

# A.C.K. ST. STEPHEN'S CHILDREN'S HOME



*"We Love and Care"*

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## **2017 PROGRESS REPORT**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Lord has been faithful to us; He has given us His favour, peace, love, and unity. It is our prayer that He is going to guide us as we love and care for the children He has entrusted to us.

We endeavour to facilitate the rehabilitation, care, and protection of needy and vulnerable children through the provision of an education and basic needs in a Godly, healthy, loving, and caring environment. Presently, the Home caters for the needs of one hundred and three (103) children with seventy-one (71) children in the Resident Program and thirty-two (32) in the Family Support Program.

## **2. PROGRAMS**

### **i. Resident Program**

Before being enrolled in neighbouring schools, every child in this program is placed in our Nursery School to give us an opportunity to assess their academic ability as well as their willingness to transition from living in the streets to living in our institution. Children in this program are provided with the basic needs including: food, clothing, shelter, education, and health care.

#### **a) Admission.**

In 2017 we had three (3) new admissions. Two (2) of the children's parents passed away, and one child's parent is mentally challenged. We still have children on the waiting list. We continue to thoroughly assess their needs and work with willing guardians to facilitate a smooth transition of these children into identified homes and subsequently, into our Family Support Program.

#### **b) Education.**

Education provides a platform for our children to interact with other children from the community. Every new admission is taught life skills and receives guidance and counselling. The children are also taught farming skills and craftwork.

In 2016, eight (8) students sat for their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E.). Their results were as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>K.C.P.E. MARKS (OUT OF 500)</b>	<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMITTED TO</b>
FATIMA MARION MWIKALI	355	NGUVIU GIRLS
DAVID MURIITHI	210	GITARE
NORMAN WAWERU	293	KAMAMA HIGH
MARTIN KARIUKI	282	KAMAMA HIGH
ALICE GRACE NGONYO	423	ALLIANCE GIRLS
ELY JOY MWENDE	406	KARIMA GIRLS
CAROLINE MAKENA	199	KATHAKWA
NANCY DORCAS KAGENDO	336	KIRIARI HIGH

In 2017, nine (9) candidates sat for their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E.). Their results were as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>K.C.P.E MARKS (OUT OF 500)</b>	<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMITTED TO</b>
KELVIN MURIMI	370	SIKAKAGO BOYS
DENNIS KIMATHI	214	*
CHRISTINE MUKAMI	182	*
SILAS MACHARIA	186	*
TRIZA NJOKI	250	*
ROSELYN KAGENDO	300	MAYORI
ERIC MWANGI	347	NGUVIU BOYS
CAROLINE MWENDE	250	*
HUMPHREY KIMANI	387	KWALE HIGH

\*Still waiting for secondary school admission due to their marks

c) Repatriation and follow up.

The main purpose of the Home is to reunite the children with their relatives. During home visits, our staff members are in a better position to show and emphasize to the relatives the importance of having these children at home with them.

ii) **Family Support Program**

The Family Support Program reaches out to orphans and vulnerable children who are still living with their parents, relatives, or guardians. Its objective is to help these children get an education and ensure their basic needs are met.

a) Admission

This year we had four (4) new admissions whose relatives were partially able to support them.

b) Education

Last year we had a total of five (5) students who sat for their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E) exams:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>K.C.S.E. GRADE</b>
MARGARET WANJIRU	D
HILDAH MURUGI	D
SIMON MWANGI	B-
HELLEN NJERI	C-
PAUL ANDREW MURIITHI	D-

We only had one (1) candidate who sat for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (K.C.P.E.) in the Family Support Program:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>K.C.P.E. MARKS (OUT OF 500)</b>
BRIAN MUTWIRI	*

\*His marks are yet to be confirmed

The following candidates completed their Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (K.C.S.E.):

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDED</b>	<b>K.C.S.E. MARKS</b>
MADRINE KARIMI	KIAGANARI GIRLS	*
PATIENCE WANJIKU	GICHECHE SCHOOL	*
JOYCE MAWIA	JOY TOWN SCHOOL	*

\* Their results are yet to be announced

### **3. ACHIEVEMENTS**

A noteworthy accomplishment of year 2016, was the outstanding performance of two (2) of our children in their K.C.P.E. examinations:

- i. Alice G. Ngonyo attained 423 marks and was the best girl in the County
- ii. Ely Joy Mwende attained 406 marks

Due to their great performance, both of these girls were awarded four-year secondary school sponsorships by our local **Equity Bank** in their “**Wings to Fly**” program.

