

# RECENT UPDATES FROM SHELTER OF HOPE

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## Overview of Key Activities in 2024

Shelter of Hope is dedicated to transforming lives in Kenya by providing quality education, sustainable development, and spiritual growth. Operating schools in Nairobi and Nyanza, SOH serves 350 students, offering not only education but also daily meals, mentorship, and a nurturing environment for underprivileged children. Beyond education, SOH runs impactful programs such as women's empowerment initiatives, feeding programs, free medical camps, and youth mentorship. Through these efforts, Shelter of Hope is breaking the cycle of poverty and giving hope to countless families.



Sharing smiles and nourishing hearts at Shelter of Hope School!

## Education: A Brighter Future for Students

- 350 students are currently enrolled in the schools in Nairobi and Nyanza.
- The school in Nyanza successfully transitioned 13 students to junior secondary school.
- Both schools organized graduation ceremonies for kindergarten, promoting a total of 46 children to grade one. During the two ceremonies, the students showcased their talents through dance performances, songs, and drama. Last year, approximately 600 parents attended the event, compared to about 250 parents in 2023.
- Enrollment continues to rise, with an expected increase of 50 students at the Nyanza school due to the addition of Grade 9.
- Students actively participated in sports, music, and drama, boosting confidence and teamwork.



## Feeding Program: Nourishing Young Minds

- **Daily Meals:** Hunger is a challenge for many children in these schools. Thanks to your donations, 350 students, 25 teachers, and 8 support staff received two nutritious meals daily—breakfast and lunch—ensuring they stay focused and engaged in their studies. The feeding program has played a crucial role in increasing enrollment and attendance.
- **Improved Attendance:** Providing meals encourages regular attendance, as families are more likely to send their children to school when they know they will receive a nutritious meal.



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Spending of funds is confined to approved programs and projects. If any given need has been met or cannot be completed, the understanding is that the gift will then be used where it is most needed or where another opportunity of similar nature exists.

## Spiritual Growth & Community Impact

- 200 children from Kiambio slum attended the annual DVBS program, with 90 children making the decision to follow Christ.
- Over 150 teenagers and youth attended a week-long youth camp, fostering personal and spiritual growth.
- During the youth camp, SOH organized a three-day free medical camp, serving 400 patients from the local community.

## Infrastructure Development: Expanding Our Reach

- The school in Nyanza has benefited from two water tanks, each with a capacity of 5,000 litres. Over 200 students are now drinking clean and safe water, which has significantly reduced the time wasted walking long distances to fetch water
- Thanks to a generous donation, the Nyanza school also received a school van, easing transportation challenges for students.
- As the student population grows, SOH raised \$40,000 to complete the second floor of the school and provide scholarships for underprivileged students, the construction of which is nearing completion.

## Women's Empowerment: Breaking Barriers

Through our Sheep Project, 45 women have gained financial independence by rearing sheep—an activity traditionally reserved for men in their communities. Many of these women now own multiple sheep, helping them support their families.



*The Hope Bible Ministry in Nairobi organized a two-week DVBS program that engaged 200 children from the Kiambio slum community.*



*The water tanks have decreased the time wasted by walking long distances to fetch water.*



*Caroline Oduor proudly shares, "In Luo culture, sheep rearing is considered a man's enterprise. But through Shelter of Hope, I am a proud owner of 3 sheep in my name."*

## Building Futures: The Transformational Impact



Shelter of Hope continues to make a lasting impact in the lives of young learners. **17 out of 19** alumni from the schools have joined various colleges and universities, a testament to the power of education and mentorship. **Four graduates** who volunteered as mentors while awaiting college admission were recognized for their dedication and gifted with suitcases, symbolizing the journey ahead.

The completion of a new classroom building has provided students with a clean and safe learning environment, enhancing their education experience. Additionally, the donation of **10 laptops** will soon enable the launch of computer literacy classes, equipping students with essential digital skills.



We need your help to support the children at Shelter of Hope!

Shelter of Hope has made incredible strides in providing education, nutrition, and a safe environment for the children in Kagan and Nairobi, but the journey is far from over. To continue this mission and address the pressing challenges ahead, we need your help.

As the schools continue to grow, so do the needs—more classrooms, more resources, and more scholarships for students who dream of a better future. **Will you join us in making this dream a reality?**

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