

First Name	Mercy
Second Name	Ngina
Age:	14
<u>Physical</u>	
Any injuries/illness in the past year?	No
Do any of your teeth hurt when you chew...or all the time?	Sometimes they bleed when she brushes her teeth.
Do you have any problems with your eyes (seeing long distance, reading at night, seeing the chalkboard?)	No
How many hours do you sleep?	8
Do you sleep through the night?	Sometimes she wakes up, but she goes back to sleep.
Has there been any change in your sleep in the past year?	Sleeps the same.
<u>Emotional</u>	
What do you worry about?	Nothing
Has that changed this last year or has it been the same for a long time?	
What are you most excited about?	When I eat well and dancing.
Do you have a boyfriend/girlfriend?	No
<u>Environmental</u>	
What has been the BEST change for you this year?	I have gone to a new school.
What has been the most difficult change for you this year?	She misses her friends at Karai Public School
Have you learned any new skills or how to do a new job this last year? (i.e. care for animals, cooking, cleaning, etc.)	She has learned to help Auntie Alice (cook) in the Kitchen.
If so, who taught you?	Auntie Alice (cook)
If you could buy one thing to give to the CRCA, what would it be?	A car. She would like to go to America.
<u>Educational</u>	
Grade in school:	6
What is your class ranking?	12 out of 20
Which School	Brightstar
Best subject(s):	Science

What subject(s) would you like more help with?
What has changed at school this past year?

Math
There are new classes and a new office and kitchen, She doesn't like it at Brighstar. She thinks the teachers tell other teachers about them that are not true. They ask too many questions about the CRCA students, like why they are late or what they have eaten for lunch.

Better or worse grades?

Sometimes she performs well, and sometimes she fails.

New subjects in school?
Different teacher?

Nothing
Two new teachers. One of them teachers her. She does not like him because he asks too many questions.

New friends?

Yes. She doesn't like them so much because she tells them something and they go tell other kids.

Family

Did you visit any family this past year...or did they come visit you?

She visited them in August for two weeks. She stayed with her Grandmother. An Auntie and her children also stay with her Grandmother.

If so, what was the best part of seeing them / being together?

She loves to stay with them because they encourage her.

What was the hardest part?

Nothing

Material Questions

Do you have the shoes, clothes and school supplies that you need?

No

If not, what do you need?

School bag

Anything else you want to tell us about living at the Safehouse

I am well. I like the parents and all of the other people who stay here.

Anything we can do to help you.

Additional help with Math.

Who is your best friend at the safehouse?

Mary Wairimu A

Other Observations and Notes

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