The following is a breakdown of our children’s education progress record:

<b>YEAR 2017 Class/Form</b>	<b>No. of Children</b>
<b>Secondary school</b>	
Form 1	8
Form 2	5
Form 3	7
Form 4	3
<b>Completed Secondary School previous year</b>	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26</b>

<b>Primary school</b>	
Class 1	10
Class 2	5
Class 3	4
Class 4	5
Class 5	7
Class 6	7
Class 7	7
Class 8	10
Nursery	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59</b>

<b>Higher Education</b>	<b>No. of Children</b>
University	5
College	5
Polytechnic	1
Completed	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>

Drop outs	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>

**LIST OF CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY IN THE 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>COURSE/DEGREE AWARDED</b>
LYDIA KARIMI	KMTC- CLINICAL MEDICINE
PURITY MURUGI	HOTEL MANAGEMENT
EUNICE WAWIRA NYAGA	ACCOUNTS- CPA (K) LEVEL
DAVID MUNENE	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE-GEOLOGY
DAVID KIMANI	BACHELOR OF CIVIL ENGINNERING

MORRIS MUNENE	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
FREDRICK MWADIKI	BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

**CHILDREN CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY IN 2017**

NAME	COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY	COURSE/PROGRAM
ANN WAKIO	EMBU UNIVERSITY	BAED /ARTS
EDWIN MURIITHI	MT.KENYA UNIVERSITY	BAED ENG-LIT
MARGRET WANGARI	EMBU UNIVERSITY	BAED SCIENCE
EUNICE WAWIRA	CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	BA. PEACE AND JUSTICE
SIMON MWANGI	CHUKA UNIVERSITY	BA. HOTEL MGT
HELLEN NJERI	CHUKA UNIVERSITY	CERT. SOCIAL WORK
JOSEPH NJOROGE	EMBU COLLEGE	DIP. COMMUNITY DEV'T/SOCIAL WORK
ANTONY MUTEGI	EMBU COLLEGE	DIP. COMMUNITY DEV'T /SOCIAL WORK
MARTIN MUGENDI	NYERI TECHNICAL INSTITUTE	DIP. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
PAUL ANDREW MURIITHI	WALTON COLLEGE	CERT. HOTEL MANAGEMENT
ZIPPORAH MARIGU	ENA POLYTECHNIC	CERT. CATERING

Additional achievements include:

- ✓ Successful repatriation and follow up of our children from the Resident Program to the Family Support Program
- ✓ Successful integration of our children into the school system
- ✓ In February, we organized a seminar to re-educate our children on drugs and substance abuse.

- ✓ Introduction of Christian fellowship sessions for staff and children, on daily and weekly basis, respectively.

#### **4. PROGRESS OF HOME PROJECTS**

##### **I. KENYA PROJECTS WITH UK PARTNERS:**

The UK partners visit us every two years. We enjoyed their visit from Dec 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 to Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. During their visit, they:

- ✓ Undertook the electric re-wiring of the Home and got a 45KVA power backup generator up and running
- ✓ Re-painted our dining hall and the children's swings in the playground.
- ✓ Renovated and opened a wedding gown shop, which will be an income-generating project for the Home. They also donated thirty-five (35) wedding dresses
- ✓ Held an award ceremony and the children who had performed well in school, were given gifts
- ✓ Provided educational motivation to the rest of our children by giving gifts which included shoes
- ✓ Organized a fun day for the children comprising of an outing and lunch at Isaak Walton Inn.

We are very grateful for our continued partnership with the U.K project.

##### **II. POSHO MILL:**

Continues to serve the Home and the neighbouring community for a small fee

III. FARM:

Our farm, which includes some animals, supplements our food supply.

IV. STORES

We have rented out our two shops at Gatondo, which now bring in some income to the Home

V. NURSERY SCHOOL:

This year we had nineteen (19) children enrolled in this class. Five (5) of the children were from the Home while fourteen (14) of the children were from the community.

VI. CARPENTRY WORKSHOP:

In 2017, the workshop was utilized mainly for the renovation and upkeep of the Home's buildings

VII. HOSTEL/GUEST HOUSE:

Our visitors continue to utilize this facility. In addition, we have had the opportunity to rent it out to community members, including the Diocese during their ordination ceremonies

VIII. AMBULANCE:

The ambulance is still hired out to the community and neighbouring clinics.

