

Children Garden Home and School

A Place For All

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Director's Remarks

We the entire fraternity of Children's Garden Home take this precious opportunity to thank you for all the support that you have given us in enabling the home to improve in growth towards the end of March. However, we had challenges during the month since the school was closed due to the elections that were conducted but thanks to God that it ended peacefully.

Our students who are currently sitting for their end term exams and we plan to close school in the month of April. I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and eventful month of March on behalf of the C.G.H. fraternity.



Children's Washing Hands (We have plenty of water)

Manager's Desk

Since the start of 2013, we had several challenges in the organization, but most been overcome.

We started with piping of the main building which was very costly but at last we were able to complete it. All the rooms now have piped water and every child can access.

Our students have maintained a high level of cleanliness compared to before when we had a shortage.

Drip irrigation has also been added to the green house project. Vegetables have been planted. The green house is harvesting tomatoes. Which will be used in cooking the students food and also some sold to bring more income to the home. But unfortunately the tomatoes have been infected, we appeal for professionals to come forth and assist.



Drip irrigation

Social work department

New enrolment

Children come from different background; they have been faced with difficulties in life, with a majority lacking parents and some lacking basic needs like food, shelter, clothing, education.



Cabbages harvested

Life history

I am Dorcas Chepkemboi from Mt. Elgon. I am 16 years old and in standard seven at Children's Garden, Nairobi. I have one brother and two sisters. I have both parents. My father is jobless and my mother too.

My mother went insane/mad and ran away to unknown. We started stayed without even food. My father had to search for manual work or us to get food. My father later decided to remarry. The wife was so harsh and cruel and mean to us. She used to beat my siblings thoroughly for no reasons. One day our sunshine lit very brightly for my father's friend appeared to know a place where we could get food, clothing and education.

My eldest brother was the first to go to the home in Nairobi. He stayed there for four years and that is when my father decided to take me also and was left with my two sisters at home. I came to Children's Garden in the year 2010 in standard seven. I've been in this centre for two years and my comment is that this is such a nice place and favourable to stay.

Daddy Moses and mum Sylvia are really nice and kind

parents I ever had. This is a little paradise. I thank God for bringing and making me to know this kind of a place. I am still learning and praying to God that I finish school and go back home to help my family and bring them out of darkness. And also to search for my mother if she is still made I take her to hospital.

This is such a big family and happy at the same time and I know all this people and children one day will be great people in the society. I myself and me believe in becoming a soldier girl to protect my country and my people.



Dorcas Chepkemboi



Vincent Owino 15 years old boy

This is a story of a boy who with her single mom who is a sole breadwinner. The boy is H.I.V positive which was detected at a very tender age. Due to this, it has affected his performance in class and we hope that he will get more assistance and support from the teacher so that he performs well in his exams, he is currently in class eight and will sit for his final exams this year

The single mom due to the lack of job and her health condition, she can't take care of him which forced the boy to look for ways to get education, the boy misses classes most of the time due to his health, he has to attend almost every week in hospital atleast to

Health

We had a major challenge in health sector, due to lack of preventive drugs like pain killers, stomach. We were forced to take the children to a city council hospital to be treated for the minor complication.

Education department (secondary department)



Children in Library at (CGH&S)

Our achievement in the secondary has greatly improved compared to last year. This is mainly due to the hard-work and commitment of the students.

Discipline

This being the backbone of our well being. It is highly improved in terms of uniform; Time factor and performance. Our students are more punctual, clean, well behaved and optimistic than when we began.

Positive measures are being analyzed to boost this section in order to gear up children's Garden Home and School towards positive thinking, co-existence and change.

Examinations

We have been able to register eleven (11) candidates for K.C.S.E 2013, for these to perform well the following measures need to be in

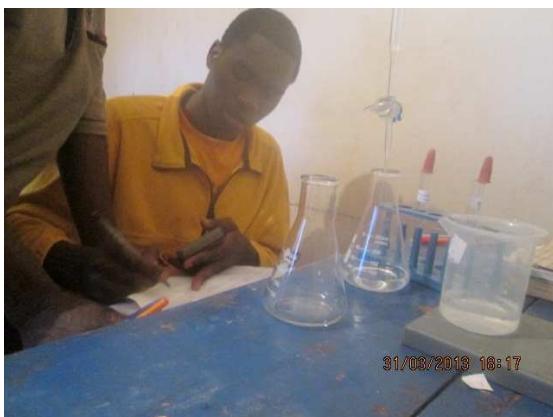
place and are being implemented:

- Syllabus coverage on time

Coaching the students on extra and holiday basis

Holiday coaching

Our form four classes will remain in school during the holiday until the last one week. This tuition will be conducted in order



A secondary school student in Laboratory

Laboratory project

This project is already on the ground but required more attention so as to expand. We need more apparatus, equipments and chemicals, it's doing well especially now when we can afford simple experiments and practical.

Primary section

In the beginning of the term, pupils sat for their opening exams which was well performed. They later on had their midterm exams. We are grateful for their progress since the mean score rose above 250 in upper classes and above 350 in lower classes. This improved due to consistence of teachers.

As we approach the end of first term, we have many expectations towards impressive results. We are fully committed in training them and sharpening them to make us proud.

Shortcomings and challenges

Despite the smooth running of the institution we also had challenges here and there;

1. Lack of enough preventive drugs, painkillers, paracetamol and stomach. many students do



complain of headaches often and due to lack of drugs, we take them to hospitals to be treated.

2. Lack of enough space in classrooms especially secondary school. we are in need of more classes in secondary school.
3. Lack of enough sports games kits which the student will use during their participation in games.
4. We urgently need to register 25 pupils in class 8. If we don't get money, they will be locked out. We



managed to get the secondary students sponsored thanks to God.

Achievements

These are some of the achievements that we have been able to achieve during the month of March.

Discipline

Our students have maintained a high level of respect towards their seniors, only a few students need to change.

Compound

The compound cleanliness has greatly increased, the head-boy and head-girl have ensured that the other students maintain cleanliness in the compound at all times.

Construction of drip irrigation

The greenhouse project has been a successful one throughout, the tomatoes planted were harvested and some used in cooking.

Conclusion

We thank God for the support and guidance he has provided to us even though we experienced some challenges since we have been able to continue despite the election period and we were able to overcome the challenges.

If we get more support we are sure we will be able to reach our target. Thank you.

God Bless You.