CHILDREN HIGHLIGHTS

Ndeti

Ndeti is new to the Sponsorship Program and is currently seeking sponsors. He is 10 years old and the youngest in his family. Ndeti is a very quiet, shy and polite boy who loves playing football. He is an average pupil in the third grade at Yinza Primary School, loves mathematics, is hardworking and has a dream of becoming a policeman. Ndeti was thrilled to receive a new school uniform from Makindu Children’s Program at the beginning of the school year. Ndeti lives with his father and siblings in the village of Yinza. The father does some domestic jobs to support his family and is also a Community Health Volunteer elected to serve the MCC children.

Visit makindu.org/sponsor-a-child to support Ndeti.

Ngwenze

Ngwenze is now 17 years old. She has been in our sponsorship program for years and came to the Children’s Centre with her twin Mutua when they were both sick and malnourished babies. Ngwenze was born with a serious congenital heart defect but, with MCC intervention, the defect has now closed. Flash forward 17 years and we find a healthy well-fed Ngwenze attending Nguumo Primary School.

Ngwenze continued

in the eighth grade. Ngwenze is a survivor! Though she didn’t perform well on her last exam, she is working hard in her studies. She will be completing her final primary school examination this month. Ngwenze is in good health and lives with her father and a brother Nzicki. She is a shy, hard working girl who enjoys manual work, especially helping at the Centre.

Baraka

Baraka is a 14 year old, jovial and very outgoing boy. Unfortunately, he often gets himself in trouble. Things got tough for him in 2013 when he was accused of stealing public property and, through the Children’s Department, was enrolled in an approved school for underage delinquents (mainly street children). At that time one would think hope was lost for Baraka. Many children refer to his school as prison; his schooling had stopped; he no longer lived at home; and he was confined to a correction facility. Baraka needed to mend his ways. In the approved school in Nairobi, he underwent counseling while at the same time being involved in chores and other life skill activities. He was then posted to Likoni in Mombasa to continue with the approved school sessions and normal schooling. Unfortunately again, Baraka got to his old ways and escaped from school. He was rescued by a well wisher and taken to Wema Centre. When the staff from Wema assessed
CHILDREN HIGHLIGHTS continued.
Baraka

and talked to Baraka, they noted that he was good at heart. He had learned his lesson. Wema Centre then repatriated Baraka back to his family. For two years, Baraka has been in the approved school. He came back home in June 2015 and we immediately noticed that he has changed. He is very focused and ambitious about school. In his words he says ‘I have faith I will pass and I want to go back to school’. Makindu Children’s Centre has secured a place for him to join Nguumo Boarding Primary School. We are hopeful that Baraka has changed for the better and he will perform well.

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School uniforms mandatory in Kenya

946 children were at risk of not being admitted into school this year due to the very ragged, threadbare state of their uniforms. So far this year we have provided 423 children with new uniforms. 523 children are still waiting, though their uniforms are in decent enough shape to last this term. Each uniform, including shoes, costs $25. Help keep John and these kids in school and donate today!

John

Cases of school dropout or truancy are one of the emerging child issues in Makindu District. The reasons vary from child to child. For John, the reason - one may call it lame - was lack of school uniform. John is 13 years old and lives with his father. His mother died years ago. John and four other siblings receive support from Makindu Children’s Centre. John missed a lot of school last year. Actually, from the school report he had not been attending school at all. He admitted he had been going to school irregularly and in tattered uniform. The community health volunteer of the area got to know about it from the head teacher while doing a school visit. On following up on the issue together with the staff, it was realized that John had resorted to selling stones commonly known in the area as ‘kivuthi’ in order to get some money for his use and probably buy a pair of school uniform. John’s father burns charcoal for sale in a far off town and is irresponsible. He had a negative attitude towards the intervention of the community worker to get John back to school. He claimed that John is his and no one had the right to tell him what to do. Through much collaboration with Makindu staff, community workers and school officials, John now has a new school uniform and is attending school regularly.

SPONSORSHIP

SPONSOR A CHILD AND PROVIDE ALL HIS OR HER BASIC NEEDS.

$35 a month sponsors one child
$50 a month sponsors one child with HIV
$50 a month sponsors a sibling pair

Reports, photos, notes and occasional artwork are sent to sponsors 3 times a year.

