

An annual Corporate Social Responsibility Event by

Darren Hart in conjunction with Engineering Students'

Association & other bodies.

### TREHOMSE 2021

An event organised on behalf of the University students to give back to the society in a bid to motivate the children of Tree House Children's Home.

DATES: Saturday 11th Dec, 2021

VENUE: Tree House Children's Home



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### TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME VISIT REPORT ON 11/12/2021

On 11th December 2021. In collaboration with Engineering Students Association (ESA) and other professional bodies within the University and outside; Red Cross, Coach Dus Family and mama Gift foundation, we visited TREE HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOME. We raised a campaign to raise Clothes&shoes, Stationery items, Food&grocery, Money, Sanitary items, cooking fuel Dairy products etc. On this day we had several activities taking place like Cooking, washing clothes, mentorship, general cleaning and playing with kids. We were able to mobilize enough food, clothes and shoes for the kids. We also collected a total of 50,000Ksh from students, well-wishers and our partners. We used this money to buy food in plenty, Stationery, Charcoal and Grocery. At least 70 students attended the event from the University of Nairobi and we had 3 representatives from Kenyatta University and 1 student from Mount Kenya University.

Tree House Children's home, has been caring and protecting orphans, vulnerable, desperate children through provision of secure, healthy, and loving environment for more than 10 years. During this time tree house has earned a reputation for excellence in Kenya and globally. Since its humble beginning the Charitable Institution has cared and protected for hundreds of orphaned and vulnerable children. The children are admitted through the Department of Children Services under the Ministry of Labor, Social Security and Services. It is certified by the Government of Kenya to undertake the task of protecting and rehabilitating disadvantaged children. The Institution is located in Lucky Summer off Kasarani stadium in Ruaraka Constituency. The children under the home's care come from a variety of backgrounds; many are abandoned, abused, orphaned by HIV/AIDS, children from conflict and clashes areas, lost and found cases, among others.

The Children Home, ardently subscribes to and follows the principles established in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, The African Charter on the Welfare of Children, and the Constitution of Kenya, Children's Act of 2001 No. 8 Cap 586.

The Charitable Children Institution does not have a reliable or predictable sponsor or donor. It gets support from Government of Kenya, the community, friends and well-wishers locally and internationally, corporate social responsibility, humanitarian organizations, just to mention a few who are at adhoc basis. The support and donations are erratic, thus the home has to keep on seeking for educational requirements, beddings, shelter, food, clothing, medical, among other basic needs and services for the children.





#### THE HISTORY OF THE HOME:

Tree House home was founded in 2005 by a young generous man who wanted to be part of the community/country's solution Nicholas Omondi Amollo (Nick) in Nairobi Mathare slum whereby he lived with some of those children in his own house. Him and his other youth friends started teaching young children how to write and helping them to do homework, slowly they started giving school materials to those who didn't have scholastic materials and later the need became overwhelming till they started hosting needy children in a small structure in Mathare and staying with some and later they got a place in Lucky summer. The children's home has served more than 300 children from all walks of life across Kenya by providing safety, love, education and therapy in times of critical need.

The home is managed by able people who have a passion to help their fellow Kenyans.

Now Located in Lucky summer, The Children's home distinguishes itself among child service agencies by offering a unique environment that is serenely therapeutic, educational, inspirational and, most importantly, alive with potential. Through meaningful participation and one-on-one relationships with counselors and therapists, children facing severe disruptions to their lives begin to heal in mind, body and spirit. The Children's Home is able to provide for the most vulnerable children an array of professional services such as needs-based education, community counseling, and comprehensive life-skills day treatment. Currently tree house family host 75 children who were rescued due to various reasons ranging from: abandoned, orphans and street children.

There are numerous important principles that they hold true when working with a child: A child has potential to become who they want to become in future, they believe that children are better off in safe environment, they realized that troubled children can change, understood that family beliefs and values must be respected and they know that a crisis is an opportunity for change.





#### TREE HOUSE PROGRAMS:

The home helps where the need is greatest. They offer the following services:

- 1.The Children's Centre Residential Services: They Support orphaned and destitute children with excellent residential care.
- **2.Outreach Services:** They offer Home-based care and family support for families with vulnerable children in mathere and lucky summer communities.
- **3.Economic empowerment for young adults joining University:** They offer this empowerment for it is the "silver bullet" for poverty eradication.

**University Partnerships:** The home partners with leading Universities in and out of Kenya for the mutual benefit of our children and the student volunteers.

#### THE GREATEST CHALLENGE FACING TREE HOUSE HOME:

The greatest challenge facing the orphanage currently is to secure sponsors for all the children school fees and money for running the orphanage. Currently 7 children are waiting to join the university for there is no school fees. Tree House operates by funds from donors and friends who wish well for the children. In the beginning the director used his small salary to run the home but later on number of children in the center increase so the need of help for running the center also increases. Tree House is appealing to all well-wishers to support these children to get their dream come true. These children can change the world, but they can't do it without the support.

There is a challenge of limited rooms for children thus they need to expand the home being that they have the space but no construction funds which would cost 3M for phase 1 that can create around 8 spacious rooms for the children that has washrooms and bathrooms inside.

