



# RUIRU

Rehabilitation Centre



*"A place called home, where children are given a chance to improve their lives and have a brighter future."*



## History

The Ruiru Rehabilitation Centre, located 22km outside Nairobi, Kenya, began as a community feeding programme in 1997 which sought to respond to a growing number of street children in Ruiru town who needed critical assistance. Local residents fed the children once or twice a week but soon realized that more organized support was needed.

In 1998, Mr. Kimani, a local business man, responded by offering part of his estate and existing facilities as temporary shelter. Soon, other generous donations ensued giving birth to the Ruiru Rehabilitation Centre.

In the years that followed, the centre grew as more people became interested and involved locally and internationally. From 2007 - 2011 the RRC was located in semi-permanent structures on the edge of Ruiru. By April 2011, friends and supporters of the centre eventually raised enough funds to hire full-time staff and buy a center with the infrastructure of a children's home already in place.

At this new property, we can now accommodate up to 60 children. The property also features a water borehole providing us with clean and safe water and caters for a gardening project, to provide the children with some vegetables.

## The Center: a home for children

The Ruiru Rehabilitation Centre is a registered NGO home to children rescued from the streets, orphaned by HIV! AIDS, or who have been entrusted to the centre by family members unable to give them proper care. Our children, currently between the ages of 8 to 14, live at the centre, are provided basic necessities and receive formal education. We also support children at boarding school as well as higher learning institutes

The centre is a safe haven that cultivates joy and laughter, a foster family with brothers and sisters that can relate, a place where our children can dream of a better future and where hurts from the past find healing in an environment of love, care and affection.



## Centre's objectives



- Provide for the children's basic needs, including food, shelter, clothing, health care
- Assist children's healing process from hurt and trauma
- Provide formal education
- Teach practical skills and offer vocational training
- Promote community participation, ownership and responsibility
- Foster the reintegration of children into their extended family when feasible
- Empower the children and enhance their self confidence through artistic and cultural training and activities
- Expose children to other cultures to broaden their knowledge and world views
- Raise children's awareness of environmental sustainability and responsibility

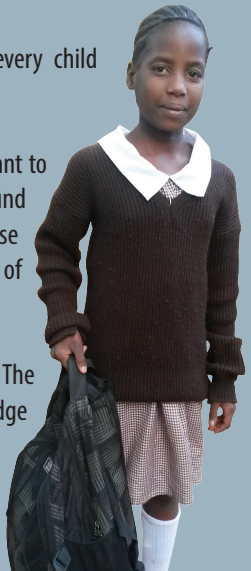


### Education & vocational training

The Ruiru Rehabilitation Centre ensures that every child receives formal education all the way to college.

The centre continues to support children who want to pursue college education by helping them find sponsors. The centre also helps those who choose vocational training and apprenticeship in hope of finding a job on the local market.

We closely monitor our children's progress. The objective is for them to acquire quality knowledge and skills that will help them find their place in society, join the workforce and become resourceful and self reliant



## Staff members

Our local staff are in charge of the day-to-day management of the centre. They coordinate children's daily chores and activities, and oversee their overall wellbeing, health and safety. The staff also maintains contact with our children's known living extended family members, whenever possible, making regular home visits and keeping them updated on the progress of their children.

Mr. Eric Chiuli / Acting Manager

Mrs. Jane Mugure / Housemother

Mrs. Mary Nduku, Caretaker / Cook

Straight Security, Day & Night guard

## Volunteer program



Students, professionals, locals and expats - every one can make a difference! The center welcomes local and international volunteers all year long.

Stop by for a day, or stay with us for a week, or even a few months. The center will provide accommodation, and will help you manage your stay to optimize your experience and make it memorable for everyone.

There are always great needs to be met at the centre. Tell us what you are interested in , what your background is, and we'll try to match that to our needs.

Need some ideas?

Teach staff and kids new skills, tutor, play with the children, fix the roof, paint a mural, grow a garden, plant trees, cook .... Or dance!



## Support the centre, improve lives!



The Ruiru Rehabilitation Centre always welcomes funds including in-kind donations as it relies entirely on those to run the centre and provide for its children.

Board members, companies, small local businesses, faith and non-faith based organizations, universities, schools and individual donors account for those who support the centre year around.

*The center needs! Please contact us today to see how you could help*

## Regular needs of the Centre

- School fees
- Uniforms, shoes and clothes
- Text books
- Stationary
- Staff salaries
- Funds to cover medical bills
- Funds to cover electricity bills
- Milk and other dairy products
- Staple foods such as rice, maize flour, green gram, beans, fruits

## Donate towards a project



- Repair of main building
- Water filter
- Refurbishment of kitchen
- Basic kitchen equipment
- Computers
- Solar
- Sports equipment
- Drip irrigation equipment
- Musical instruments

## Board Members

Mr. Dilip Shah  
Chairman

Mr. Samuel Miriti  
Secretary

Mrs. Ella Shah  
Treasurer

Mr. Shanti Shah

Mrs. Ruth Ngure

## How to Donate

Go to [www.ruirukids.org](http://www.ruirukids.org)

Options available

\$15 will cover cost of text books for 1 student per SEMESTER

\$45 will cover cost of text books for 1 student per YEAR

\$50 will cover Accommodation & Living Expenses & tuition for 1 student per MONTH: includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, transportation, personal effects

\$150 will cover Accommodation & Living Expenses & tuition for 1 student per QUARTER: includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, transportation, personal effects

\$600 will cover Accommodation & Living Expenses & tuition for 1 student per YEAR: includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, transportation, personal effects



Repair of main building



Refurbishment of Kitchen



Kitchen Equipments



Solar Lights



Agriculture

## How to Find us



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