



## The Blackrock College

Machakos Programme 2018-19

Helping support the Spiritan Mission to build infrastructure and educate students in Kenya



In the village of Sultan Hamud in Machakos, Kenya, a new school is growing year by year. This school has been built entirely by the Blackrock College Community of parents, pupils and teachers. Enormous fundraising activity over successive years has helped to bring this amazing dream to reality. The Final Year Class takes on responsibility for the Blackrock College Outreach Programme and each July our young men and parents travel out to Kenya giving their time and physical labour to continue the building programme. All persons travelling covers their own costs therefore

**ALL monies raised go solely towards the building fund**



In Kenya, secondary education is not government funded, and schools like this are scarce. Hence the idea in 2010 for us to **come together as a COMMUNITY** and build such a school. It first opened its doors in 2014 and today there are almost 300 boys attending - at full capacity it will house 540. Boys from 15 different tribes attend the Holy Ghost school with 42 different languages spoken. It is also a boarding school as the boys are from nomadic tribes. Holy Ghost school has given the boys **HOPE, a roof over their heads and regular meals**, but most of all the **OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN** and **BE THEIR BEST**. Indeed, many from the village have also been earning a living working in the school. Holy Ghost has become an integral part of this community. But there are PLANS now to build a Technical school, for Graduates to learn trades & carry their education forward. So the work goes on.

**We can all be very proud of what has been achieved, but the project goes on. It is a VERY WORTHY CAUSE. We can see first hand the good work that is being done.**

**EVERY CENT contributed goes directly to the Project.**

**SO we would like to ask for the SUPPORT OF ALL PARENTS IN THE WILLOW BLACKROCK COMMUNITY in enabling the work to continue and in MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE.**

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- **By supporting the Golf Day on April 12<sup>th</sup> - various ways to support (please request Golf flier, [Machakos2019@gmail.com](mailto:Machakos2019@gmail.com))**
- **By sponsoring the Ladies lunch or providing prizes for the raffle**
- **By making a Donation either online or by cheque via :**

**[www.blackrockcollege.com](http://www.blackrockcollege.com) and click on **Parents' Area** in the top right hand corner of the**

screen. Now click on the image



## **HOW TO DONATE**

**www.blackrockcollege.com** and click on **Parents' Area** in the top right hand corner of the screen.

Now click on the image



You will now see an Item list.

Select **Machakos fund – Spiritan School**. Now follow the on screen instructions to complete your transaction – this should take no more than 2 minutes!

If you have donated 250 euro, we can increase that donation to €362 by claiming Tax Relief. Please follow instruction on parents' area of the website.

Alternatively by cheque: please make it payable to **Blackrock College** and drop it at reception in an envelope marked **Machakos Building Programme 2018-19, f. a. o. Sinead Lardner**

**We also welcome all COMPANY & Business Sponsorship** – can YOUR BUSINESS come on board?

Finally, we THANK YOU for your support and wish you all a HEALTHY and HAPPY 2019.

Frank D'Arcy on behalf of the Machakos Committee



For more information: login to

<https://www.blackrockcollege.com/parents-association/bcpa-public>

user: BCparent – Password: BlackRock1860! and select "Machakos"  
OR you can e mail

[Machakos2019@gmail.com](mailto:Machakos2019@gmail.com) and let us know how you wish to support or indeed if you have some other Fund raising idea.