Watch the child(ren) grow and mature
and see exactly how your donations directly benefit your sponsored child.
DONOR DOLLARS
HAVE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING
SO FAR THIS YEAR

FOOD & NUTRITION
- Maize distributed to all guardians
- 110 meals served daily
- 180 meals served weekend days
- 5000+ meals served at outreach events
- 5000+ mineral supplements given to children at outreach events
- Higher yielding crops planted in the Shamba (farm)
- Dairy cows continue to provide much needed milk

EDUCATION
(fees, transport, books & supplies)
- 37 high school students
- 58 vocational students
- 3 primary boarding school students
- 74 secondary school students
- 11 joined Form 1
- 3 scored high enough for direct entry to public university
- 3 scored high enough to enroll for diploma courses
- 423 received new school uniforms

HEALTH CARE
- 115 children are HIV positive and receive comprehensive care and anti-retroviral medication
- 477 girls receive sanitary towels each quarter
- 1,599 children were dewormed
- 153 children were treated for minor illness at the local hospital
- 50 caregivers were treated for minor illness at the local hospital

POULTRY FARM RECEIVES FUNDING
We are proud to report that we have received enough donations to fund a poultry farm and chicken house at the Centre! The eggs will provide much needed protein to the kids’ diet and surplus eggs and chicks will be sold to the community, thus becoming a reliable and ongoing source of income generation to help sustain the program. MCC expects to collect at least 40 fertilized eggs daily after just 3 weeks. After 2 months MCC expects to produce at least 400 chicks. A decision will then be made on the number of chicks to keep. The rest will be sold to the community with proceeds going back into the program.

BOREHOLE ENABLES NEW HANDWASHING STATION
Thanks to the new borehole and its flow of precious water to the Centre, we were able to construct a new handwashing station for the children. This will help prevent infection from multiple parasites and dysentery, typhoid and other life threatening diseases. The Peace Corps and World Connect worked together to help Makindu Children’s Centre purchase the supplies to build a handwashing station near the kitchen so that all children can wash their hands before eating.
PROPER SAFARI

July 14—24, 2016
JOIN US ON OUR FIRST PROPER SAFARI!
Start the adventure with a flight into Nairobi and a drive to Kiboko Springs.
Walk up Mt. Mielu for view of Mt. Kilimanjaro.
Visit Makindu Children’s Centre and be greeted with a festive welcome ceremony.
You will engage in a work/service project like building school desks, painting, or farm work at the Centre
and get an up close and personal orientation to Makindu. Travel to Tsavo West Game Park for a game drive.
Travel to Laikipia for a 3-day camel safari. Upon completion, return to Nairobi.
We ask you to cover all your expenses as well as contribute $2,000 to Makindu Children’s Program
for the privilege of participating in such an intimate experience.
Contact HelpTheKids@Makindu.org for more details.

PROPER WALK 2016

August 10—24, 2016
Makindu’s signature fundraiser and Adventure for a Cause.
We are currently accepting applications for this 10-day hike
Through the Laikipia Plateau of Kenya’s Great Rift Valley
to benefit the hundreds of orphans at Makindu Children’s Centre.
This will be our 8th Proper Walk.
Each Proper Walker is expected to raise at least $10,000 as well as pay all travel expenses.
Proper Walkers have raised over $600,000 to benefit Makindu.
(That equals 1.2 million meals served!)
www.ProperWalk.com or HelpTheKids@makindu.org for details.
Makindu Children’s Program

Proper Stroll
A 2.5 km Walk for World AIDS Day

Sunday, November 29, 2015
Dorris Ranch
1:30 p.m.
$20 Adults * $10 students * $50 family
Help us raise awareness of
World AIDS Day
and funds for AIDS orphans
in Makindu, Kenya.
Kenya has 1.2 million children
orphaned by AIDS.
Makindu Children’s Program
serves many of them.
Register early at Makindu.org.
Free tote bag to first 100.
HelpTheKids@Makindu.org

World AIDS Day
December 1st

Makindu Children’s Centre
will feed at least 1,500
orphaned and vulnerable
children on World AIDS Day,
December 1, 2015

The children will present poems,
songs and dances laden with HIV
prevention and management
messages. Behavior Change Communi-
cation training will also be conduct-
ed emphasizing the importance of
getting tested, how to live positively
with HIV, how to avoid spreading
HIV, addressing the stigma and dis-
crimination issues, and the
importance of caring and supporting
those infected and/or bedridden.
Join our Proper Stroll or support a
Stroll team to help fund the World
AIDS Day activities at Makindu
Children’s Centre. Visit Makin-
du.org to donate or join a team.

ReJEWEL

A jewelry resale show
in Eugene, Oregon
to raise funds for the
children of Makindu.

