

## THE STORY OF THE STARFISH

A father and son were walking along a deserted beach after a particularly high tide had washed up thousands of starfish on the sand. The boy started picking them up and throwing back into the water one by one. The father quizzed his son saying "You can't possibly save them all, there are millions, you can't possibly make a difference." The boy smiled, bent down and picked up another starfish and, as he threw it back into the sea, he replied, "made a difference to that one."

Malawi is one of the world's poorest countries where most families cannot afford secondary education for their children. With student sponsorship we can give young people the opportunity to build a future for themselves and their community through education.

### SPONSOR A CHILD TODAY

To sponsor a student today or to find out more, please email Fiona at

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For more information about student sponsorship and all our work and projects in Malawi, please visit our website www.starfishmalawi.com



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# SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

Giving education and hope to the future generation of Malawi





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At Starfish we believe that the key to a better life in poorer countries lies in improved access to education. As a result it is vital that as many children as possible can benefit from secondary education. Although school fees are not excessive by western standards, few parents are able to afford them.

Therefore we want to give as many scholarships as possible to students successful in the exams at the end of Primary School. In helping the individual student, you will also be assisting the community in which the child lives.

Costs vary but for as little as £16 a month, you can enable the student to cover all or most of the cost of:

Pocket money

Mosquito net

· Dictionary and

a Calculator

Solar Reading Lamp

- The tuition fees
- Boarding place, where appropriate.
- Books
- Food
- Transport

The student will be expected to work well at school and maintain a high standard at all times.



We encourage two-way communication, which will be arranged by our Sponsorship Co-ordinators, Maggie Mitchell, Pam Thwaites and Fiona Gibbon. They will be able to ensure that everything works smoothly and they will always be able to deal with any queries you may have.



#### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

We cannot immediately change the world but we can change one life at a time, and that life can influence the lives of other people near to him/her. It is so gratifying to know that you become an important part of that process. Many sponsors testify that student sponsorship has made a difference to their own lives too. Sponsoring a child can make a serious difference to your life.



#### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you are really interested in finding out more about the sponsorship scheme, our student sponsorship co-ordinator, Fiona Gibbon, would love to hear from you.

Please email her at fiona\_gibbon@hotmail.com



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