Introduction

Children’s garden home and school is a non-profit charitable organization established to meet the needs of impoverished, abandoned and HIV/AIDS affected in Kawangware, Kangemi and Kibera slums.

Profoundly touched by the plight of orphans and street children, Moses and Sylvia who are the founders felt to start a school and later a home to help alleviate the suffering of destitute children.

VISION: To provide means for destitute children to be able to grow up to be educated Godly and responsible citizens who can positively impact their country and thereby improve the standards of life for other Kenyans.

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Director’s remarks

It is with sincere gratitude that I take this opportunity to greet you all and to thank you all for what you contributed to make this institution a success for the month of July. Whatever contribution, help and support you made was appreciated whole heartedly in galitical way, because it made a difference to us. Am happy and encouraged to know that am not lone runner in this ministry. The month of July was a success to CGHS family as elaborated in later chapters in this newsletter. However we had enormous challenges which we faced and elaborated in our newsletter. As I wind up may I wish you happy and eventful month of August on behalf of CGHS fraternity.

MANAGER’S DESKS; GENERAL REMARKS

Special activities set to meet the needs of these impoverished children have been analyzed herein. Various departments have set targets to attain their goals, variety of activities namely sports, and spiritual event social work, drama music, entertainments and environment are discussed below.

ENVIRONMENT

All children participated in day to day activities and responsibilities which created a sense of hard work, responsibility and commitment in their minds bringing forth interdependence and sustainability concept within us. They included:

- Cleaning of dormitories, dining hall and kitchen.
- Laundry i.e. washing clothes.
- Agricultural practices cultivation of our small vegetable garden and resetting a second crop i.e. tomatoes and capsicums in our greenhouse. The service for peace in conjunction with Chunju university of South Korea maintained their touch and attention to the children. The importance of the greenhouse includes:
  - To be an agricultural research centre in future.
  - To be a sustainability source to the children in terms of food security.
  - To be an income generating project to the school.

We are planning to have tomatoes and capsicums as a main plantation in the greenhouse.

The children’s garden tree nursery is upgraded and many different seedlings added e.g. lemon, orange etc for the expansion of the project. Not leaving unnoticed the cow and chicken projects which have positive results to the children. In fact we are counting an increase since one our two cows gave birth to a beautiful male bouncing calf.
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Help break the chains of poverty for a precious child

Attending school is a challenge for destitute children. Families live in crumbling shacks and children stay awake at night to avoid the rain, bugs and other vermin.

Oftentimes, children from poor families find it hard to concentrate and learn because they have not slept the night before, and they have not eaten.

Academically we’ve become stronger than when we began; we have both primary and secondary school levels their activities were as follows:

Secondary School Section

Though facing many challenges in terms of adequate staff, sufficient teaching materials e.g. classrooms, laboratories, books etc. We have by now made improvements in areas of discipline, school uniforms and examinations, by the way our end term results have been released they are good.

GAMES, SPORTS AND SCOUTING

The children participated in various sporting activities and events in both primary and high school which took place on Wednesday and Friday evenings and part of the weekend. Games started at 4.00pm to 5.00pm. External sports and games football matches were held twice at Uthiru sports grounds where different talents of football were discovered and are being nurtured by channeling them into sports academies e.g. Moses Barasa form two trained and now a player with vision club and world hope, Sammy Muhanji form two training with Kawangware united C/o mainstream sports academy, last but not the least frank leite sagana training with shadow football dub. Our scouts did an excellent job and became the overall winner during the scouts’ prize giving day which took place at Alliance boys’ high school and brought home a trophy for Dagoretti Scouts Local Association (D.S.LA.) other upcoming talent discoveries include in such areas as in volleyball, basketball and netball.
CLEANLINESS

Due to availability of water in the home, pupils have maintained high standards of cleanliness. This month's efficient water flow has facilitated effective running of daily activities like washing of children's clothes, cooking, cleaning of dorms and even toilets.

COMPOUND

To maintain our soils, we are on the verge of sustaining the gardens, flower beds and grasses by avoiding creation of footpaths by fencing, weeding and covering open soils by planting more grass. The compound is more positively changed with the increase of more and better flowers.

HEALTH

The organization works to its level best to ensure that meals are interchanged is, lunch, dinner and breakfast not the same diet all through we look forward that it is accompanied by a fruit. The babies require a special diet with plenty of proteins and calcium for growth hence this department requires much greater attention and calls for more care and support.

REQUISITION

We are sending our request yet again for the provision of the following to effectively facilitate the wellbeing of children.

- First aid kit fully equipped
- Drugs i.e. more painkillers/paracetamol
- More spring flies, writing pads/foolscaps and carbon papers

SHORTCOMINGS/CHALLENGES

We have various challenges in the institution, despite the fact that everything moved on well. We had certain limitations and they include the following.

⇒ Lack of classes i.e. secondary block which is at the foundation level need continue and be completed for high school students have no classes.
⇒ Lack of laboratory facility to cater for science subjects
⇒ We need more learning materials e.g. desks, textbooks, exercise books, chalks, charts etc.
⇒ Enough teaching staff and more support for the current ones.
⇒ Due to inflation in the country we have experienced problems in buying some food stuffs due to high prices hence more donors funding required.
⇒ Lack of enough games facilities e.g. sports shoes, ballgames, sports uniform etc.
⇒ Furniture for the classes,
⇒ More kitchen equipments.
ACCOUNT OFFICE

1. Finance

We pass our gratitude to all our friends, partners and supporters for the continued support and generosity in money and kind.

We are focused and determined to succeed. All our effort is to this noble service of creating change and difference to the lives of these little children God has put into our hands.

We have not been an exception to global financial crisis coupled by droughts that hit our country which were more serious to our organization which mainly deals with feeding the children. Budgeting and priorities would sometimes become parallel due to two or three needy cases sprouting out the same time. The month of June was characterized by:

2. Staff shortage and turnover

Due to expansion of some areas of departments and increase of children’s population more manpower was needful which could only be fitted into the same budget resource hence affecting remuneration of the workers thereby making the staff vulnerable to seek greener pastures elsewhere. Staff turnover is more compared to when we had lower populations because remuneration source need upward adjustments.

3. Emergencies

A Student in form one by name Magdalene Nyambura whose mother Susan Muthoni is disabled and on a wheelchair happen to join children’s-garden the month of June. This young girl is focused and hardworking she is ambitious to study and become a neuro-surgeon so as to help her only disabled parent and the like. We have other cases that call for secondary block and adequate learning materials and staff. However 98% of high school students are parentless and need education as key for their lives.

TESTIMONIES

With consultations from various administration staff, volunteer and friends we were able to rule out our long term analysis to identify the most transformed and positively changed beneficiaries in children’s garden our analyses were based on change in character, health conditions, presentation, reliability, class performance and determination. Therefore below we have two beneficiaries i.e. Doreen Kamene and Duncan Okoth from primary and secondary sections respectively.

Even though she is mentally handicapped she can now afford a welcoming smile and also very hardworking and humble she is talented and dependable in singing and mission work. She is good in hospitality and aspires to be a musician may her dream come true.

Duncan Okoth (16yrs old)

Duncan is an orphan and in form three, after both of his parents died he was left under care of his elder brother who later got married and neglected him, through a Good Samaritan he joined children’s garden where he found parental love from daddy Moses and mom Sylvia, Duncan is reformed in character, reliable and a role model to others he good academically and aspires to be a doctor and assist others in the home.

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME!