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# SCANN BOYS HEADED TO UNIVERSITY

RECEIVE FREE LAPTOP GIFT AS PROMISED

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Meet Dennis and Joseph (above), two bright eyed, well mannered, and intelligent boys from our SCANN center in Nakuru town. Both of them recently completed their secondary education and have been admitted to Kabarak University for degree courses.

On Thursday June 18th, the two boys excitedly turned up at the Gilanis Supermarket offices where they were presented with a brand new laptop each by Mr. Shamsheer Gilani, Chairperson of the board at SCANN.

These laptops are a standing pledge from SCANN to its shelter children. **ANY** student from SCANN who **MAKES IT TO UNIVERSITY** is **GIVEN A LAPTOP**, at no cost whatsoever, to assist with their studies.

Beaming with pride and overwhelmed with gratitude; they were congratulated by Mr. Shamsheer who firmly reminded them that though they have come far from their humble beginnings, this next part of their journey would be more challenging as it would test their sense of personal responsibility and how they managed their independence. Though the future looks positive and promising for both boys, the road to get to this point has not been easy.

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Joseph Kariuki was born to a family with eight children. In 2010, At the age of 12, due to extreme poverty, he ran away from his home in Molo town and found himself on the streets of Nakuru, living an even tougher life as a street child. A chance encounter with some rehabilitated boys from SCANN led him to seek out the SCANN center. He was welcomed in and provided with meals, a bed to sleep on and more importantly, a second chance in life. He was enrolled in class 3 in SCANN's elementary classes which are conducted at the shelter.

In 2011 he was able to join Jamhuri Primary School and upon completion went to Langalanga Secondary School. Throughout his entire schooling he was provided with care, food and continued to live at the SCANN center. Joseph will be pursuing a degree course in Pharmacy at Kabarak University.



Dennis Astukha's story is not any different. In 2005 due to extreme hardships and living conditions at his home in Kakamega, he was brought and placed at the center by his mother who was unable to cater for his basic needs. He received his early education at the SCANN center and was in fact in the same class as Joseph. They even proceeded together to Jamhuri Primary school in 2011. He furthered his studies in Nakuru Day Secondary school, all the while continuing to be sheltered and catered for by SCANN because of the dire situation of poverty in his family . Dennis will be studying for a degree course in Education.

We wish Both Dennis and Joseph all the best in their future and we congratulate SCANN for continuing with their good work.



**From Left: Shamsher Gilani (Chairman SCANN Board) Dennis Astukha, Joseph Kariuki, Rajinder Puri (trustee SCANN) and Judy Maingi (Trustee SCANN)**