

## 2023 IMPACT REPORT

# UBUNTU LIFE FOUNDATION

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We provide access to essential services and promote social inclusion for children with special educational and physical needs throughout Kenya.



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Hello Tribe and thank you!

2022 celebrated completion of our Children's Wellness Center offering educational and healthcare services for ULF clients and the Maai Mahiu community. With over 70k residents, CWC employs the only doctor in town.

**Your support enables ULF to provide holistic special needs care.**

In 2023, over 5 families relocated to Maai Mahiu to access our services and 14 more referred other parents for their kids.

Here are some of our 2023 accomplishments thanks to this unique combination school and medical facility upgrade - plus major news: WATER!

**ASANTE SANA!**

# 2023 WATER PROJECT

The water got to Ubuntu Campus on 30th September 2023. CWC has our own borehole and a source of water that we can call our own! Thanks to Rees Jones Foundation we secured a plot of land and began drilling.

Over 150 men and women were engaged in digging the trench from the land to the campus for 21 days across 11 kilometers. Campus receives 96000 Liters a day, all pumps operate by solar power. This steady stream of water rejuvenated our farming project. Our 2024 goal is adding a purification system.



# 2023 UBUNTU LIFE IMPACT STATS

7

kids took  
their first  
steps

17

kids on  
waiting list

150

clients  
entered  
nutrition  
program

190

home visits by  
CHW or social  
worker

76

kids  
received  
therapy

23

parents empowered  
with part time  
employment

31

educational trainings for  
parents and community  
members

3

CHW-hosted  
five day medical  
camps

# THE UBUNTU LIFE FOUNDATION SCHOOL



The 22,000-square-foot building sits on 11 acres in Maai Mahiu, next to our Maker Studio and the Cafe Ubuntu. The enhanced school wing boasts 9 large classrooms, cafeteria, OT center, toilet block and playground. Our clinic upgrade now offers Ubuntu families an on-site pharmacy and nutritionist, increased exam rooms, and dedicated space for community health education.

The Ubuntu Life Foundation School specializes in ages 2-18 with special needs. We currently have 5 teachers and 4 caregivers on staff full time.

2023 began with 58 students enrolled and by December there were 69 in the program. In only one year, nearly a dozen more kids now receive the education and social interaction they deserve.

We also visit kids at home to monitor progress adapting to everyday life; these insights inform adjustments needed in lesson plans to suit individual needs.

Counseling Sessions with students and their families allow us to grow closer and build trust. The children are also able to play and socialize directly outside their classrooms.

# TEACHER TRAINING AND STUDENT SOCIALIZATION

ULF also engages with area schools to increase awareness around learning difficulties. We equip teachers and students with overall understanding, and the ability to recognize early signs of disabilities.

As a result, learners get the attention and help that they need to succeed. Trainings also break the stigma behind disability. All students are encouraged to act as ambassadors and give voice to disability challenges.



# OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND NEURAL PROGRAMS

In 2023 we had a total of 39 full time participants and 39 on a part time basis.

January began with 255 patients, and by the close of the year we maintained 270 clients.

Community trainings include proper handling, positioning and lifting of patients. As well as education on cerebral palsy, epilepsy, behavioural training, autism, learning disabilities and nutrition.



# 2023 UBUNTU LIFE MILESTONES!

36

new kids  
in rehab

7

potty trained

3

self-fed

17

sitting solo

10

weaned  
from meds

270

total special needs  
patients in care

39

full time patients

39

part time patients





## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In July 2023 we hosted 26 pastors from area churches and the turn out at our center was amazing.

Community outreach like this has directly increased patient referrals to our hospital.

Moreover, congregants are educated on disabilities and help to demystify common misunderstandings around epilepsy and other special needs.

# TRIBE DONOR VISITS

Tribe Members

Rees Jones Team

Syracuse Team

Rotary Club of Naivasha

Rotary Club Of Arizona

Rotary Club of Waridi

Micah 6:8 Foundation



# VISITING DOCTORS

Karen Keough

Toshia Mckeon

Ric Bonnel

Wendy Bonnel

John Avery

Gianna, Leslie, Caylee,

Sarah Person



## COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Ngeya Primary

Karima Primary

Cornerstone Preparatory

Dave Amazing

Gathima Primary



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Bethany Kids

Valley Light

Thigio Center

Community Health

Volunteers (CHVs)





**Denzel** joined the ULF program in 2012, when he was only 1 year old.

He was successfully weaned off meds in April 2023, after two previous failed attempts - he has now been seizure free for the last two years!

Denzel is now 11yo continuing his education at CWC. He is progressing beautifully with therapists and teachers.

## MORE STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

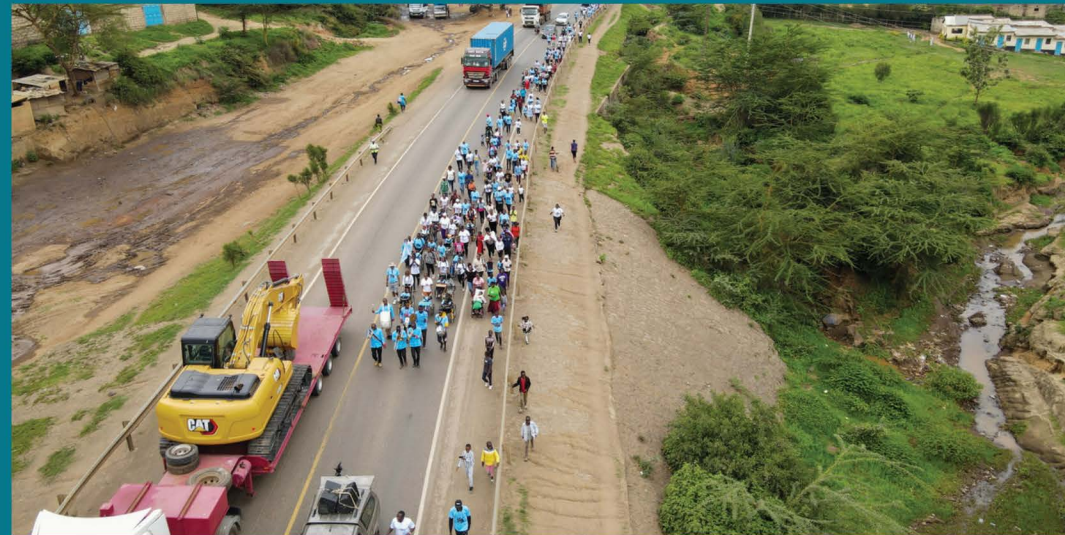
**Faith** has been on follow up on our neuro clinic for the last 10 years. She was weaned off meds in August after been seizure free for the last 2 years.

She is now 14 yo, doing amazing in our school unit with no convulsions reported post meds wean off.

**Dalton** joined the ULF program in 2014, he was three years old.

Our team worked with his family to begin tapering medication in December 2022.

We are thrilled to share he has successfully weaned off all medications as of May 2023. Dalton is a happy 12 yo, excelling in his academics and will join 7th grade this year.



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SAVE THE DATE! TRIBE PARTY  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH, 2024  
FAIR MARKET AUSTIN



Ubuntu Life's 2023 TRIBE PARTY funded impactful programming into the new year.  
Reserve your table now for our annual safari chic gala!

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