

Newsletter Friends of Kibera Foundation (6)

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Dear donor, (potential) friend of the 'Friends of Kibera Foundation'

The Friends of Kibera Foundation has been in existence since 2019 with the aim of supporting the Oloo Children Center in the Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya. This school for primary education is founded fifteen years ago by Judy Oloo. She leads the team of (voluntary) teachers. Judy and teacher Billy Wasonga are our interlocutors. By means of newsletters we inform new and old readers about the important events around and in the school, and within the Foundation (see also www.vriendenvankibera.nl).

Oloo Children Centre

Food project

The children receive lunch at school six days a week. For almost four hundred children, this costs about 1500 euros per month. Purchases were made on the local market with, especially since the war in Ukraine, rising prices. With Judy we decided to see if savings can be made by purchasing on a larger scale. Billy Wasonga has made an inventory of what is needed per month in charcoal, food and drinking water. With that overview and a cost estimate, he looked for a supplier who can at least deliver the necessary food every month. A 'wholesaler' has been found who can deliver everything for less money.



The switch means a cost reduction of approximately 500 euros per month. Now we're going to see if the cooking on the polluting and expensive charcoal can be changed.

Promising news was the message that the Kenyan government and the World Food Bank will provide the inhabitants of Kibera with clean drinking water. Overhead pipes have been laid for this purpose and the school can benefit from this. Drinking water no longer needs to be purchased. Connection to the pipeline was only possible if a new water tank was installed. The Foundation has contributed to this additional cost. The watertank has been given a place.



Colourful walls

Another unforeseen cost was wall paint. The school has been visited by the education inspectorate who come once in a while to determine whether the school building is adequate. They also do this at the non-government-subsidized (private) schools such as the Oloo Children Centre. There was nothing to complain about on the building, but on the walls: 'boring and too grey'. That provides the obligation to do something about it, and that has happened. All walls have been given colours, the inspection has been for follow-up inspection and was satisfied.

The 'Oloo children' at the music festival



Music in the classroom

Just like in the Netherlands a few years ago, schools in Kenya were instructed to introduce music as a compulsory part of the curriculum. Methods have been developed nationwide for this purpose. Schools must prepare children for a musical performance that took place in various places in June. The Foundation was able to donate extra for the books.

The Friends of Kibera Foundation

Bottom of the treasury is getting closer

The Foundation has close ties with IT consultancy company Incentro. The chairman of the board (Lieke Aarninkhof) works as a director at Incentro Africa in Nairobi. She maintains warm ties with Judy Oloo and Billy Wasonga on behalf of the board. Incentro Santander (in Spain) is also an important donor. If a laptop gets too old and it needs to be replaced, the employee is given the choice: return the laptop or keep it and buy it for the current value. Most opt for the latter and the proceeds then go to the Foundation. Thanks to an end-of-year promotion 2021 from Incentro in the Netherlands (sneakers or a donation to Friends of Kibera), we had a lot of money available for the school in 2022 and early 2023. As a result, we as a Foundation have been able to contribute to the many unforeseen expenses that the school had to deal with, especially in 2022. The Kenyan government does not support but demands and often unexpectedly.

In order not to be seen in a bad light, the school can hardly help but cooperate and fortunately we were able to support this. We now have less in cash and have been looking for additional sources of money.

Partner of Social Handshake

Incentro has become a partner of *Social handshake / LoonGift*. The membership offers the employees of Incentro the opportunity to support charities from the gross salary, so with tax benefits. Social handshake is an optional secondary employment condition with which you contribute to a social and sustainable world. The Friends of Kibera Foundation now stands up for Incentro colleagues on the list of 'favourite' charities. The step to donate has been made smaller!

Social media

We have focused on more publicity of the Foundation and Oloo Children Centre via Social Media. A LinkedIn group has been created so that we can share news faster, more often and more widely. We now have 64 followers and these actions have actually yielded something. With a tap on the messages, it is also easier to donate something 'quickly'. (See the group via LinkedIn: friends of Kibera).

Finally

If you have any questions or suggestions as a result of this newsletter, please let us know so that we can include them in the collaboration with the Oloo Children Centre. We send everyone who has donated to the Foundation a newsletter. If you no longer wish to receive it in the future, you can report this to Gerda Geerdink: secretaris@vriendenvankibera.nl. Forwarding to other interested parties and registering new interested parties is certainly allowed. The newsletters are published twice a year. Thank you for your support and/or interest!



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