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LVC NEWS LETTER

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LVC center construction in progress



As we informed you in our last News letter, we had bought a piece of land to build a permanent LVC centre, now the same Charity which supported us with purchase of the land, **Kids Aid Tanzania a UK Charity** , is supporting the construction of a new LVC centre with 100 percent funding , the center will be owned by Lake Victoria Children organization , After completion of our new center which according to our present time frame will be June/July , LVC will save **Tshs 3,800,000**

each year which we pay in rents for running current LVC center, this money will be diverted to our outreach projects and running our organization more sustainably, Building a permanent LVC center has been our Top dream since founding of LVC as it ensures sustainability and secures the future of the organization , the LVC team and the entire community we support is extremely proud of LVC center development, the first estimate cost for construction of LVC Center is in excess of **Tshs 48,000,000.**

“This is time for LVC to shine and be the leading and most effective community organization in this Region, I cant wait to move to our new Building now under construction , this is a dream come true:Chabona of LVC

The Sanitary towel project



The Sanitary towel project which is part of the Back to school campaign program continues to play a greater role in keeping vulnerable girls in

school, we have since January made and distributed 156 pieces to 156 girls in different villages, 18 of these children when later asked of the impact of sanitary towel to their lives they all said since they started using them they have not failed to attend lessons because of menstruation circle which was very common in previous days, the girls receive training on how to use them and keep the items clean, Neema who is a new Lady working in the LVC Tailoring shop is working hard in the shop to produce as many Pieces of S. towels as possible as well as uniforms for the children in the villages, the Sanitary towel project was initially introduced to LVC by Patricia of Smiles To Tanzania UK

“The sanitary towels are very small things and don’t cost much to make, but the difference they make to the girls in the community is incredible !

“Neema of LVC Tailoring shop

The Sack garden project



The sack garden project is becoming a reliable source for vegetable at LVC ,this is especially important for our Health program for the children at LVC, in our LVC sack garden project we grow different types of greens as in photos above, tomatoes , etc which is cooked and given to children as part of lunch, also for LVC Staff lunch, this is saving LVC money also children are learning of the importance of vegetables to their health, when we move to our new Building we hope to be able to expand our Sack garden project and produce more vegetable, our current center has much limited space ,

“The LVC sack garden is a very convenient source of Vegetables essential for the Children Health and staff food: Veronica

HEALTH PROGRAM

(1)Malaria prevention Project



The Health program remains our most important program after Education, as part of this program, the Malaria prevention project through mosquito net use is changing community lives, Between

January and February we have distributed mosquito nets to 1,500 families on Ukerewe Islands in 28 different villages, this is a continuation of the Malaria prevention program funded each year by Kids Aid Tanzania to support disadvantaged families on Ukerewe Islands, our ambassadors have reported of a remarkable drop in number of malaria cases in children, pregnant moms in all families we support, before receiving the mosquito nets families receive education on effects of malaria and how to prevent it through effective use of mosquito net, This education is delivered through community meetings by specially trained LVC Ambassadors in the area with assistance from LVC staff,

Colin and Aileen of Kids Aid Tanzania came to be part of the distribution and were pleased how LVC runs the Malaria prevention project and how it is benefiting disadvantaged families on the Island

Mecktrida (42) a mother of 5 children lives in Bulamba village,

“Before receiving Education on Malaria prevention and using mosquito net, myself and the children used to get sick with malaria very often , with no money to buy Malaria pills we would have it for



weeks without treatment, this affected my ability to work for my family and the children had poor attendance in school, now that has changed, with effective use of mosquito net, neither I nor the children contract malaria as frequently as before, their health has improved and are more active in school and I live a more productive life, ” **Mectrida**

EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ensuring every disadvantaged child on the Island still tops LVC list of priorities, we continue to sustainably deliver services to disadvantaged and vulnerable children with focus to help re integrate those forced to drop or miss school due to their vulnerability, between December 20015 and March 2016 we have provided 356 children with school uniforms, distributed a total of 920 exercise books , 444 writing pens

Rudia (12) and her brother Shadrack (9) live in Kweru village on the Island, they are born to parents with mental problem who later abandoned them, they live with their elder sister (17) who often leaves them to labor in fishing sites so she can support them, their mud house is nearly collapsing and they are both worried it might collapse on them at night even before their sister returns home, LVC ensures Rudia and Shadrack carry on with schooling despite all the sufferings and hardships they face home



Smiles To Tanzania has generously continued to fund our now very popular project ***Light on my Books***, we have this month of April just received another 528 Solar light to be distributed to disadvantaged children and their families to help those children do their homework after dinner and light their homes , this support comes immediately after another help of 528 solar lights all distributed to vulnerable children alongside uniforms, the project is becoming very popular as most of these families can not afford kerosene to light their homes, the

solar light therefore help the children do homework as well as source of light for entire family



*My house is always dark inside, the only light at night comes from the kitchen during cooking then it is dark until next day, Now I have my own source of light, I can do my home work and prepare my bed, I cant wait to go to school in my new uniforms tomorrow am just so happy **Pendo***

Thank you !

We would like to say a big thank you to you all our supporters who have so generously helped us this year, your help keeps transforming us in the way we work, we reach more and more children and families and the impact we make in the community is enormous, we know we cant do much without your help, Sorry if in this news letter your favorite bit of news was missed out or not included, the construction of the new LVC center is unexpectedly taking up part of the LVC team time, overseeing progress and helping out where necessary, this has inevitably somehow reduced the outreach time, but we expect construction to finish by end of June and move into our new Building, we will get even stronger, eventful and full of news ! please continue to spread the word about our Organization and do let

us know of any contact you may have of someone who might be interested in our projects and work we do for our community, thank you and best wishes

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