



KENYA CHILDREN'S HOME (UK)



90th Kenya Music Festival

This year was the 90th Kenya Music Festival. Once again, **KCH** had several strong entries from across the projects... Entries from **JGA**, **Mashimoni** and **Suswa** qualified for the May Metropolitan Regional Festival in Makueni. All of our entries scored well, but only those placed 1st and 2nd in each category were able to proceed to the next level...



Three of our **JGA** entries and one **Mashimoni** entry scored highly enough to make the National Finals, which were hosted in Nairobi in August. Unfortunately we did not have any winners, but all of our children participated well and represented their schools with pride.

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Asante Sana!
Thank You!

CHANGES!

We have a new name:
Kenya Children's Home (UK).

But Facebook & Twitter stay the same:

[KenyaChildrensHomeKCH](https://www.facebook.com/KenyaChildrensHomeKCH)
[@KenChildrenHome](https://twitter.com/KenChildrenHome)

Please follow us... And visit our website:

kenyachildrenshome.org.uk

A Safe Delivery...

A 20ft shipping container filled with items for **KCH** left the UK in August. It arrived safely at our campus in November. Some of the items were immediately distributed across the projects and some were given as gifts for Christmas. Thank you to everyone who had donated! **Asante sana!**



'Gift of Learning'

You really can give the Gift of Learning...



At **KCH** we offer outstanding education for the children in our care. Once they reach the end of primary education, we need to look for suitable secondary education.

In Kenya, secondary education is not free. It costs an average of £13 a week to provide a child with secondary education.

We firmly believe that poverty should not be a barrier to education.

So we have launched our Christmas Campaign. You can support this campaign through the Just Giving Campaign page:

www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/balraig/GiftofLearning



Wedding Celebrations



All of our children and staff at **KCH** were excited to share in the very special Wedding Day of Muchoki and Jennifer in November.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Both Muchoki and Jennifer had grown up at **KCH** from a young age, and both returned to work at **KCH** after graduating from their respective college courses.

Muchoki was admitted to **KCH** in 1996. He did well at school and achieved a sponsorship to the UK to study Hospitality & Management. Since returning to Kenya, he has been working as a chef at **KCH** and also had the opportunity to serve on the 'Africa Mercy' ship as a chef in Madagascar.

Jennifer, and her three younger siblings, joined **KCH** in 1990. Jennifer was supported through school and then college, where she obtained an Advanced Certificate in Business Management, and she has now been employed at **KCH** for 5 years. Jennifer is the Manager of our **Can-Afrika Cafe**.

Everyone enjoyed sharing in the celebrations and wish them well as they start this new chapter in the lives together.

Income Generation Projects

We have a range of income-generating projects that support the core activities of KCH. These projects are part of an ongoing commitment to make our work as sustainable as possible over the long term. Established in 2004, **Westminster Events Centre** is now one of the most successful weddings, events and catering companies in Nairobi. The profits are an invaluable income source for KCH, and the project offers employment opportunities for the older children living in the home. 'Can-Afrika' opened in 2011. It is a modern, European-themed café situated in the grounds of KCH. All profits from the café go to the home, whilst the café also serves to train and employ former orphans of the home. More than 10 young



adults have received skills training at **Can-Afrika** so far... Our **Kelvin Loaf Bakery** produces bread and other baked goods. It provides all the bread required by the home; supplies **Can-Afrika** café; sells loaves of bread, cakes, and mandazis (doughnuts) through our **Thrift Shop**; and sells affordable loaves to people on low incomes living in the nearby Kibera slum. Set up in May 2008, **Kelvin Kraft** is a professional training academy, where girls come to learn skills and achieve qualifications in tailoring, and it is a commercial business. The girls produce bags, purses, soft furnishings, and a range of household items, such as oven gloves and



table mats, which are sold through our **Barnardo's Craft Shop**. The girls also make school uniforms for **JGA**, **Suswa**, and **Mashimoni**. Our **Thrift Shop** is an eclectic little shop full of affordable clothes and shoes, knick-knacks, porridge flour, sodas, phone cards and **Kelvin Loaf** bread. It attracts a strong passing trade on the main road into town and this year a second unit was opened. The **Posho Mill** produces high-protein porridge from maize, soya beans and groundnuts for use at KCH and for commercial sale locally. The project also donates porridge to local orphanages and feeding stations. Together, our projects are providing employment for over 30 local people whilst generating funds towards the daily running costs of the home.



