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Luke 2:15-16 *When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.*



Christmas greetings from children and staff at AIC Kajiado Child Care Centre. We appreciate all of you for your contribution, moral and spiritual support throughout the year 2016. Your financial support helps us continue in our mission and assist children and youth with disabilities here at Kajiado County and neighboring Counties.

The generous support of individuals like you makes it possible for our organization to exist and make the community a great place to live in.

And as Sharron Angle puts it "There is a plan and a purpose, a value to every life, no matter what its location, age, gender or disability. "

Thank you again for your continuous love, support and for believing in us in bringing change in the lives of children with disabilities.



WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR - DANIEL M. SAPAYIA

Our dear friends,

On behalf of AIC Kajiado Child Care Centre children, staff and on my own behalf, I would like to thank you for your wonderful support and prayers during the whole year. Your support and prayers has opened many new opportunities for these young ones to continue with their rehabilitation and education as well as enabled us to continue with creation of awareness and fighting with cultural norms which at many time denied a child with disability the same rights as an able bodied.

As you can imagine, there are a lot of expenses involved in managing institutions like this. Your support and prayers has enabled us to reach our goals for the year 2016. Without the support of people like you, we will not be able to reach our goals.

Thank you once again for your generous support to AIC Kajiado Child Care Centre.

May I take this earlier opportunity to wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017.

Respectfully,

Daniel M. Sapayia

Special points of interest:

- Veronica Shangutit completed a Bachelors Degree in Education
- 6 girls completed primary education
- 2 boys completed secondary school
- 45 wheelchairs distributed to children and adults with mobility challenges
- 120 children with cerebral palsy visited at home and therapy treatment provided
- 60 children received mobility assistive devices

PRE-SCHOOL 2016 GRADUATION CEREMONY

No matter the nature of a child's special needs, he or she deserves a preschool that can offer loving care and learning. Research shows that inclusive settings benefit special needs children by providing positive role models and improving socialization and behavior. At our preschool, students with special needs are given a priority and chance to grow and learn and integrate with able bodied children to prepare them for the primary school setting.

Every end of year, we celebrate the achievement of completing pre primary education by holding a graduation ceremony for the prospective graduates. It's a day of joy as parents witness the educational milestones of their beloved children an opportunity which they couldn't have dreamt of.

Congratulations to all our students and to our hard working teachers, thank you for your continued support in making dreams of these precious children come a reality.

*The mind
once
enlightened
cannot
again
become
dark -
Thomas
Paine*



VISITATION TO SPECIAL SCHOOLS
BY STAFF AND SPECIAL NEEDS
TEACHERS

Special education is the practice of educating students with special educational needs in a way that addresses their individual differences and needs. Ideally, this process involves the individually planned and systematically monitored arrangement of teaching procedures, adapted equipment and materials and accessible settings. These interventions are designed to help learners with special needs achieve a higher level of personal self-sufficiency and success in school and their community, than may be available if the student were only given access to a typical classroom education.

On 13th October 2016, some staff and special education teachers from the neighboring schools had an opportunity to visit Katangi Primary School for children with intellectual disability. This is just one of the exchange programs conducted to expose our staff to other institutions which take care of children with special needs. At Katangi, children are taught beadwork, carpentry, farming and livestock keeping.

Indeed disability isn't inability; children only need love, understanding and opportunity for them to show their abilities.



Display of products made by the challenged students



CHILDREN'S TRIP TO NAKURU NATIONAL PARK

Kenya is a beautiful country with extensive and beautiful national parks with different kind of wild animals especially the BIG 5. Children with disabilities never have an opportunity to see the beauty of their country due to the financial position of the parents. Most parents cannot afford to pay for the educational trips which are arranged at schools. As a result, many of our children are left out in the learning process. The importance of outdoor activities for the sound growth of children is equally advocated around the world. The program is designed to teach the importance of natural preservation, appreciation of nature, nurturing human nature, and vegetation protection to children.

The Child Care Centre with the help of friends was able to arrange a tour for our physically challenged children, they visited Nakuru national park and Menengai crater. The children had a great time and couldn't hide the joy of seeing wild animals at their natural habitat and having lunch at the park.



STORY OF THE TERM

LEAH SAKEYA

Leah Sakeya is 14 years old; she comes from KMQ area in Kajiado County of Kenya. She is an orphan and her 8 siblings, 5 brothers and 3 sisters. Leah stays with her aunt who acts like a mother ever since she was age four.

Her aunt Lucy has 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. She is a business lady and a casual laborer at the Kenya Marble Quarries next to their home. Her husband is a carpenter at the village.

Leah was born normally without any disability. Her problems began at the age of 3. She had a fracture after falling while playing with age mates. She was brought to AIC Kajiado Child Care Centre where she was referred to Kikuyu Orthopedic hospital for management. She was later diagnosed with brittle bone disease, which gave answers as to why she breaks bones so easily. From that day, she has been confined on wheelchair since her bones can't support the weight of the body.

AIC Child Care Centre is a rehabilitation Centre for physically challenged and Leah was admitted at the Centre for long term rehabilitation since she was diagnosed to be having brittle bone disease.

Leah is now 14 years and attending AIC Primary School in grade 8, she is a pupil whose performance is above average always scoring higher marks than classmates and retaining position 1-3 in class. Leah sat for Kenya Certificate of Primary Education examination in November 2016 and scored 368/500 marks, and she will be able to be admitted into a national school.

Leah's aunt was unable to pay for her rehabilitation costs and schooling. All this was made possible through the support of AIC Kajiado Child Care Centre through friends and willing donors. It is Leah's prayer that she will continue receiving support so that she can continue with education and achieve her dream of becoming a surgeon.



STAFF RETREAT

All work without play makes Jack a dull boy...goes the saying.

On 16th November 2016, the Child Care Centre staffs were treated to visit Tsavo West National Park. The National Park is the second biggest in Kenya.

It was also an opportunity to bond and have a time off together.

Activities involved a game drive, hiking, and nature walk. It was a day well spent as everyone unwound from the busy schedule of everyday.

