



## Happy New Year from the Project Imagine Family!

2018 was been an incredible year for Project Imagine! So much of this success is due to the generous support we receive from all over the world. Heartfelt thanks for being part of Project Imagine. We are delighted to share with you some of our favorite milestones from the year.

**Our team has grown!** Project Imagine started in 2015 with five students. We are excited to report that we currently have more than 30 students who consider themselves part of Project Imagine and regularly engage with Swani and Mount Olive Primary Schools and Salama School! We also started a **boys program**, in large part due to the requests from our partner schools. This includes the development of a boy-targeted curriculum that focuses on respect, gender equity and positive behavior. In 2018, we completed our [ninth distribution to Swani Primary School and our third at Mt.Olive Primary](#), serving over 400 girls! You can see all our videos at [projectimagine.net/photos](http://projectimagine.net/photos).



**We celebrated one year of partnership with Salama School!** Salama is an alternative education facility for at-risk students located very close to our own International School of Kenya. Project Imagine engages in a peer mentorship and empowerment program targeting thirty girls in the Salama's Girls Club. Discussion topics included everything from "*what makes a good leader*" and "*women and girls are powerful*" to issues around self-esteem, healthy relationships and peer pressure. We were so grateful to visit and work with Salama students nine times in 2018 and look forward to growing our partnership with them in 2019.

**We are registered as a Community Based Organization (CBO) in Nairobi County!** We are now officially recognized by county government in both Nairobi and Murang'a County.



In March, Project Imagine held its **first major fundraiser** - the Star Safari! Thanks to the amazing support from students, parents and kind-hearted volunteers, we raised over \$6,000! **We were also able to host fundraisers in the US over the summer holidays** thanks to the graciousness of family and friends. Kelly and Andy Nelson from Cleveland, Ohio (USA) hosted an event for their family and friends and invited Selah Piper to present Project Imagine and the First United Methodist Church in Brookings, South Dakota (USA), provided an opportunity for Isabella Bunkers to share stories of Project Imagine. More than \$5,000 was raised in these two events. We are humbled and inspired by these generous new friends -- and deeply grateful! Our partnership with the 8th grade class at Mountain Shadows School in New Hampshire (USA) has continued! These magnificent middle schoolers are extremely generous and have been supporting over 100 girls with sanitary pads for the past two years!

Our President and Vice President, Selah Piper and Isabella Bunkers, were featured in a *Women You Should Know* fundraising video which got thousands of views! You can check it out [here](#).

**The first graduating class!** The first class of students to have sanitary pads for three years of primary school (classes 6, 7 and 8) [graduated in October 2018](#). This was a huge milestone for the wonderful students from Swani Primary School. We are so proud of them and wish them all the best as they begin secondary school in January 2019.



We look forward to 2019 and continuing our rewarding partnerships with Swani and Mount Olive Primary and Salama School. One huge milestone that we will be celebrating mid-year is reaching **100,000 pads distributed to Kenyan girls**. All this and more is possible thanks to our wonderful team and extended support system that spans the globe!

Please continue to share in our excitement through Project Imagine updates, photos and videos:

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**Project Imagine is grateful for your support!**

