



**Beyond
St Jude's**

Fighting poverty
through education

An Alternative Pathway

- Daniel has started his Community Service Semester (CSS)
- in the Beyond St Jude's (BSJ) Program. As volunteers, they share their
- gift of education with others in their community.
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- Your support is helping our CSS volunteers change the lives of
- thousands of government school students all around Arusha,
- read on to find out how.



Q&A with Daniel

What has been the most enjoyable or most rewarding part of your volunteering so far?

The most enjoyable or most rewarding part of my volunteering is teaching and helping students in different subjects whenever they need my help.

What extracurricular activities have you initiated during your CSS placement?

I participate in sports, especially football.

What are your college and course preferences?

My course preference is electrical and biomedical engineering at Arusha Technical College.





Beyond St Jude's Program

Beyond St Jude's (BSJ) is an optional program that enables our Form 4 and Form 6 graduates to give back to their communities during a Community Service placement. They then go on to access higher education, supported by our sponsors and donors.

The BSJ team exists solely to support St Jude's graduates as they transition from secondary school through their Community Service placements and onto higher education.

The BSJ team regularly communicates with volunteers and scholars. This communication includes routine visits to their voluntary placement and their higher education institution and accommodation.



The Alternative Pathway Program (APP)

Beyond St Jude's Alternative Pathways Program (APP) was introduced in 2020 and is the first point at which a St Jude's student can consider joining BSJ.

The BSJ team established the APP to allow our Form 4 graduates (O Level) to pursue a diploma or certificate at college, instead of pursuing the traditional St Jude's A Level pathway through secondary.

Offering this alternative pathway of study keeps students motivated to succeed and achieve.

By the time students complete Form 4, many already have an idea of which career they'd like to pursue. If they successfully complete Form 4 at St Jude's, these graduates have two options for their future studies:

1. Apply for an A Level academic scholarship for their final two years of school; Form 5 and 6.
2. Apply for the Beyond St Jude's Alternative Pathway Program to pursue a diploma or certificate at college.

Ultimately, our APP enables us to expand and enhance our core mission: **fighting poverty through education** and nurturing Tanzania's future leaders on whichever path they may choose.

The Community Service Semester (CSS)

For one academic semester, APP participants volunteer in under-resourced government schools, offering vital assistance to academic staff before pursuing higher education.

The CSS starts in January and lasts between six to nine months. This semester of service enables the scholars to give back to their community in the same spirit of goodwill that you, as a sponsor, have shown them. It is an important way for them to demonstrate our school values: Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, and Kindness.

Our CSS volunteers assist with administrative tasks, exam marking, tutoring, and other areas of need within the government school.

Before starting their government school placement, CSS volunteers receive Work Readiness Training from the BSJ department. This training equips them with the basic knowledge and skills they'll implement during their CSS.

The BSJ team provides year-round support to CSS participants and visits them at their CSS placement to ensure their working conditions are satisfactory.

Upon successfully completing their CSS, volunteers are eligible to apply for a BSJ College scholarship, enabling them to study a Certificate or Diploma course specific to their field of interest.



Beyond St Jude's College Scholarship



Our BSJ and Academic teams have carefully selected education institutions and courses within Tanzania that will provide quality education for our BSJ College scholars, ensuring that your support for their education continues to have maximum impact.

Fields of study available to our College scholars include agriculture, trades, engineering, IT, nursing, allied health, and hospitality. These are areas of need within the Tanzanian labour market; consequently, research shows that employability rates within these areas are high.

The BSJ team provides year-round support to College scholars and visits them at their higher education institution, to ensure their study conditions are satisfactory.





Work Readiness Training

Our volunteers were on campus in January for Work Readiness Training in preparation for their CSS placement.

The training equipped our CSS volunteers with skills they can utilise during their Community Service placement and higher education studies, as well as in their personal life. Members of the BSJ team and professionals from the Arusha community shared their knowledge and advice on a range of topics.

Meet Romana, one of our CSS mentors, who manages the Work Readiness Training program and see what this week involved and why it is essential to the BSJ Program.



What kind of skills do they gain as volunteers during work readiness training?

Basic skills such as budgeting, time management, conflict resolution, health and wellbeing. Furthermore, professionalism in the workplace, lesson planning, teaching methods, and assessment. We give them basic skills in participatory methods, composing tests, preparing and using teaching aids.

How do you support volunteers once they have started CSS?