News from KCH Campus

As ever, it has been busy... "On 31st May, the home hosted her Excellency Mrs. Li Ping, wife of the Chinese Ambassador to Kenya with her delegation. They donated school bags, balls, dolls for the children and also some food items to the home. This was to mark the International Day for Children." "Between 3rd and 5th June 2016, a shopping spree was organised at Naivas supermarkets. An abundance of gifts and donations were received. We are thankful to all those who donated and took part making it a success!" "Another spree was organised at the Nakumatt supermarkets in August. Once again we were overwhelmed by the local support for the home." "Day of the African Child' was marked on the 16th of June. Our



choir took part by presenting a song at the Nairobi County celebrations." "Also in June, ten of our boys enjoyed a football festival at St Austin's Academy." "JGA Kindergarten Sports Day was held on June 24th. Some of the KCH children participated and all won medals. Red House were the overall winners this year. JGA Junior & Senior Sports Day was held on the 1st of July. Red House emerged victorious again!" "The children enjoyed a couple of treats in August... The team from Strathallan School organised a



bar-b-q and later in the month volunteer Michelle organised a day trip. The best bit of the trip was definitely the suspension bridge!" "KCH hosted a week-long 'Full House Camp' in August. The houses were full and the children loved being able to spend time together. The week was rounded off with a great 'Talents Show', enjoyed by all." "September and October were quiet with the preparation for the KCPE and KCSE exams. But now the work has been done and the results are announced at the end of the year. So the children are making the most of their long holiday... And wish you well for 2017!" "Asante sana to all of our visitors, donors, sponsors and supporters for making so many positive impacts on our youngsters' lives."



Abandoned Baby Unit

Our Abandoned Baby Unit (ABU) has been bursting to the seams for most of 2016 due to the changes in the adoption process implemented by the Kenyan Government. Following several months of discussion and planning, a new scheme has now been established and we have had our Adoption License reinstated. This is great news for the babies, and also for the local families on our register. Our agency strives to place children into well-screened and suitable homes whilst keeping the best interests of the child at the heart of the process.



"Our goal is to see that every child in every situation gets the best care from KCH". PK : Social Work Team

SUSWA

On June 17th, our girls took part in a 'Fistula Awareness Walk', organised to launch the 11th Annual Fistula Camp at Kenyatta National Hospital.

The girls enjoyed a very competitive Sports Day on 28th July. Parents and friends took part too, and many medals were awarded for performance.



Some of our girls celebrated their colourful 'alternative' rite of passage on the 19th of August.

KCH House Camp



In November, all the Butterfly and Reintegrated children came back to KCH for a full 'house camp'. This was an opportunity for 'family' reunions and fun. The group enjoyed trips out, including a visit to the Bomas of Kenya and Uhuru

gardens; motivational talks; and treats. Everyone enjoyed catching up on old friendships and building new ones. There was also a mini awards ceremony with prizes for those who showed improvement in studies and behaviour.



The need to uphold values and morals was emphasised, as well as the need to stand up against FGM.

Seven of our girls sat their KCPE exams in November.



Now they are just waiting for their results later this year...

Mashimoni - Camp, Exams & Party!

The pupils at Mashimoni enjoyed a great August Camp, led by the group from Strathallan School in Scotland.

For two weeks, the children were educated and entertained with a wide range of



activities, including arts & crafts, sports & games, and song & dance. The Camp gives the children a safe space to learn and play during the school holidays - and we are very grateful to the Strathallan team for their fundraising and their energy!



Asante Sana!



Our 52 KCPE candidates sat their exams in November. Now they are awaiting the results...



