

# Africa's memories

KenToledo Social Service Club Newsletter

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*Some of pupils under KenToledo Social Service Club's care*

**K**enToledo Social Service Club (KTSSC) is a light in the darkness for Mathare slum dwellers. The organization has initiated and managed various projects since its inception. Its initial project, which is running, is an education support program.



*Mathare slums, Nairobi*

Through the years, KTSSC has assisted over 300 children and youth. Currently we are supporting 43 pupils in primary school and 45 in secondary school: 12 are in technical colleges, 3 in vocational training institutes and 2 in universities. As of today, they are 105 children in our program, of which 55 are female and 50 are male. The children and youth receiving support include orphans, street children, destitute and vulnerable youth, and less fortunate in the slums.

This program could not succeed without guidance and counseling. Volunteers and staff help KTSSC provide basic guidance and counseling for the children, youth, parents and guardians. Where there is need, we refer the cases to specialized centers.

Every situation is evaluated and positive action is taken based on the information received during regular home and school visits, counseling sessions and meetings. This effort is geared towards improving self-acceptance, increasing self-esteem, instilling motivation, and building the capacity to deal with varied situations. **KTSSC endeavors to alleviate poverty and to promote an integral personal development.** Therefore, the organization is increasing its volume of activities in order to support more needy people and to help them regain their dignity.

### VALTER BALDACCINI FOUNDATION

**B**y the end of 2018 the Valter Baldaccini Foundation was supporting 43 children in primary and secondary schools under KenToledo Social Service care. **Five of the beneficiaries completed their High school education** and were waiting to transition to tertiary colleges and university. These include: Samuel Njuguna, Kavindu Beth Mutua, Joseph Ndambuki, John Njoroge and Abraham Mutuku. James Nyambuto completed his mechanical course and now has a part-time job in a motor garage workshop.

This year the Valter Baldaccini Foundation in conjunction with KTSSC, is sponsoring 40 children who are in various primary and secondary schools in Kenya. The beneficiaries are **studying hard with hopes and dreams of a brighter future.** John Wambua Miti's case is unique. Due to the age difference between him and his fellow classmates he didn't want to continue his secondary education. But after serious deliberations between John Wambua, KTSSC and the foundation's representative, it was

agreed that John Wambua would be enrolled in a vocational college.

In early January, John enrolled in a Motor Vehicle Mechianc course at Kabati Technical college and he is doing well. When he completes his course, we hope that he will be able to find employment.

We have **new entries** on the sponsorship list: Stephen Mukhwana, Erick Mutuku and John Mwanzia, who are happily furthering their education through the continued support of the foundation.



Stephen Mukhwana



John Mwanzia

### EXAMINATION RESULTS

**2**018 was very exciting; we received both Secondary and Primary National Examination results. **19 students** out of the 112 pupils under KTSSC's support and care in 2018, **completed their Primary and Secondary Education levels.** Out of the 19 cases, **11 students completed their Primary Education and passed well.** This year, they joined good National and County Schools. Among them we had 5 candidates from the Valter Baldaccini Foundation Sponsorship program, namely: Linet Kabira, Lucky Baraka, Elizabeth Moraa, Monicah Akinyi & Jane Wambui.



Those that topped the list included:

- **Linet Kabira** scored 418 marks out of 500 marks. She has successfully joined Loreto Girls High School, a national school and one of the best performing schools in Kenya.
- **Lesley Lotsove** scored 398 marks and has joined Kisumu Girls National School
- **Lucky Baraka** topped our boy's list by scoring 397 marks and he has joined Agoro Sare National School.



Linet Kabira,



Lucky Baraka



Lesley Lotsove

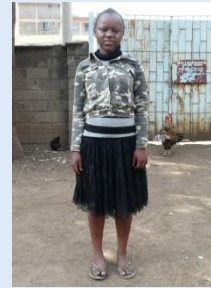
The remaining 7 students out of the 11 who completed their Primary education last year joined good County Schools. Among them: Bernard



Elizabeth Moraa

Kimemia, Elizabeth Moraa, Monicah Akinyi, Erick Mutuku, Simon Mutinda Makau, Stephen Omondi, Joakim Onyisa and Shadrack Mwangangi.

There was also the unique case of **Jane Wambui** who performed very poorly due to unexplained reasons. This year she agreed to repeat 7<sup>th</sup> grade and complete her Primary Education next year, in 2020. She was taken back to class 7 because it was a fresh start in a new school and the Ministry of Education in Kenya doesn't allow a direct repeat of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



Jane Wambui

Last year, eight Students completed their High school education and performed well. Among them we had 5 from the Valter Baldaccini Foundation Sponsorship program, namely: John Njoroge, Abraham Mutuku, Samuel Njuguna, Joseph Ndambuki & Kavindu Beth Mutua. **John Njoroge** was our top scorer with a Mean Grade of B+, followed by Bernard Muinde and Daina Waithera with a Mean Grade of C+. They are all expected to join universities for their undergraduate studies.



The remaining 5 will be joining Vocational and Technical Training Colleges this year. These include: Abraham Mutuku, Beth Kavindu, Tizan Ochieng, Samuel Njuguna and Joseph Ndambuki.

## GRADUATION

Last December two of our university students graduated from the Nairobi University. The two are beneficiaries of the Valter Baldaccini Foundation sponsorship program. These include, **Mary Mukami** who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Literature and **Peter Theuri** who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Diplomacy & International Relations.



The siblings of this family were born and raised in the Mathare slums. The family has greatly benefited from Valter Baldaccini Foundation sponsorship program. In the first photo, 3rd from left with a hat is John Wambua, who is currently taking a Motor Vehicle Mechanics Course, sponsored by the foundation. The project is ongoing.



*KTSSC staff, Joab Omoto and Mama*

## ONGOING PROJECTS PROGRESS

2019 began on a high note with our relocation program. We started building a house in Kitui to relocate a family of 6 (John Wambua's family) and a single mother who was raised in a small mud and old iron sheet room in the heart of Mathare.



*The Foundation of the Kitui House Project*



*John Wambua's family*



*Kitui House Project Progress*

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

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