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Sandrella

"I am a single mother of three, and as a single mother, I have carried many burdens. Joining the GSD program reminded me that I also carried strength. When I joined the program, in the first semester, I learned about entrepreneurship for the first time. The course was eye-opening, and I started hawking ladies' sandals, even to my own classmates and staff. I didn't stop there; I added clothes, saved little by little, and kept pushing forward. Today, I own a shop in the market. I can pay for my children's school fees. When they're sick, I take them to the hospital. I am also able to afford their basic needs. GSD gave me a path out of struggle and into a future I am building with my own hands."

Natanya

"Before I joined GSD, life was a constant struggle. My mother had returned to South Sudan, and I was left to take care for my younger siblings. Every day was about survival. I took on any small job I could find just to make sure we had something to eat. Although I loved playing tennis, I never imagined it could become anything more than a way to forget my worries for a while.

Joining GSD changed the way I saw myself. The programme helped me realise that the talents and passions we already have can become opportunities if we are willing to develop them. Instead of seeing tennis as just a game, I began to see it as a way to create change in my community. That inspired me to start the Kalobeyei Tennis Project, where I coach children and help them build confidence, discipline, and teamwork.

Through my coaching, Light Academy recognised my commitment and offered me a position as a teacher and head of sports. Looking back, GSD gave me the confidence to believe in my own potential. It helped me turn my passion into a career, provide for my family, and create opportunities for the next generation."

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Jacob

Before I joined GSD, I had a very narrow view of success. I believed the only way to earn a living was through an NGO incentive job, so I spent a long time waiting for that opportunity. When it didn't come, I felt stuck, like I had no other option.

“GSD changed my mindset completely. Through the entrepreneurship classes, I realized I could create my own opportunity instead of waiting for one. At the end of that semester, I approached a friend who had a small phone-charging business in the market and shared an idea I had been thinking about: starting a printing and cyber services business. I asked if we could share his space, and he agreed. That was the beginning. I started with just printing documents and making posters, but I kept growing from there.

Today, I have expanded into selling phone accessories and printer supplies. I design posters for local shops in Kalobeyei and offer a range of printing services that people in my community rely on every day.

GSD made me open-minded. It showed me that opportunities aren't only found; they can also be created."