

**ST JOSEPH HOUSE OF HOPE
FOUNDATION**

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Our faithful partners

1. Dunwoody Baptist Church- Good Samaritan Class- USA
2. Keniahilfe- Germany
3. German Union Of Friends of East Africa- Germany

KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

St Joseph house of kindergarten and primary school is an institution that offers quality education to the under privileged, the orphans and the vulnerable children. Currently the institution has 400 pupils, 12 teachers, two cooks and two cleaner. The institution aims at ensuring that all children receive basic education and develop holistically.



The institution provides free lunch and medical care to all the children.





DEVELOPMENT

1. NEW CLASSROOMS



Through the Japanese government via its embassy in Nairobi our institution benefitted and we were fortunate to be awarded a grant to construct 12 classrooms for both the kindergarten and primary school:

- Four for kindergarten



- and eight for primary school.



2. DESKS

This year we received a donation of 125 new standard desks, plates and text books from a group of university students Weitblick Koln in Germany.

3. PERIMETER WALL

With the help of German union of friends of east Africa we were able to put a stone perimeter wall.

This has ensured that the floods don't flow to the school are minimal. Cases of strangers wandering into the school too have been minimized.



OUR KITCHEN BELOW



Our school prepares its meals from temporary structure.

The public health department has written to us to improve the standards of the kitchen area by building cemented walls and floor.





After the meals have been served our students they eat under trees which is cool during dry season, but during rainy season there is a challenge.



HIGH SCHOOL

INTRODUCTION

St Joseph high school was started in the year 2011 with less than 40 students. Then the school boasted of temporary structures mainly made of wood and grass/makuti thatched classes.



Where the school stands now was initially a dump site. The founder Caroline Karuri saw a gap that so many young boys and girls who were completing primary schooling but were not able to transit to high school due to distance and the exorbitant school fees charged in other institutions. It's against this background that the formation of St Joseph was mooted. For this dream to be realized Caroline, the students and parents had to be involved in sourcing for the material and building of these classrooms.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

In 2014 St Joseph House of Hope made a major step after the Government of Japan through its Embassy in Kenya gave us a grant to build permanent structures where we were able to put up four permanent standard classrooms.



The high school as at now has 187 students and nine teachers.

The school also has a semi permanent laboratory with a capacity to hold 20 students.

ACHIEVEMENTS

For the third year in a row St Joseph house students have been able to sit for their national exams



We are now a fully registered examination center by the ministry of Education.

OBJECTIVES

St Joseph House of Hope High school aspires to be a centre of excellence and competitively play at the same level with other established high schools. We intend to inspire and help the youth to realize their full potential through the provision of affordable education.

CHALLENGES

One of the major challenges is the inability of most of the students' parents/ guardians are not able to pay school fees. This makes it an uphill for us to smoothly achieve our goal majorly in the running cost. We have well built classrooms by well wishers to help improve the quality learning, but the families are not able to pay for school fees. We also lack other the following;

PERMANENT LABORATORIES FOR PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY SUBJECTS

Currently we have a semi permanent structure which serves as our laboratory.





Again for our students to be able compete fairly such a facility will be helpful. Ideally what happens in other schools is that such a cost of building such a facility will be passed to parents. We call upon our friends to come to our aid.

BOARDING FACILITIES

Lack of boarding facilities has prohibited us to draw more students from far areas in an effort to allow many young people to have a chance in life. The current students too who would love to board will get ample and conducive environment to study and improve their grades

(vi) lack of a proper play ground to nurture talent especially in field sports is a major short coming given that talent and sport is multi billion dollar industry globally today. Many young talented youth have grown out of obscurity to stardom courtesy of sport. This can only happen if such talent is nurtured.



CONCLUSION

For us to achieve these objectives we therefore seek like minded partners, friends and donors to support us in one way or another to help transform a society.

POLYTECHNIC

INTRODUCTION

St Joseph House of Hope polytechnic was started in 2009. This was after the realization that so many young boys and girls were not able to transit from primary school to high school as well as many others who were not able to complete primary schooling.

Since then the polytechnic section has grown and now boasts of a tailoring section, motor vehicle mechanics section, metal work section as well as a wood work department.

1. TAILORING SECTION

Our tailoring department is well equipped but largely under utilized. This is due to the fact the would be apprentices are drawn from the immediate neighborhood which is largely poor.



The willingness to train is there but circumstances won't allow. Currently the class has 15 trainees and two tutors. The potential trainees are many but they are not able to pay 3000/= per month for training

EXPENSES

The expenses in this section are equally high. Apart from paying salaries the trainees require materials. The budget for the tailoring class is: salaries 40,000, materials 10,000, and maintenance and electricity 15,000 making it a total of 65,000 a month.

For us to be able to sustain such an undertaking we intend to make items for sale which will enable us raise funds which in turn will help educate those who are not able to pay for training.

MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANICS SECTION



In an effort to ensure that every young person gets an opportunity in life we have a small motor vehicle mechanics class. This section was started in 2013. In the beginning of 2014 five trainees were identified by **Porsche Germany**, and picked to train with us for one year before they are flown out of the country for further training at different **Porsche centers around the world for two years**. We are glad to report that the five have begun to achieve their dreams. Among the five was **one girl** who is now working and training with **Porsche Nairobi**.

The 3 young men who are **Bakari, Hussein and Musyoka** are in **Porsche Dubai** while the fifth one **Mwachupa** will be stationed in **Porsche Mauritius**. This is proof enough that there is an opportunity for everyone. Even the five were skeptical that from such humble beginnings anyone can reach their goals. These were girl and boys whose lives looked bleak and hopeless, one of the young man having being radicalized to join a terrorist gang.



Currently we have 10 students who will sit for their exams this year. The numbers could be higher but again many can not afford to pay their tuition fee. Individual sponsorship or help in monthly expenses will help us reach out to more

METAL FABRICATION DEPARTMENTS



In January 2015 we opened two departments' namely wood work and metal work sections in an effort to accommodate more young people for them to have an opportunity in life.



Through the German union of friends of east Africa St. Joseph has two well equipped workshops for both wood work and metal work.





Currently we have 14 students on the metal work section and 17 on the wood work section. The numbers could be higher.

Catering class



We are in the process of setting up a catering class with the aim of training and generating an income. Food is an easier way of earning an income on a daily basis. We will start a coffee shop, bake bread and other pastries. Our biggest challenge is equipment and tiling of the working tables.

Display show room

Next to the catering class we have set up a show room. On display are mostly items made by the tailoring students and teachers. We are also recycling cement bags, by stitching shopping bags, gym bags, laptop bags and back packs.



Next to the showroom is a small library we are collecting books of all kind to encourage our students and the community to read. We are asking for book donations and help in the construction of a library shed and furniture.

We thank you all for your help and wish you a Blessed Christmas and a happy Fruitful New Year filled with peace, joy, and divine health.