

## **VISIONARY AFRICAN WOMAN BECOMES POPULAR PRIDE OF KENYA**

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**Lifting from the voice of silence, safe life special team was triggered to search and find the quality mind behind growth and development of ELDO BARAKA SCHOOL , in the Republic of Kenya- Africa. The team traveled to Kisumu City but was re-directed to Eldoret town, where the school is established for sixteen years, since 1998, ranking it 'a true survivor' in the world where private initiatives and Non- Government organizations struggle to sustain the journey of growth and development. ELDO BARAKA SCHOOL is established to provide affordable and quality education , with special focus on holistic development of learners and equal opportunity employment. The Vision bearer of Eldo Baraka School, Mrs. Dorice Lukoye Khatete , has inbuilt drive to eradicate poverty by sensitizing pupils on the dangers of poverty and how they should tightly guard against the camp of poverty. She believes in self reliance and seeking durable solutions through quality education. Mrs. Dorice Lukoye Khatete , is Kenyan by Nationality and progressive/visionary woman with string of academic qualifications fixed in place to safe guard her position as the manager and co-founder of Eldo Baraka school, in Eldoret - Kenya. It's praiseworthy to tap more information about the development of Eldo Baraka on the one part and the unique vision of founder on the other. Please read on....**

**THE FORMATION OF ELDO BARAKA SCHOOL**

**Combination of high demand for Early Child Development facilities and short supplies of such facilities in Eldoret- Kenya 1997, low levels of literacy, community moral support and the rapidly changing, technology- driven world; propelled Mrs. Dorice Lukoye Khatete and Husband, Dr. Khatete Ibrahim Wafula, to commit hard earned financial resources and scarce quality time towards the establishment of Eldo Baraka school 1998.**

**“I reflected upon the vicious cycle of poverty within communities and my mind became restless. The voice of silence reminded me of how my intra-personal investments would change the lives of people within communities. That’s how I retrieved the name Eldo Baraka from my inner mind and my husband thumbed- up in support”. Explains, Mrs. Dorice Lukoye Khatete.**

**ELDO- BARAKA SCHOOL was established in 1998, with initial enrollment of 18 learners in pre-primary section. The school now has 450 pupils spread through pre-primary to standard Eight, with a workforce of 18 qualified teachers and 6 support staff. Out of the 450 pupils, 70 pupils are in the boarding section and they hail from across Africa.**

**“Our performance is very good. I mean general performance in curricula and co-curricula activity. We have been taking our drama team to the national festivals since 2004. Please, the trophies are here. We have positive foot prints at National level” Explains, the manager.**

**The school has in place monitoring and evaluation mechanisms where former pupils are traced .**

**“In 2007, we had 26 candidates and out of the 26, eighteen joined various Universities under Government support and/or sponsorship” Says, the head teacher**

#### **ELDO BARAKA MOMENTS OF CONFIDENCE**

**To consolidate and focus on confidence building, the management of Eldo Baraka school, has invested in affluent school land, with development of two giant storied buildings, modern security gate, proper security walls, spacious play ground and idle space for future developments.**

**“Without fixing confidence right in the center of parents, teachers and pupils, the school survives along unpredictable life span. Confidence is built once parents and other stake holders are sure that the school is permanent and it has come to stay.”Explains, the manager.**

## **WHO IS DORICE LUKOYE KHATETE?**

**Visionary and professionally spoken African woman, born on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1963, in the village of Chesikaki, Bungoma County, Kenya – Africa. She was born to Mr. Jeremiah Matanda and Mrs. Susan Matanda, Kenyans from Bungoma County.**

**Dorice is fifty but her close appearance gives impression of a forty years old woman, well built, friendly faced, very attentive, with authoritative smiles.**

**“My parents are very humble, God fearing, supportive. That’s how they managed to provide for our formal education and promote discipline.” Explains, Mrs. Dorice Lukoye Khatete**

**She was born in family size twelve, with all the ten children from same parents.**

**“ We were ten but one of us died. The family had seven boys and three girls. Our parents worked so hard to take us to school. I remember the care and love my parents showed us, to put it right, I feel proud associating with my parents any where, any time.” Narrates, Mrs. Dorice Lukoye Khatete**

## **ACADEMIC PROGRESS**

**With focused and responsible parents, Mrs. Dorice Lukoye Khatete is now ranked along the lane of countable African women who have successfully snaked through ‘unpredictable’ path of family educational investments.**

**She is a PhD candidate at Moi University- Eldoret, undertaking PhD in educational Administration and management.**

**2002 – 2007 Master of Philosophy in Educational Administration and management, Moi University – Eldoret.**

**1985 – 1988 Bachelors of Education Arts – Religion & Kiswahili.**

**1982 she studied ‘A’ Level at Bunyore.**

**1978, she studied at Kimabole secondary. 1971, she joined standard one at Chesikaki Primary School, Bungoma County, Kenya.**

### **FAMILY LIFE AND PEACE**

**Mrs. Dorice Lukoye Khatete is happily married to Dr. Khatete Ibrahim Wafula. The couple has five children.**

**“ I am married to Dr. Khatete Ibrahim. He is hard working, peaceful and supportive” says, Mrs. Dorice Khatete.**

### **ROLE MODEL AND THE POWER BEHIND HER VISION**

**Mother Teresa of Calcutta is her Role model because she (Mother Teresa) gave herself to reach the needy children around the world.**

**“ I time after time reflect upon Mother Teresa and her commitment to support needy children. That’s the heart I pray every one should develop” says, Mrs. Dorice Lukoye Khatete.**

**Additionally, “My childhood pride of growing with parents, has transformed into kindness. I feel so low about orphanage situation worldwide, that’s the reason I want to be counted part of durable solutions.”**

### **ELDO BARAKA EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES**

**The management, Eldo Baraka School is fixing bits and pieces of a strategic plan to promote transnational and global exchange programs. Hopefully, less privileged learners will be able to access funding and other opportunities. Institutional donors be encouraged to identify and participate where their mandate falls. In the meantime, about 20 pupils are in need of sponsorship towards completion of studies.**

**“We are taking the school to more interactive and participatory level. Through exchange programmes, learners and teachers are set to acquire new skills among other benefits. Says, the manager.**

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