Makindu Children’s Program will begin collecting jewelry again
this winter to clean, repair and resell at our spring ReJEWEL
Show. This year we plan on collecting and reselling scarves as
well as jewelry so clean out your closets and boxes, and bring or
send your accessories to us at 1210 Lincoln Street, Eugene, Ore-
gon 97405. Last year’s inaugural event was a huge success, easi-
ly surpassing our goal, and all patrons and donors expressed in-
terest in continuing this fundraiser. Look for more details on our
website Makindu.org.
JULIET MUTISYA AWARDED FIRST HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Julieth Mutsia is a lovely hard-working girl who has been with Makindu since shortly after her mother died of AIDS in 2001, rendering her a total orphan. All through her life, Julieth has been a disciplined and well-mannered child. This has provided good mentorship to her peers and other children at the Centre. Julieth has always had a passion to pursue electrical engineering as her dream career. She passed the requisite exams but had no means to pay for college.

A long time Makindu supporter from Virginia, who happens to be an electrical engineer himself, came forward when he heard of Julieth’s dream and pledged to cover her tuition and fees for the next 4-5 years.

As an orphan with no family to provide financial assistance, Julieth also needs help with her living expenses: rent, clothes, supplies, food, etc. More long time Makindu supporters, this time from Eugene, stepped up and have pledged to cover Julieth’s living expenses while she attends university.

Many, many thanks to Bill and Jackie Stallings of Virginia, and Sharon Wendell, Susan Minor, Maggie Carson, Kirin Walsh, Karen Duncan, Jane Grant, Christie Newland, Lee Ann Armitage, Joy Haines and Ellie Smith of Eugene, Oregon for pledging to finance the Higher Education Scholarship to benefit Julieth and her educational journey and helping her achieve her dream!

You have given Julieth HOPE and PROMISE for tomorrow, and JOY for today!

DONOR DOLLARS continued

SHELTER & PROTECTION

- 51 received second hand clothes
- 25 homes were renovated
- 35 children received new mattresses
- 2 children who are victims of child abuse continue to receive counseling, crisis intervention and emotional support. Both perpetrators are in jail.
- Series of Child Rights Sensitization meetings will soon be held in Makindu and outlying villages

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

- 85 guardians received training by a livestock officer on goat keeping. Training is ongoing.
- 19 self help groups have been formed by the guardians. Of these 14 have registered with the government and can thus access loans. Groups include Goat Keeping, Table banking, Rope Making, Bee Keeping, Soap Making, Poultry Rearing and more.
- A series of Financial Literacy/Bookkeeping trainings, in partnership with Equity Bank, will be offered soon.
ANNUAL AUCTION
RAISES THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS!

Makindu Children’s Program hosted its Annual Dinner and Auction in September at the Springfield Holiday Inn. Long time donors and friends came together to celebrate the continued success of the Program and to raise funds for the future of the children. Guests enjoyed musical entertainment by the Foggy Ruins, a fun and extravagant Dessert Dash, and dozens of jewelry bargains. Many joined Makindu’s Village Circle and will now receive updates on their program(s) of choice: Food & Nutrition, Education, or Health Care. The highlight of the evening was another inspirational presentation by co-founder Winnie Barron.

Asante sana to all who attended!

USAID GRANT ENDS

Makindu Children’s Program dollars directly benefit the children enrolled with Makindu Children’s Centre in Makindu on a daily and/or weekend basis. In partnership with USAID and MCP, the Children’s Centre has also been able to offer much needed services to children and families at satellite sites in the desperate poverty stricken villages listed below. In 2015, 1,800 children received assistance. Unfortunately, 2015 is the last year of current funding with USAID. MCC hopes to continue to serve the children in the outlying communities and will apply for more grant funding in 2016. Makindu Children’s Program will continue to fund the 472 children in Makindu.

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THANK YOU to Shebeen Braai & Pub in Charlottesville, VA for hosting a Proper Walk fundraiser to benefit the children of Makindu.

THANK YOU also to the Alaskans for Makindu for conducting their annual benefit walk for the Makindu kids.

CHILDREN’S CENTRE WISH LIST

Our mission at Makindu Children’s Program is to help the Centre provide the basic services of nutrition, education, health care and emotional support to orphaned and vulnerable children. Other needs inevitably arise and we work hard to address those needs as well. Currently, those needs (and wants) include:

- Replace the kitchen boilers.
- Dining hall furniture: chairs, benches, tables, seats
- School uniforms
- New pit latrine. Current latrine is almost full
- Sewing machines for Start Up Kits when the children finish vocational garment making and need the tools necessary to start the new vocation
- Tool Boxes and tools for Start Up Kits when the children finish vocational mechanics and need the tools necessary to start the new vocation
- Projector for trainings in the Dining Hall