- We visit volunteers twice during their placement semester. During the visit, we learn about and discuss their challenges and conflicts and we offer solutions.
- We offer teaching aids such as books and extra curricular resources.
- We evaluate the success of the program and identify where our support is needed most.
- We provide stipend to our volunteers to help them with lunch, professional clothing and transportation.



Our impact on the community

85,000+

Students taught by our Community Service volunteers throughout Arusha since the BSJ Program began in 2015.



65+

Average class size in government schools volunteers are teaching.



55

Government schools that are benefiting from our volunteer teachers this year, with one of them being a primary school.



116

Community Service volunteers volunteering in government schools.



6

Community Service Semester volunteers who are the very first to participate in the APP!





Cornel



Daniel L



Daniel W



Emmanuel



Samwel



Steven



Your questions answered

Why do they have to do a Community Service Semester?

Participating in our BSJ CSS Program gives our graduates the opportunity to show their appreciation for their free education by giving back to their community. Sharing the benefits of their education is an important part of the culture of St Jude's, which aims to fight poverty through education and develop the future leaders of Tanzania.

Education is a valuable gift that should be shared with others in the community. For instance, over the last six years our Community Service volunteers have taught over 85,000 students in government schools that otherwise would not have had a teacher during that time.

It also gives them the opportunity to learn additional life skills such as independence, public speaking, time management, budgeting skills, work ethic and confidence. These skills will help them when they begin higher education and later apply for jobs.



Will I still be able to communicate during my sponsorship when the scholars are at college? Will I be able to send packages to them?

Yes, of course! The Sponsor Relations team will provide you with regular updates and facilitate your communication with the scholar.

You will be able to write to the volunteer or scholar and send them gifts via the Sponsor Relations team. These gifts will be passed onto the scholar when our BSJ team visits them. So please note there may be some delay between the arrival of the package and the scholar receiving it.

When you sponsor a scholarship for a student or Beyond St Jude's participant (volunteers and scholars) you must agree to comply with our Personal Communications Policy, which prohibits direct communication between supporters (sponsors, donors and visitors) and students, volunteers and scholars.

These policies are also in place to ensure compliance with St Jude's Child Protection Policy. St Jude's has a duty of care towards all students and is committed to safeguarding their welfare.

Please remember that even though some of our volunteers and scholars are over 18 years of age, our duty of care extends to them as well and as such, they are recognised as 'children' under our Child Protection Policy.





Will I be able to visit the College scholar whose scholarship I sponsor?

If you would like to make a life-changing journey to Tanzania and visit the College scholar whose scholarship you sponsor, you can do so.

Our Visitor team can arrange a meeting one of our St Jude's campus or a Home Visit with the scholar's family. Please arrange this through The School of St Jude. The best way to contact us is to email Visitor@schoolofstjude.co.tz

Any visits or meetings between a sponsor and a College scholar must have the supervision of a member of the St Jude's staff.

Unfortunately we will not be able to facilitate a visit to the colleges our scholars are attending. Each Higher Education institution has their own visiting rules and procedures. To avoid distracting the scholar during their studies, our team will plan visits that suit their exam schedules.



What is the College Program going to cost?

Sponsorship of the College scholarships are in-line with the costs of an A Level scholarship. The Sponsorship packages available are:

College Sole Sponsorship (100% of scholarship)

- AU\$240 per month (AU\$2,880 per year)
- US\$220 per month (US\$2,640 per year)

College Co-sponsorship (50% of scholarship)

- AU\$120 per month (AU\$1,440 per year)
- US\$110 per month (US\$1,320 per year)

College Shared Sponsorship (25% of scholarship)

- AU\$60 per month (AU\$720 per year)
- US\$55 per month (US\$660 per year)

Your sponsorship of a College scholarship will provide a scholar with the costs of course fees, transport, a laptop, basic living expenses plus mentoring and support from our BSJ team.

Accommodation expenses are not provided to our College scholars. All but one of the approved and selected colleges are within the Arusha region, and therefore students are encouraged to travel from their family homes to college.

The exception is that one of our selected colleges is in the Kilimanjaro region and provides on-campus accommodation. For scholars who chose to go to this college, accommodation fees will be supported by the BSJ scholarship in lieu of transport and living expenses.



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Thank You!

- We are so proud of Daniel and the difference he is making.
- Daniel is doing a great job and will derive more and more from this experience as his Community Service Semester continues.
- We know that his community will too!
- Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about this exciting new program.



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