



Food & Fees Campaign

As most of you will be aware, Our Kenyan Kids is in the middle of its "Food and Fees Campaign". Details of this campaign has been published in the local press. In case you have missed it, a copy of the Press Release will be found at:

www.ourkenyankids.com/FFC2015pr.pdf

This campaign will run until 12 October 2014.

A major challenge in Kenya is that, while the education system is free, many parents can not afford to buy the mandatory school uniforms for their children or the boarding fees associated with residential schools. Also remember that Kenya's infrastructure in terms of public transport and even roads is often rudimentary or non-existent in rural areas. Attending school as a Day Student is thus impractical for a large number of children.

This challenge is further compounded for children with disabilities or other special needs.

Food represents additional problems. Food production in Kenya is very susceptible to changes in weather conditions and pests. Over the past years, the price of staple foods have fluctated wildly, to the extent that organizations such as schools, children's homes and orphans & vulnerable children's centres have had to make do with less.

Our Kenyan Kids is proud of its performance in relieving the stress caused in these areas. We have a growing number of children whose fees are paid through OKK. Our donors have provided funds to help raise the degree to which schools and other groups produce their own food. Examples of this are the greenhouse at Gathaithi and the goats project (see details in a future OKK Newsletter). In other cases, we have provided the food itself to the likes of Amazing Grace Children's Home and Hope House Babies' Home, and even Gathaithi with its growing self-sufficiency is unlikely to be able to provide all of its own staples such as rice flour.

So, please give generously to this special campaign. And remember that fees and food are complementary - an adequately fed child's performance will be very much better than one on the edge of starvation.

News and Events

Our Kenyan Kids Open Meetings

The number of Open Meetings in the coming year is being reduced. It is currently planned to hold four such meetings - plus the Annual General Meeting - with one of the open meetings being an out-of-town affair. Specific details will be provided later.

8 October 2014 - Meeting on the proposed Project Experience Trip

Wall Street United Church at 7pm. There is still time to express a serious interest in participating in a Project Experience Trip, tentatively planned for January 2015. For information on what to expect of a PET, go to www.ourkenyankids.com/experiences.

[Click here for further information.](#)

Chair of the Board of Directors

We have a new Chairperson. Beth Kent has taken over this post.

Thanks to Carolyn Matheson, the past Chair, for her valuable service. Carolyn will remain as a member of the Board of Directors.

Our Kenyan Kids

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Wall Street United Church

for making its facilities freely available to Our Kenyan Kids for meetings and events.

To add your name to the distribution list or to request being unsubscribed from the list, please send an e-mail to:
info@ourkenyankids.com



Photo Gallery

The Fees and Food Campaign



Hope House Babies' Home



Some of 'our' children at Kambui School for the Deaf



Food production at Amazing Grace Children's Home



The greenhouse takes shape at Gathaithi



Gathaithi Orphans & Vulnerable Children's Centre



Kids like these . . .



. . . deserve a chance in life.

The Food and Fees Campaign

Churches and other organizations are urged to participate in Our Kenyan Kids' Food and Fees Campaign by distributing the following announcement to its members. Donations may be funneled to us through an official of the organization, or by having donations sent directly to Our Kenyan Kids.

Sample Bulletin Announcement

Our Kenyan Kids Food for Fees Campaign

A locally based charity; Our Kenyan Kids is looking for support towards their Fall Food and Fees Campaign. The campaign runs from September 21st to October 12th, 2014 and funds generated will be targeted towards school and education programs that Our Kenyan Kids supports in Kenya. Donations can be forwarded to your church treasurer or mailed directly to Our Kenyan Kids at P.O. Box 164, Brockville ON, K6V 5V2.

Our Kenyan Kids believes in helping children and youth in Kenya living in extreme poverty reach their potential through the provision of food and required school fees. Any help you or your group can give would be greatly appreciated.

Morning Announcement

Canada is a blessed community where children and youth are afforded the opportunity to attend schools free of charge. Our Kenyan Kids is working hard to provide the assistance needed for children and youth affected by extreme poverty or the devastation of HIV/AIDS the same opportunity. The organization provides funding to various projects to ensure children and youth receive proper nutrition and the fees required to attend school. Donations can be made through our church treasurer or directly to Our Kenyan Kids. For more information please ask _____

(contact person in your church or organization)

DID YOU KNOW

Nairobi is located very close south of the equator.

In spite of this closeness, Nairobi has a cool climate due to its elevation of 1660 metres (5,890 feet).

Visitors to Nairobi are somewhat taken aback that the local people can be seen wearing heavy sweaters and woolen caps at any time of the year.

The average daily temperature has a high of 24 degrees celsius, and a low of 11.1. The record high temperature is 32.8.

The average annual rainfall is a bit over 1 metre, with almost half of this falling in April and May.

There are two periods during the year when the weather is best for visiting Nairobi - January/February and July/August/September. The earlier of these two periods has, by far, the highest average hours of sunshine per day.

Is it a coincidence that our Project Experience Trips as usually scheduled for January? Why not join us in January 2015?

[Click here for further information.](#)

New Canadian Anti-SPAM Legislation

New laws have come into effect in Canada in an attempt to curb the incidence of unsolicited e-mail messages. As a charity, Our Kenyan Kids is not subject to these laws, which apply only to commercial (for profit) organizations.

You can, however, stop receiving the OKK Newsletter at any time by e-mailing your request to info@ourkenyankids.com.

Are you reading a second hand copy of this Newsletter? You can receive your very own copy by sending your e-mail address to info@ourkenyankids.com.

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