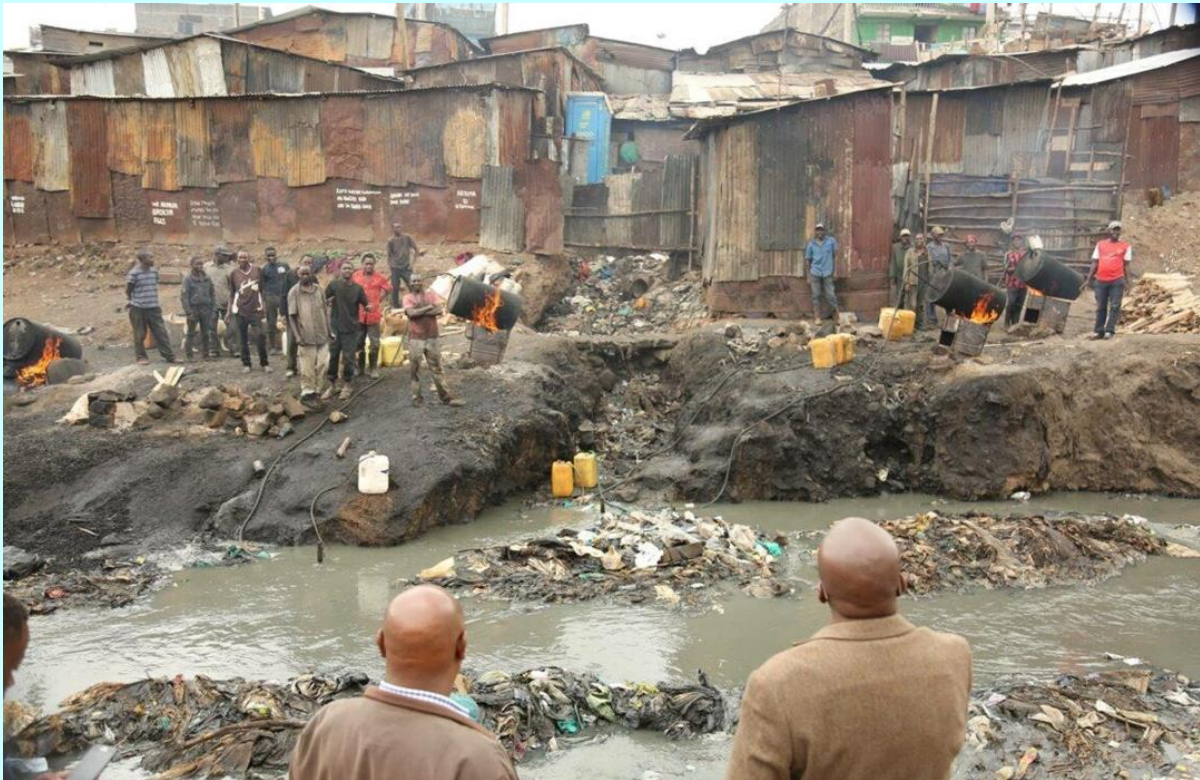


Africa's memories

KenToledo Social Service Club Newsletter

Issue 06 – March 2023



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Greetings to you our esteemed friends and partners.

Every end of year term when many people break for holidays KTSSC begins the busiest period of the year. That is when all the children in schools come back from school with a lot of needs for the long period at home ahead. This is the time to also make sure that each child is in a safe and secure environment and to support families or the children in the family environment.

It is therefore our responsibility to make sure the children are in the hands of good guardian families. I want to say a big thank you to all our sponsors, partners, family, guardians and supporters for the efforts you have made to be as stable as we are today. We will forever be grateful for your immeasurable assistance. We will always cooperate and work together. God bless you all.

EXAMINATION RESULTES

Unlike other previous December holidays, the last one of 2022 was the most exciting. Our boys and girls in Standard 8 and Form 4 had their Primary and Secondary National results respectively. In addition, under the new syllabus [Competency Based Curriculum] our grade six children sat for their KPSEA Examinations and had their results that facilitated their transition into Junior Secondary schools that start from Grade 7 in the year 2023.

Our first boy, **Lucky Baraka** performed well in his Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education [KCSE] – the final examination of secondary school by scoring a Mean grade of **A-**[minus]. For the girls, **Lynette Kabira** was our top performer with a mean grade of **B+**[plus]. **Elizabeth Moraa** scored a mean grade of **B**[plain].