Getting school uniform, shoes and scholastic materials isn't easy.

Utility bills are hard to be paid for since the home has no income.

Paying the social workers and caregivers is still a challenge.

Providing a balanced diet for the children always is a challenge.

The Home has a total of 75 children: Age limit is from 20 months to 20 years, the eldest having 20 years.25 children are in high-schools. 36 of the children are in Primary and 14 of them are in the Universities not forgetting the 3 very young ones who just stay at home. 15 of these children knows how to bake, Every child in the home is confident and feels at home since the founder of the home literally lives with the children and treats them as family so the children don't feel rejection or unwanted.





#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We really had a wonderful day with the kids. We washed clothes, we cooked, we mentored the kids, we did cleaning, we played with the kids including chess game and Rubik's cube, We ate together and we celebrated as we Cut the Cake. We appreciate the help we received from the University of Nairobi through **the Dean of Engineering, University of Nairobi, Prof. Ayub Gitau**, for helping facilitate us with the bus to help us in transportation to the home and back to school.

#### CHALLENGES AND MOVING FORWARD:

The program took longer than anticipated and so moving forward, we could do better as regards time management.

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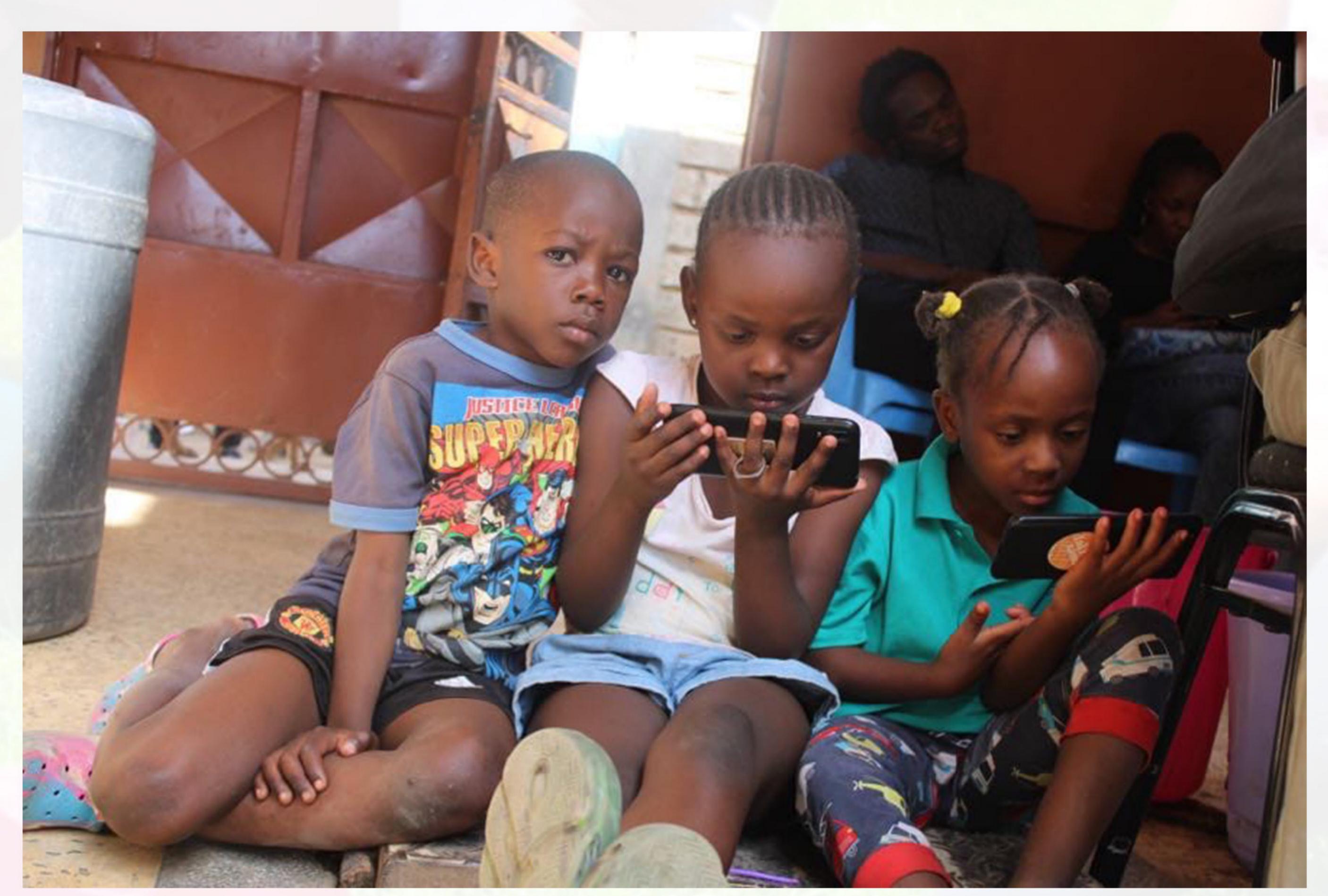




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