



RAFIKI CARING HOME

For: Orphans, Destitute Children & Family Affairs.

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Welcome to the fifth edition of the Rafiki Caring Home newsletter - December 2014

This is to thank all those who donated directly or indirectly to Rafiki children in 2013-14 in feeding, educating, clothing and providing all the children have needed until now. I thank all the friends who donated, Rafiki appreciates your kind donations and any success is because of you. The children have benefited and been given hope.

As you know, Rafiki Caring Home visits different areas where there are many children in need. They can be in any school or area but Rafiki still supplies them with all the educational needs like books, writing materials, and clothes, as you can see from the pictures. The Rafiki Caring Home was opened to give these impoverished, orphaned and abandoned children a Second chance and hope after losing their beloved parents or deserted by their families or those from poor families. Some children are in High schools and are doing very well and are very responsible.

We are responsible for their care and making sure they eat, have clothing, education and the basic necessities. Rafiki depends entirely on donations from well wishers to help care for these children. The children lack many things—from food, educational materials—to basic medical care. It is only with your prayers and support that can help more children.

Some of the children we sponsor are staying with guardians, not at the orphanage like others. There are more on the waiting list with Guardians who are waiting to be sponsored. These children can be sponsored for \$25USD a month. Please see the details on our sponsorship program at the bottom of this page for more information.



Lucy



Nyanchama



Nyakerario



Kenya very happy



Denis

Brenda

Chelsea

Bablon



Some children in ordinary cloths



Children after getting books



Mark with children



In ordinary cloth



Text Books



They need help



Mark in school



Joseph M.



Lolyne .M



Ombati O.



Ueca E.



Violet Momanyi



Highlights from 2014

Health clinic - In April, Rafiki hosted a health clinic that focused primarily on providing ringworm and parasite or “deworming” treatment for more than 200 children from the area. Deworming medication is very effective and inexpensive but given that the majority of these children cannot afford even basic

medical care, it is out of reach for most. The clinic was funded by donation from U.S. donors. Below are some pictures from the health clinic.



De-worming children



Ringworm cream application



Line for de-worming



New Sweaters

Reusable Ladies Pads - Rafiki is always working to ensure children can get a good education to lift them out poverty. Unfortunately, there are many factors that can impact a child's ability to attend school. For example, most girls do not have sanitary pads. As a result, they often drop out.

We are working with the local community to make reusable pads to help girls to have a safe period and continue their studies. Reusable pads cost just 100ksh (less than \$2 USD) each to buy and we have more than 50 girls that need them. By making them locally, we provide income for two widows and a trainer in the community. Rafiki needs 1200 pads for the girls. If you would like to donate to fund this project please contact us at raficahome@yahoo.com.



Ongoing Projects are Below:

1. To reach as many children by 2016 to school.
2. Making the reusable pads will help widows who will be making them as they will earn a living and help girls stay in school.
3. Feeding the children some at the Orphanage, and some in schools where they study as they are located at different schools.
4. Getting funds to buy clothing.

5. Opening an educational library in a rural area. This will help the children by allowing them to borrow the books for a longer period of time.

Donations/Wish List

We need many things at Rafiki Caring Home. If you can help with any of the items listed below it would make a significant difference to the children we help.

For those who live abroad and would like to donate, in many cases the cost of mailing items is very expensive, more expensive than if we bought them here and the customs is another issue as they don't exempt donated items from duty.

We will gladly purchase the item and send you a picture and a receipt of the item you bought. Our greatest need is for more children to be sponsored.

If you or someone you know will be traveling to Kenya, we welcome visitors and would very much like you to see for yourself the good work we are doing.

Ongoing Needs:

- **Food** is a very big challenge, all the food stuff are very expensive and Rafiki children are the most hit especially as everything has gone up.
- Medical supplies of any kind (first aid kits, cough medicine, children's pain relievers, bandages, anti-fungal creams, anti-septic, eye drops, anti-bacterial lotion, children's vitamins)
- Chairs for the planned Library which is coming up soon as we get donations
- Musical Instruments
- Children's and adult's reading material
- School supplies (pencils, pens, crayons, notebooks, paper, teaching materials)
- Insecticide-treated mosquito nets
- Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes)

If you would like to donate, please e-mail us at raficahome@yahoo.com and we will give you our account information to do a bank transfer. You can also donate online through *Sahaya International Inc.* which is tax deductible in the USA.

You can also send funds through Western Union or Money gram. We will notify you immediately after receiving the funds and send a picture and receipt of your donation. We are a registered Non- Governmental Organization (NGO *Non-profit making*) in Kenya, and are committed to financial accountability.

Become a sponsor, make a difference

When you become a sponsor a child at the Rafiki Caring Home. You have the power to change a life. While we have hundreds of children who need our help. I have learned one thing in life that "the greatest good thing that a person can do in this world is to help the less fortunate people as that makes one happy for having changed somebody's life."

Sponsorship Program Options

- ❖ **Our Full sponsorship program** is **\$50USD** a month for orphans who live at the Home, Eat in the Home, Clothing, school; the sponsorship fee covers the cost of feeding the children with Breakfast and two nutritious meals a day, and providing them with clothing and shoes, toiletries, bedding, and education.
- ❖ **Our destitute sponsorship program** is **\$25USD** a month for desperately poor, orphans and destitute children who do not live at the home, but are no less needy. These children are those who attend classes in different schools as you see from the pictures below. Rafiki pays for the lunch provided in the schools, then they go to the Guardians after school. This program is very successful as many children are reached. The sponsors will receive regular photos and letters from the child or from the organization as regards to updates.

We do have many Rafiki children who need sponsors: Please if you wish to sponsor or donate please do write to us through raficahome@yahoo.com as we have children of all classes with different stories.

Average food prices as below in Keh:

Large Bag of Maize 90kg	4000
Small Bag of Maize 45kg	2000
Loaves of Bread 1@	60
Rice – 25 kg	2400
Rice – 50 kg	4800
Beans – 90 kg	7200
Beans – 50 kg	4000
Wheat -90kg	4000
Child's sandals	150
Bar of Soap 1@	150

Thanks to all donors. We are very grateful we do appreciate for our donors in making a positive change in many children. THANKS TO YOU ALL AND BE BLESSED:

Thanks and let us join together in this calling mission to help the children in Kenya and beyond.