

## HOPE PROJECT

The Hope Project is a co-action between CFUW/SSI and CGEF. Its aim is to assist academically deserving girls whose families are unable to fund their secondary school education. Students are selected from applicants proposed for funding by CGEF. To ensure that funds are secure and used to best advantage, CGEF sends sponsorship monies directly to the schools the girls are attending. The funds cover tuition costs, uniforms, entrance examinations, transportation costs and school meals. There is no administrative deduction from the funds raised by CFUW/SSI.

With financial assistance, these students have the opportunity to reach their potential. Many become role models for their families and leaders in their communities.

The CFUW/SSI initiated the Hope Project in 2005 with the sponsorship of three girls. More money has been raised each following year and the number of girls sponsored each year has steadily increased. Since 2005, 139 girls from a wide range of countries around the world have been funded through the project. Over 80 of these students have graduated so far. As young women, they have gone on to work in spheres such as teaching, nursing, accountancy, engineering, tourism, and many more. All have benefited personally from their education and in turn are able to help their families, communities and countries.

In 2016, the project is sponsoring 41 girls in the following countries – Uganda, Sierra Leone, Lesotho, Bangladesh, Swaziland, Belize, Guyana, Kenya, India and Rwanda.

## THE COMMONWEALTH GIRLS EDUCATION FUND

### Commitment to Changing Lives through Education and Friendship

The Commonwealth Girls Education Fund (CGEF) is a UK based charity that helps girls complete their secondary or high school education in their own Commonwealth country in cases where, for economic reasons, this might not otherwise be possible.

Support (both financial and encouragement) is tailored to the individual needs of each girl based on their academic potential, individual merit and personal situation. CGEF sponsors around 400 girls in 30 Commonwealth Countries.

Browse the CGEF web site for more details <http://www.cclef.org/>

### Thulela - Zambia Graduated 2015



Thulela's ambition is to become a civil engineer.

Visit the CFUW-SSI web site for more information on the Hope Project <http://cfuwssi.ca/hope-project/>

## Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)

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The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW/FCFUDU) is an equality-seeking, advocacy organization that works to advance the rights of women and girls both in Canada and around the world. It is the largest of the 62 affiliates worldwide that are part of Graduate Women International (GWI).

CFUW members work to raise the social, economic and legal status of women in our world today. In addition, they advocate for protecting the environment, and promote education, peace, and human rights.

For more information visit:

[www.cfuwssi.ca](http://www.cfuwssi.ca),  
[www.cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org)  
[www.graduatwomen.org](http://www.graduatwomen.org)

**CFUW Salt Spring Island  
Hope Project Girls Sponsored in 2016**

**Alphredina – Rwanda**

Her head teacher states that Alfredina is committed to her studies. She is one of our best players in basketball at school. Her parents are very poor which makes her miss a lot in her studies. Her ambition is to become a driver at the airport.



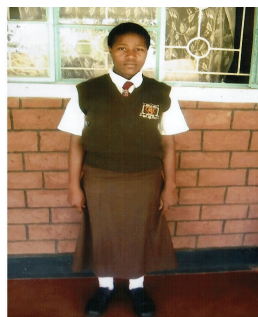
**Milicent – Sierra Leone**

Milicent placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in her class. Her ambition is to become an accountant. She writes: *“Your sponsorship will have a great impact on my life .... My parents live in the provinces and they were greatly affected during the Ebola outbreak. I lost my two siblings and my parents were so discouraged...”*



**Violet – Kenya**

Violet’s Head Teacher notes *“She is a total orphan since her parents died of HIV/AIDS and staying with her old aged grandmother with her siblings... The grandmother is unable to provide them with basic needs. Although she has difficulties she has really shown an improvement for being in position one. ...She is a university material.”*



	<u>Year Sponsored</u>	<u>Year Graduating</u>
<b>India</b>		
Shalini S.	2012	2016
Shalini M	2012	2016
Mahalakshmi	2012	2016
Banapriya	2012	2016
Nagavalli	2012	2016
Vibhari R.	2016	2018
Maitri	2016	2018
Khushi V.	2016	2018
Urvashi	2016	2018
Gracy S.	2016	2018
Shruti M.	2016	2018
Snehal S.	2016	2018
Anushri H.	2016	2018
Sakshi S.	2016	2018
Tiya	2016	2018
<b>Lesotho</b>		
Ndomzanele	2013	2016
<b>Swaziland</b>		
Lungelwa	2014	2016
Thulile	2014	2016
<b>Uganda</b>		
Joan	2012	2016
Sophia	2012	2016
Blessing	2012	2017
Rusia	2012	2017
Elizabeth	2012	2017
Sight	2012	2017
<b>Kenya</b>		
Violet	2016	2018
Domtila	2016	2018
Mercylina	2016	2018
<b>Guyana</b>		
Gracelee	2015	2018
Melanie	2015	2017
Shanaza	2015	2017
Tarrah	2015	2017
<b>Rwanda</b>		
Esther	2016	2016
Alphredina	2016	2016
Alice	2016	2016
<b>Belize</b>		
Julissa	2015	2017
Tanya	2015	2017
<b>Sierra Leone</b>		
Frances	2016	2016
Milicent	2016	2019
Annette	2016	2019
<b>Bangladesh</b>		
Nishat	2016	2017
Israt	2016	2017

**Shalini - India**

Shalini attends the Indian Association for the Blind Higher Secondary School in Madurai, Tamil Nadu. She is from a small village. Her parents have a very low income and are illiterate. She feels she has to study hard and take care of her family. Her ambition is to become a teacher.



**Joan – Uganda**

Joan attends the Muko High School and is the last born of 5 girls. All her older sisters dropped out of school for financial reasons. Her goal is to become an Engineer by studying physics, economics and mathematics at advanced and university levels. She placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in a class of 72.



**Gracelee – Guyana**

Gracelee was abandoned by her parents at birth and lives with her adoptive family. Her school principal says that despite her circumstances, she does her assignments promptly, attends school regularly and punctually and achieves good grades. Her ambition is to become a scientist.