Was then followed by **Eric Mutuku Ngui** and **Cecilia Wambua Chege** with a mean grade of **C+**[plus]. **Mercy Muhonja** and **Monica Akinyi** attained a mean grade of **C** [plain] and **D**[plain] respectively.

This for us is incredible since five of them **will continue with university education under Government sponsorship**. The remaining two can join tertiary institutes of learning.



Lucky Baraka above, our bright and needy student joined the sponsorship program in year 2017 while in class 7. He passed highly in his KCPE examinations then joined Form 1 in 2019 at Agore Sare High School which he loved and enjoyed and was greatly appreciated as a student and sportsman there. Now he is looking forward to a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer. He is an ambitious and positive young man whose future is promising now. Lucky is a keyboardist/pianist.

Our bright girl **Lynette Kabira** above, also joined the sponsorship program in the same year 2017 and in class 7 as Lucky Baraka. She joined Loreto Girls high school in 2019 after passing her Primary Education. She lives in the Mathare slum. These Young overcomers make us very proud and we surely feel we are moving and providing platforms for people to change their lives. Lucky Baraka and Lynette are both from single mothers' family. It was a Holiday of celebrations and much more hope for a bright future for these boys and girls.

Apart from these we also had our Standard Eight candidates namely Antony Safari, Assumpta Wanjiku, and Jane Wambui. The three did well in their final Primary National examinations and they have all joined Good National High schools.



2022 NATIONAL EXAMS PERFORMANCES

NAME	EXAM	GRADE	LEVEL
Cecilia Wambui Chege	KCSE	C+ (Plus)	HIGH SCH
Elizabeth Moraa	KCSE	B (Plain)	HIGH SCH
Eric Mutuku Ngui	KCSE	C+ (Plus)	HIGH SCH
Lucky Baraka	KCSE	A- (Minus)	HIGH SCH
Lynette Kabira	KCSE	B+ (Plus)	HIGH SCH
Mercy Muhonja	KCSE	C+ (Plain)	HIGH SCH
Monicah Akinyi	KCSE	D (Plain)	HIGH SCH
Antony Safari	KCPE	398 MARKS/500 MARKS	PRIMARY
Assumpta Wanjiku	KCPE	320 MARKS/500 MARKS	PRIMARY
Jane Wambui	KCPE	290 MARKS/500 MARKS	PRIMARY

OPENING OF SCHOOLS

After a long holiday of December which started end of November, January was here again. A lot had to be done to make sure every kid has all that they need before getting back to school. Needs ranged from school fees, exercise books, uniforms books pens, pencils, rubbers, soaps, pads, oil, tissues papers and other school items. Each child picked up their items or else they were delivered directly to school on the first day which was on January 23, 2023. Some children needed to be escorted to school. There was a sigh of relief as we settled the last one after long hours work and concentration to make sure everything was done perfectly.

At the beginning of Term One semester, six children were given sponsorship under the Valter Baldaccini Foundation to replace the 7 that completed their high school education. See the table below.

NAME	EXAM	CLASS
Liam Okiro	St. James School	PP2
Kieran Machara	Saragossa Imani Pre - School	PP2
Emmanuel Kemboi	Toney Neeves Primary School	Grade 4
Shantel Wangui	Mihango Primary	Grade 5
Mercy Mutuku	St. Josephine Bakhita Masinga Girls High	Form 1
James Mumo Musyoka	Kasue Secondary School	Form 2



Photo 6 Emmanuel Kemboi (left) & James Mumo Musyoka (Right)



Photo 7: Kieran Macharia (left) & Liam Okiro (Right)



Photo 8: Mercy Mutuku (Left) Shantel Wangui (Right)

The term one will be ending in April on 21st. they will be a midterm break as from 16th to 19th in March 2023. The other term[semester] dates are explained below in the 2023 Revised school calendar [2023 term dates for primary and secondary schools].

2023 TERM DATES FOR ALL LEARNERS

Activity	Opening Dates	Closing Dates	Duration
Term 1	23/01/2023	21/04/2023	13 weeks
Half-term Break	16/03/2023	19/03/2023	3 days
Holiday	22/04/2023	07/05/2023	2 weeks
Term 2	08/05/2023	11/08/2023	14 weeks
Half-term Break	29/06/2023	02/07/2023	3 days
Holiday	12/08/2023	27/08/2023	2 weeks
Term 3	28/08/2023	27/10/2023	9 weeks
KCPE & KPSEA	30/10/2023	02/11/2023	4 days
KCSE	03/11/2023	24/11/2023	3 weeks
KCSE MARKING	27/11/2023	15/12/2023	3 weeks

SCHOOL VISITS

School visits are one of the most crucial activities/programs exercised by the organization. Visits are done at different occasions in coordination with the schools. First there is general visiting day for the school where parents and relatives are invited to share with their children. The office of KTSSC invested with the obligation to visit schools in such an occasion alongside the parents of the children [for those whose parents are traceable]. In cases of those kids who have no one to visit them then KTSSC assumes the role of the sponsor and parent.

