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Three Minnesota-based Entrepreneurs Launch Foundation to Empower African Girls

 Divine Amani Foundation to Offer World-Class Boarding School Education and Critical Medical Services to Help African Girls Thrive –

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., (August 7, 2023) – Three Minnesota-based entrepreneurs and philanthropists are proud to announce the launch of the Divine Amani Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that aims to provide world-class education and medical resources to underprivileged girls in Africa. The boarding school will offer a safe and supportive environment for teen girls—fostering the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to become successful adults— while best-in-class medical services will ensure comprehensive healthcare for their physical and mental well-being.

The Kenya-based boarding school for Africa's marginalized adolescent girls will offer a transformative educational experience, complete with top-tier education, athletics, extracurricular activities, leadership training and life skills. The founders aim to dramatically lower the drop-out rate of vulnerable African teens, which is common due to social and economic pressures. Currently, more than 17 million African girls do not attend school, including 60% of 15 to 17-year-olds.

The Divine Amani Foundation is being launched by Joyce Mogeni, founder of Divine Healing Home Care; Michael J. Hunter, founder of Guaranteed Home Health Care; and Dorothy McKaney-Scott, an executive business leader and humanitarian who advocates for public policy reform for girls and women of color. Collectively, they recognize the unique needs of girls in

Africa and are eager to lend their expertise to the cause after decades of furthering the U.S. healthcare industry.

"My goal is to create a much brighter future for the girls of Africa, empowering them by providing a path to success," said Founder Joyce Mogeni. "This path to success begins with access to education, quality medical care, and other life-changing resources—most of which are a fundamental right in other countries, but a privilege in Africa. I have complete confidence that the Divine Amani Foundation will produce world leaders and innovators in the future, as we help these young girls unlock their full potential."

Mogeni, Hunter and McKaney-Scott chose to incorporate the Swahili word "Amani" into the boarding school name, which means "peace." This comes from their desire to help teenage girls of Africa overcome childhood trauma, poverty and abuse by providing a safe environment in which they will thrive. The school will have a 150-student capacity and offer a robust curriculum that goes beyond standard academic subjects, while also focusing on leadership qualities and skills development.

The Divine Amani Foundation will be rolled out in three phases, beginning with securing a 20-acre parcel of land in Kenya, situated between Ngong Hills and Nairobi. Phase 2 involves breaking ground and construction of the one-of-a-kind boarding school, while Phase 3 is the construction of an on-site medical clinic to provide mental health support services and HIV/AIDS treatment. Medical treatment specifically for HIV/AIDS is a key component of the Foundation, considering the epidemic in Africa, where girls aged 15-19 are eight times more likely to live with HIV/AIDS than girls from any other country in the world.

"I was born and raised in a small town in Kenya, and today I am the successful owner of a U.S. healthcare and staffing agency," said Mogeni. "As a teenage girl in Kenya, I worked in my father's retail shop and learned basic entrepreneurial skills. I credit my strong work ethic,

tenacity and resilience to my years in Kenya, and I'm eager to give back to my native region in a powerful and impactful way."

To learn more about the Divine Amani Foundation, visit <a href="https://divineamanifoundation.com">https://divineamanifoundation.com</a>.

Interested individuals are encouraged to donate to the cause with a one-time financial gift or recurring contributions. Donations will go towards securing the 20-acre parcel of land, so ground can be broken for construction.

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