IX. GATONDO CLINIC:

During the period of the nurses' strike in the earlier part of the year, we saw an increase in our patient list. Unfortunately, we continue to incur heavy losses due to the implementation of an outpatient card regulation by the government

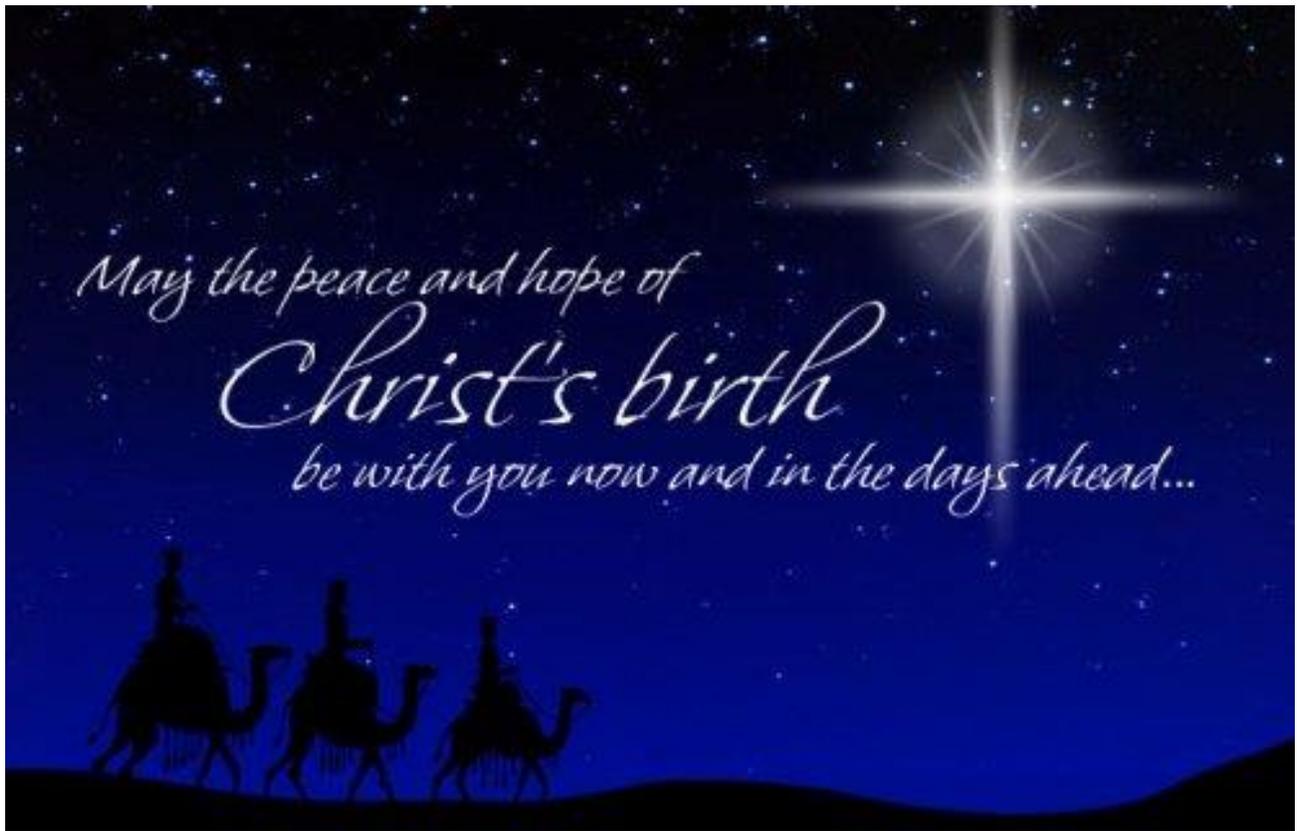
## **5. CHALLENGES FACED**

- ✓ Most of our school dropout children refuse to return to school despite attempts to rectify this by liaising with the Government Children's Office
- ✓ Some parents/guardians encourage school dropout of their children by finding employment positions for the children

## **6. FUTURE PLANS**

- ✓ Intensify workshop sessions aimed at reminding the children of the importance of education
- ✓ Focus on additional tutoring sessions to ensure the children get the educational assistance they need to improve their school performance.

**We continue to acknowledge God for all our support and resources. We are grateful to our sponsors, donors, and everyone who faithfully supports us through prayers, donations, and words of encouragement. We are also indebted to our community partners, Board of Management, and staff members for their invaluable support. And to our children, who devotedly trust us to lead and guide them, we pledge to continue working towards giving you a better future.**



*May the peace and hope of  
Christ's birth  
be with you now and in the days ahead...*

***Merry Christmas & a Blessed 2018***

*Please visit when you get the opportunity & observe our  
work with the children first hand.*

*God bless you.*