

Children of Kilimanjaro Orphanage

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OUR NEXT ADVENTURE

Hello everyone and welcome to our latest Children of Kilimanjaro Orphanage newsletter.

So much has happened in the last year, and we are so excited to share the news with you. Finally, after looking at so many pieces of land we found the perfect piece to build our new orphanage.

Meanwhile our present home for COKO which we rent, is now getting to small for us. We started with 5 children and are now up to 30. The odds of finding a place to accommodate all the children and staff are very slim and with our lease up March 25th, 2025, we decided the best thing to do was to build our own new home.

We now own 1.6 beautiful acres in the Uru district of Moshi Tanzania right on Mount Kilimanjaro. Our land is loaded with fruit trees, and we will finally have lots of grass for the children to play on.

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COKO FOUNDERS



Jay Rowe



Yusuf Babu Msuya

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS ON THE MOUNTAIN

Work has already started and as of today our land is cleared of all large trees and we have a 9' wall surrounding the land and are just waiting on all steel gates to be installed. Our new home will be able to house 48 children along with 8 full bath staff rooms, large storage shed, kitchen with pantry, large classroom, library and computer room and a separate volunteer/guest house with 8 more full bath rooms.

All of this is because of you supporting us from all over the world.

We couldn't of done this without you and your continued support.



Get your own 16"x10" ceramic tile with our logo and a beautiful picture of Mt Kilimanjaro. You can have your name or even your business on the tile along with city, state and country. These will be installed on the outside walls of our new orphanage to be seen forever. We will have a large outdoor world map where the children can see and look up where all the people helping to support them live.

ONE OF OUR FUNDRAISERS GOING ON NOW IS THE SELLING OF 16 x 10 WALL TILES.



WALL PANELS FOR YOUR COMPANY'S LOGO



The wall panels measure 12 feet long and 9 feet tall and most of the logos are approximately 5' x 5'. Our artist Memba can recreate your logo from a good picture. These logos will be up forever for all to see in future pictures and videos of the children. For a donation amount of \$2000 you can proudly display your company's logo and help support our orphanage.

As a special appreciation, you will also get two weeks room and board at COKO for two along with a framed 11 x 14 picture of your logo with the children of COKO in front.



Have your logo on our wall forever at the Children of Kilimanjaro Orphanage and come stay with us for two weeks. It's a win-win for everyone!

WE WELCOME FETTY, JOHN & DEBORA

We have added some new staff members and we all really believe that COKO now has the best staff and orphanage could ever have.

Fatuma Ntahonda or Fetty as we call her started in June as our Chief Matron. Fetty is responsible for everything at COKO and excels at her job. There's no job at COKO that she will not help with. She is also a really great cook and everyone loves her so much.

John Abdallah started as our new Chief Patron in September and what a great addition he has become. John has a love for teaching and it's very easy to see when he is working with the children. He makes it so fun for the children they really do look forward to his before dinner lessons. John also will do anything you ask of him at COKO.

With 30 children running around playing there are bound to be injuries. We are so happy to finally have our own full time live in nurse at COKO.

Debora started in January and she has quickly become a valued member of our team. We now have a very well stocked locked medicine cabinet and it's such a blessing knowing Debora is with us. When not dealing with any medical issues with the children, she is always there to offer help to any of our staff. It really is amazing how quickly she fit right in with us at COKO .



MOUNT KILIMANJARO FUN FACTS

Elevation 19,341 feet

Highest mountain in Africa

Highest a freestanding mountain
in the world above sea level

Dormant volcano

Approximately 25,000 people
attempt to summit Mount Kili-
manjaro annual

Approximately two thirds of
climbers are successful

Altitude related problems are the
most common reason climbers
turned back

KILIMANJARO NATIONAL PARK

Size (652 sq mi)

Approximately 52,000 visitors per
year

A vast array of animals many of
them endangered, occupy the park

Elephants, Cape Buffaloes, Black
Rhinos, Giraffes, Leopards, Ser-
vos, Hyenas and Baboons



A PERFECT PLACE TO CELEBRATE

Our annual benefit at Southwick's Zoo was a major success. We raised over \$12,000 and had over 300 people in attendance. Galliford's restaurant and tavern supplied great BBQ and Pieces of Eight kept the crowd energized with their music. We even had lots of Zebra's and Ostriches taking it all in, right in back of the band.

Every year our annual benefit gets bigger and bigger and eve-

ryone really has a great time. This years date will be [Friday September 6 from 5-9](#) and we hope to see many of you there.



