

SHARON AMONDI

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Sharon is the youngest of four sisters. Their father died four months after her birth. The oldest daughter, Sarah, was the primary care giver for their mother who died in 2004. This death was particularly gruesome. She had a large cancerous growth that protruded from her side, open sores on her lower torso, and a severely inflamed mouth that made swallowing very painful. She died in Sarah's arms with Sharon, then 4 years old, at her side. Sharon's mother's last words were "Sarah, be strong!"

Sharon's oldest sister Sarah has been strong. She took her three sisters to live with her in Kibera slums despite having now five children of her own. The second sister's husband had abandoned her with twins and the third sister became pregnant at age 14, so there were nine children under one sheet metal roof home.

Schooling in the Kibera slums is a rather hit and miss affair unless the child is both highly motivated and markedly diligent. Sharon was not able to attend school regularly, principally from lack of school fees rather than lack of motivation.

Initially Sharon missed her family very much, particularly Sarah who truly spoiled her. She was accustomed to having her sisters find lost articles, lay out her clothes for her daily, and caudle her in other ways. In a very small house with so many hands there had always been someone else to do the chores.

This pattern of behavior greatly changed as she matured into a quiet, sweet natured Woman. Sharon finished high school in 2015 and then joined a computer school and completed a computer application course. Sharon later joined Wildlife Club of Kenya Training College and Research where she is currently doing a course in Wildlife Conservation and Tour Guiding. Sharon has just about completed her college education and is currently in Mombasa doing her internship for three months at Gedi National Monument. Sharon's course specialization is in tour administration, wildlife studies and Domestic tourism in protected areas.

Through her studies Sharon has visited many historical sites in Kenya, Maasai Mara, Kisumu and Lake Nakuru. She is tearfully grateful to Providence that she has been given this chance to fulfill her dream and become independent.