All of the children at Mashimoni enjoyed their Christmas party: Christmas Arts & Crafts, Team Games, A Special Lunch, And a Christmas gift for everyone!

Kuwa na Krismasi njema!



In 2016 we had 101 girls enrolled at Suswa. 67 of them were full-time residents and attended our own Primary School; 27 girls attended Secondary Schools as boarding pupils, returning to us during the holidays; and the remaining 7 were at university or college, including Margaret, studying aeronautical engineering here in the UK.

The Suswa Christmas Party was a great day of celebration. Every girl received a Christmas gift, after enjoying a morning of fun and games, and then a special Lunch together.



Thank You! Asante Sana!

We have been overwhelmed with your support AGAIN!

Here are just a few special 'thank you' messages...

THANK YOU to all of our regular donors and child sponsors.

THANK YOU to 'Smalls for All' for giving us another donation of pants for all of our children.

THANK YOU to 'Aitken & Niven' for the donation of school wear and sports clothing.

THANK YOU bpwphotography.com.

THANK YOU to our volunteers.

THANK YOU to 'Woollies for the World' who have donated a wide variety of handcrafted items.

THANK YOU to 'Loving Hands' for their donations of quality second-hand clothing and baby knits.

THANK YOU to all the people across the UK who knit and crochet for us.

THANK YOU to everyone who has fundraised through [Just Giving](#) and shopped through [Easyfundraising](#).

ASANTE SANA!

Support Us All Year Round

You can financially support the work of KCH (UK) on a monthly (or annual) basis. We have a range of Standing Order schemes that facilitate financial support for the five main projects plus our new 'Secondary Education' scheme:

PROJECT	£/month	£/year
Secondary Education	50	600
KCH	35	420
Butterfly	35	420
Outreach	20	240
Suswa	10	120
Mashimoni	10	120

KCH Child Sponsorship helps fund a stable home life for an orphaned, abandoned or destitute child.

Butterfly Sponsorship is for those children who have been re-integrated back into their home communities.

Outreach Sponsorship funds the education of a child living in their home community, whilst providing additional support to the family.

Suswa Sponsorship supports accommodation & education for Maasai girls in the Rift Valley.

Mashimoni Sponsorship funds quality Primary School education in the Kibera slum environment.

Sponsors will receive biannual letters/pictures and school reports from their child(ren)



in Kenya and copies of our UK newsletters.

We also have several Just Giving pages that you can donate through:

www.justgiving.com/kch

www.justgiving.com/suswa

www.justgiving.com/mashimoni

www.justgiving.com/kelvinloaf

www.justgiving.com/feedababy

'Baby Jane'

'Jane' (not her real name) was born four months ago in one of the hospitals in the outskirts of Nairobi. She was born at just twenty eight weeks and so she spent her first few weeks of life in an incubator, receiving specialist care. Sadly, during this time, Jane's mother absconded without a trace having given false contact information when she was admitted to the hospital.

The case was referred to **KCH** by the Children's Office through the Police Station Commanding Officer for further care and protection of the baby. Permission was granted and Jane is doing well under the watch of our care givers in the ABU (nursery).

After such a sad start in life, Jane is now putting on weight and thriving. Her future is now looking more positive...

Tragically, Jane's story is not unique or even rare; and it is for all the 'Janes' and 'Johns' that **KCH** ABU exists and becomes 'home'.

"Fun"draising Options...

There are a variety of ways in which you can support us:

JustGiving ANYONE can raise money for us through [JustGiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com). Just follow the easy instructions to set up a page for an event or challenge, and then nominate us ([Balcraig Foundation](#)) as your chosen charity.

On [EasyFundraising](#), you can collect FREE donations at over 3,100 shops and sites. You can help [Kenya Children's Home \(UK\)](#) by doing your online shopping the easyfundraising.org.uk way. It **feel good shopping** won't cost you a penny extra but will make a real difference! it's quick and easy to sign up at: www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tbf.

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to you. £1 for EVERY diner will be donated by the restaurant. There are over 7000 restaurants signed up. Find us at: www.charitablebookings.org/charity/kenya-childrens-home-uk.