In fact, often parents do not appear to check their and our role assumes greater importance. The failure of family to visit their child, does not only make the children feel lonely and discriminated but also ostracizes their morale and focus for their future.

During the visits we buy them acceptable foodstuffs by institutions where they are and food which we eat together as they share with us their new experiences and dreams. They take us around their school and give details of the activities they are

involved in. By doing this we nurture their confidence, cultivate their sense of importance and allow them to exercise their intelligence. The result is amazing; they grow in confidence and security.

CHISTMAS GIFTS

During the last holiday, every beneficiary of the program including the teen mothers received a *Christmas gift hamper*. The gift included 2 packets of maize flour, 2 packets of 2kg – baking flour, 1 litres of salad oil, 2Kgs of sugar, 2kgs of rice and 1kg of beans. This left the parents/ guardians and their children overjoyed for they were sure of having something for Christmas. Most of them had no plans or something to celebrate for Christmas due high prices of food stuffs.



TEEN MOTHERS PROJECT

For the year 2022/2023, the Valter Baldaccini Foundation is helping 15 teen mothers. These young mothers are of ages 15 – 21 years of age. Most of them are either school dropout (primary & secondary schools) or class 8 leavers. Few completed high school education.

The 2022/2023 teen mother's cohort 2 support will be coming to end in mid-March this year giving room for another 15 if their sponsorship is available. The cohort 2 beneficiaries have learnt a lot for their time in the program. Most of them have changed their character, behavior and perspective of life.

A good example is **Esther Mutheu** who has received an education sponsorship to complete her high school education. Most of the teen mothers 2022/2023 cohort 2 graduands are willing, ready and enthusiast about starting and running small businesses (income generating activities) from the knowledge and skills acquired. Some are looking for small capital to start ornamental shops, others want to start Mitumba stalls and others selling green grocery in order to provide for their children and families.



Photo 11: on left is Esther Mutheu while pregnant while on Right is 3 months after giving birth. She returned to school

SUSTENANCE AND EMPOWERMENT OF TEENAGE MOTHERS IN MATHARE SLUMS

BENEFICIARY DETAILS

INDEX	NAME	AGE	CHILD'S AGE	EDUCATION
1	Alice Kalondu	18 YRS	18MONTHS	FORM 4
2	Ann Elizabeth	19YRS	9 MONTHS	FORM 3
3	Benta Kwamboka	19YRS	12MONTHS	FORM 4
4	Esther Mutheu	17YRS	5MONTHS	FORM 3
5	Grace Muthoni	18YRS	11MONTHS	FORM 4
6	Ivy Awuor	18YRS	18MONTHS	FORM 3
7	Jackline Anyango	17YRS	11MONTHS	FORM 3
8	Jelda Afandi	19YRS	12MONTHS	FORM 4
9	Lillian Achieng	17YRS	11MONTHS	FORM 2
10	Lorna Jane	17YRS	18MONTHS	STD 7
11	Maclens Waithera	19YRS	2 YRS	STD 8
12	Mary Nzambi	19YRS	12MONTHS	FORM 4
13	Nicole Nyangasi	18YRS	2YRS	FORM 2
14	Roseline Atieno	18YRS	2 YRS	FORM 2
15	Stacy Achieng	16YRS	8MONTHS	FORM 2



Photo 12: 2022/2023 cohort 2 teen mothers



Photo 14: 2022/2023 cohort 2 teen mothers





Photo 17: Teen mums 22/23 group during handcraft training in beadworks



Photo 18: Teen mums 22/23 group during handcraft training in beadworks



Photo 19: Teen mums 22/23 group during handcraft training in beadworks

We are always thankful and grateful to our Donor who have helped us reach these milestones

THANK YOU



KenToledo Social Service Club
P.O. Box 53 – 00610 Eastleigh - Nairobi.
Tel +254 722 733 598
Email kentoghetto@gmail.com
www.kentoledosocialclub.com



Valter Baldaccini Foundation
Via Valter Baldaccini 1
06034 Foligno (PG) – ITALY
Tel +39 0742 348 428
Email info@fondazionevb.org
www.fondazionevb.org