

Fiona



The Red Rhino Orphanage Project is fortunate to have someone like Fiona as its Matron. Fiona is a kind, loving, compassionate, caring woman. She takes care of the children as if they were her own and makes sure each of their needs are met. While we were visiting the children we had an opportunity to sit down with Fiona and get to know her a little bit better.

Fiona grew up in Busia on the Kenya and Uganda border. After she completed high school she took some time off from her education and moved to Nairobi where she volunteered with Red Cross for a couple of years. While volunteering at Red Cross, Fiona was a first aide coordinator and worked with various youth programs. She then decided to continue in her education and attended Daystar University (down the road from Red Rhino) studying psychology and community development. While attending Daystar University, she met the Red Rhino Children at church in 2010. From then she started to volunteer at the Red Rhino home. In 2012 she became the Red Rhino Matron doing an amazing job caring for the children.

A typical day for Fiona starts with getting the kids ready for school. In the morning she opens everything up and helps get breakfast ready. Once the children are safely off to school, she then begins the office work. When the children come home from school she and the housemothers help them with their homework. The children will usually play after homework is completed and Fiona will help in the dinner preparations. She does her best to keep the children on the same daily routine, so they know what is expected of them.

When asked what she loves most about her job, Fiona said with a smile, “seeing the kids grow.” From 2012 till now she has seen a change in the children and is motivated by “their smiles, their happiness in the morning, and just thinking what they can become.” She never imagined she would be working in a children’s home and always thought she would end up working for Red Cross. Ever since she met the children she fell in love with them and she can’t imagine doing anything else. She “loves the children very much.”





Red Rhino is one big family and Fiona's love for it definitely radiates through her actions. She exudes happiness and positivity whether she is braiding hair, dancing, making a birthday cake, or playing a game. Several of the children refer to her as mom and their faces light up when she comes into the room. Fiona is committed to making these children and those of the community contributing members of society as the mission of Red Rhino Orphanage states. We thank her and all the Red Rhino community for allowing these children this opportunity.