a piano and organ. We also included 500 10-pound boxes of oatmeal and 720 FMSC Manna Packs to provide breakfast and lunch for our 365 students for an entire year. This initiative ensures that our students are nourished and ready to absorb the knowledge that will shape their futures. **Donate \$3,000 and you will help us offset shipping costs for these essential supplies.**

Faith

Goal: \$56,000

We instill values of kindness, respect, service, and love through character building activities and a longstanding partnership with sisters from the nearby Franciscan Capuchin convent and local pastors. **Donate to the school for the holistic development of our students.**

Opportunity

Goal: \$100,000

We are overjoyed to share the success stories of two of our former students who are now pursuing medical degrees in the United States. These young minds, hailing from the most rural and challenging environments, are breaking barriers and disproving stereotypes. Education has been the key that unlocked new possibilities for these students, transforming shepherds into scholars and pointing the way to future doctors. Your support has made these dreams possible, and we are immensely proud of the leaders they are becoming. **Help us cover the school fees for our 400 students and create more success stories like this one.**

149,000

hot meals served to our students per year

80,000

seeds planted in our garden annually to add nutritious vegetables to students' diets

100%

of our 38 administrators, teachers, and support staff members are Tanzanian.

50%

of enrolled students are girls

This year, we earned a Candid Gold Seal of Transparency on GuideStar, took our grade 7 students to tour the Kilimanjaro International Airport, which gave them the opportunity to get on a plane and learn about job opportunities, had a team of doctors come and see over 300 students, staff, and villagers, connecting many people in our community to necessary medical care, and fostered creativity through music. Ian, a young musician, came to give a program to our students and teach them about instruments. Some of their instruments were made from the wood of the mpingo tree, which is the national tree of Tanzania. It takes 100 years before the wood can be harvested. Ian and his group planted some of those trees around the school compound. While celebrating our achievements, we cannot overlook the challenges our community faces. Yet, in the face of adversity, we stand strong and committed to meeting the holistic needs of our students.



"Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

John 3:18

WE NEED SUSTAINING FUNDS NOW MORE THAN EVER

YOUR DONATION CAN SUPPORT

\$1000

Clean water system maintenance

\$500

Twenty solar lamps for students

\$400

Annual school fees for a student

\$275

One month salary for a teacher

\$140

Meals for one student for one year

\$100

Contribute to the school's operating fund

\$20

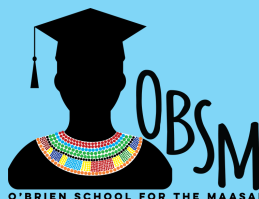
Seeds for our 2-acre garden

The Journey of this school is filled with immense dedication from you, our supporters, and Tanzanian villagers who are always guided by the belief that:

"We can do no great things, but only small things with great love."

- Mother Teresa

The O'Brien School for the Maasai is a 501(c)3. All donations go to the school and special programs and are tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law.



Donate to give the gift of education! Please mail checks to 527 W. Maple St., Hinsdale, IL 60521 or visit our website to securely donate by credit or debit card.

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