Southwick's ZOO official logo



A few of our friends enjoying the 2nd annual fundraiser at Southwick's ZOO

WHO WANTS TO HAVE A PARTY AT COKO?

Our sponsored specialty dinners are a real big hit with both children and staff. The children eat 3 nutritious meals daily with snacks and the meals are traditional and very tasty Tanzanian dishes. We love when we can offer them the meals we have all had growing up but they are just not in our food budget.

For \$50 you can choose from a list of meals to sponsor for COKO.

Some of our latest sponsored meals have been, fried or grilled chicken with French fries, chicken soup, cheeseburgers with fries, homemade pizza (we really do make a great one) pasta with meat sauce, homemade Mac & cheese and chicken & broccoli Alfredo. Ice cream can also be sponsored for \$50 and is always a big hit that will produce lots of smiles with both children and staff.

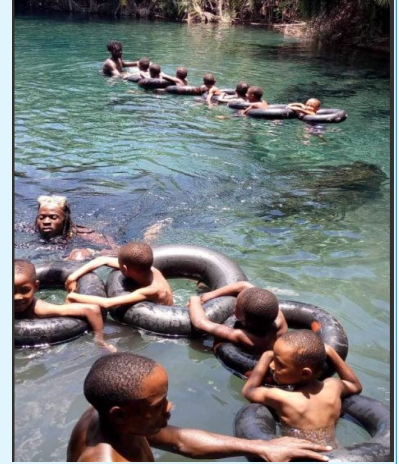
TRIP TO CHEMKA HOT SPRINGS



Kids having a great time.

We took the children twice to the Chemka hot springs which really is a beautiful little swimming spot to get them used to being in the water which they all love.

So far it's just been floating on tubes but we hope soon that they will all be comfortable and want to start learning to swim. Rosemary and Herri are both very close to starting and we hope to have all the COKO children swimming within a year or two.



This is going to be another great year for COKO and we are very excited about our future.

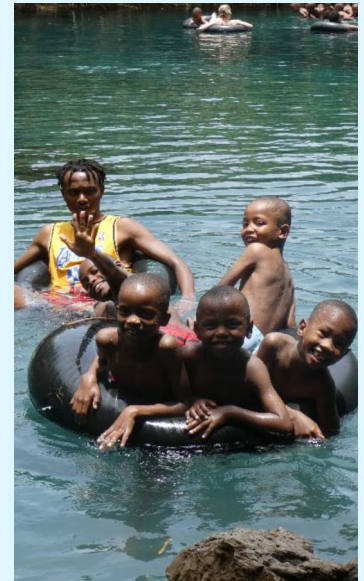
STAFF MEMBERS

USA STAFF

- Jay Rowe, COKO Founder
- Amanda Campano , COKO Director of Fundraising
- Timothy Marco, COKO Director of Children Activities
- Roger Dooley, COKO Director of Information Technology
- ATTY Steven J Patton, Board member at large
- Sandra Clark, Board member at large

MOSHI FACILITY

- Yusuf Babu Msuya, COKO Co-Founder
- Fatuma Ntahonda, COKO Chief Matron
- John Abdallah, COKO Chief Patron
- Beatrice Richard, Head Teacher
- Debora Kiwia, COKO Full Time Nurse
- Gudila Kilian Kanji, COKO Head Cook / Second Matron / Teacher
- Juma Ally Irunde, COKO Chief Security Officer
- Grace Bernard, COKO Cleaner / Childrens Activities
- Glory Jerome, COKO Assistant Cleaner / Childrens Activities
- Lucia John Ndassa , COKO Assistant Cleaner / Childrens Activities



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR
We have a whole new website designed for us that is working out so well. It is much more streamlined and now we have our own online store for you to purchase COKO items. Other really great news, COKO is now coming up first in many Google searches which, is helping us grow.

**WE CARE, WE LOVE
AND WE PROTECT**

We believe that all kids deserve a chance to attend school and get proper medical care all in a safe, clean, and loving environment.

COKO gives all this and so much more and really is one big family made up of the children, the staff, and all the people supporting the orphanage.

GOING FORWARD—FUTURE ENDEAVORS

As we start our fifth year in 2024 we have such a bright future to look forward to. We will be continuing with our building project and hope to be in our new home in the spring of 2025.

All of us at COKO want to thank everyone who has been in our corner since we started. We are a true success story because of all of you and hope to see many of you at our annual benefit at Southwick's Zoo

Friday, September 6 at 5 pm

We are a success because of all of you. Assante sana means thank you in Swahili. Tuko pamoja means we are together.

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