March 12, 2021—Today, the Kenya-based Daima Trust honored The Kilgoris Project with a National Diversity and Inclusion Award for “Best Community-Based Approach to Development” at their gala ceremony in Nairobi. In context, the award honors The Kilgoris Project’s long track record of building and operating school in partnership with Maasai communities. Though well-known from safari travel ads, the Maasai are a minor tribe, representing less than 1 percent of the population. Their rural communities are underserved.

“We are so proud to be recognized for our deep commitment to our community partners. It’s been the secret sauce to our 18-year longevity,” President and Co-founder Caren McNelly McCormack said. “We share this honor with our students, parents, school board members, communities, and generous donors without whom none of this would have happened.”

The Kilgoris Project educates and cares for school-aged children in rural Kenya, partnering with the community to build rising futures. They operate a network of 11 holistic preschools and primary schools serving 1500 students in Southwest Kenya. In contrast with their local peers, 100 percent of The Kilgoris Project’s students transition to high school.

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