

Hello families!

I have always had an interest in Africa and love for African animals. It is important for me to give back to those in need, whether it's in my local community or abroad. I have sponsored two children from the Congo and I currently foster a gorilla in Rwanda and an elephant in Nairobi.

Six years ago, I participated in an amazing volunteer experience in Africa! I spent six weeks over the summer working with children in very poor areas of Africa, helping build fences to keep their home/school area safe, cementing and creating a bike path on their school grounds, among other jobs.

As part of the experience, we had opportunities to see other parts of Africa, visit orphanages and traditional villages, and see animals in the wild and in rescue sanctuaries. I left a piece of my heart there and it has been a dream of mine to go back and experience more of what Africa has to offer.

This spring break, I am incredibly grateful to have that opportunity – I am returning to Africa (with one of my best friends that I met on that first trip) to see Kenya and Uganda. We will be volunteering and amazingly enough, trekking with the gorillas! We get to visit our sponsored elephant in Nairobi! My dreams are coming true!

Fellow teachers, Ms. Wik and Ms. Kotzker are helping support my passion and love for Africa and its gorillas with a bake sale. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to The Ellen Fund, that works with The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund. Both funds work to conserve and protect these highly endangered animals. Mountain gorillas are powerful, but intelligent beings. There are only an estimated 880 gorillas left in the world that need protection from poachers – I want to help do my part in any way that I can, no matter the size.

Thank you for sharing in this journey with me and help support my passions!

Ms. Humphry

*I have attached a few photos from my first trip!





