

## Signature Travel Network Gives Back On Safari Trip in Kenya

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Signature members, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Norwegian Cruise Line and Oceania Cruises all contributed to leave a legacy of education for over 50 students through the **Micato-AmericaShare School Sponsorship Program** during their Kenya trip.

Sponsored children, who might not otherwise be able to afford a quality education, are able to attend a reputable boarding school from primary or secondary school through high school graduation. Micato Safaris, a tour agency that offers Africa and India safaris experiences to travelers, took the Signature members to see a personal glimpse and understanding into the culture and struggles of others during their Kenyan safari.

Through their partners with non-profit foundation AmericaShare, on their last day in Nairobi, travelers meet with their sponsored students. Peter Carideo, owner of CRC Travel, reports they met with one of the sponsored childre, Caroline, who will be sponsored for the next 10 years with the AmericaShare program. He also note that their investment each year will cover her boarding school tuition, clothing and books, meals and housing. In addition to the sponsored students, Signature also funded the Skills Transfer Program at



Huru International. The non-profit organization who supply sanitary pad for girls worldwide who can't afford sanitary pads. Huru makes reusable sanitary pads allowing 165,000 young women to attend school and work without missing days. The training class gave 20 women an intense eight-week training on commercial sewing at the Huru center, which will allow them to gain jobs in the growing textile industry in Kenya or to start their own local businesses.

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