

# Sud Academy Update

December 2018

Welcome to our year end newsletter! Sud Academy mentors and shapes many disadvantaged students, mostly South Sudanese refugees in Kenya. The goal is to provide these youth with an education to open up doors of opportunity so they may give back to their community. The school year has ended and the school is closed for this month while everyone enjoys a holiday break. Doors will open again in January thanks to the generous support of so many.

## **Report from Staff:**

- Students have benefitted from a donation of twenty new desks and chairs (see picture on right)
- Marafiki International provided some volunteer labour to paint the fence, front gate and buildings
- Two staff were able to attend workshops about counselling adolescents, effective communication skills and social media safety.



## **Why is there a need for Sud Academy?**

The school seeks to educate about 250 students, mostly refugees from Southern Sudan. Many of these youth have left the instability of South Sudan and the difficult life in Kakuma, the refugee camp in northern Kenya. For some of the young men, they fear forced conscription into the army. They come to Nairobi to seek a better education. Besides academics, being able to study at Sud Academy provides a sense of belonging and community.

**Sud Academy** exists under the registered charity Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan (BN 86394 8212 RR0001). Our partnering agency in Kenya is Christian Mission Aid ([www.cmaid.org](http://www.cmaid.org)). Please support us in our efforts to educate these determined young people. Cheques can be made payable to "C.A.S.S." with "Sud Academy" on the memo line. Donations can also go through the CanadaHelps website under Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan.

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