



THE NEWSLETTER

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Lewa's Children Home (Kenya)



Lewa's Children Home provides a loving environment, nutritious food, clean water, education, care, and support to 80 children whose parents have either died or are unable to care for them. They aim to transform the lives of children who need a loving home, no matter what their circumstances are, and help them become successful members of society.

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On 30 January 2023, five children from Lewa joined Kipkeino School for their junior secondary education! This is the pioneer class for Kenya's new curriculum, the competency-based curriculum (CBC), which includes developing more practical skills, such as Home Science, Music, Agriculture, and Physical Science.

Well done on becoming secondary school learners!



We had a homecoming celebration for some of our boys who underwent initiation. They spent a month away from the Home, learning the importance of transitioning into manhood and how to honor Kalenjin culture and responsibility.



Belinda



Christian

Christian and Belinda both graduated from their class 8 with flying colors and are very excited to begin Form 1. We are very proud of them and know they will do well!

Congratulations to Christian and Belinda!

Rhotia Valley Children's Home (Tanzania)

Since opening the Rhotia Valley Children's Home in 2006, Marise and Joris Koch (doctors from the Netherlands) have worked hard to ensure their children are nurtured and well looked after by the mothers and the social worker of the Home. They also ensure that the children all have a good schooling foundation and further training, so they can grow up to become successful members of society.

Fidness joined the Rhotia Valley family in 2009, when she was 11 years old. Her father had passed away and her mother had been diagnosed with HIV. Upon graduating from school, she furthered her studies at the local business college. She is now 25 and works at the Rhotia Tented Lodge as a Booking Officer.

Well done, Fidness!



Mkiwa joined the Rhotia Valley family in 2008, when he was 12 years old. Always smiling with a happy and outgoing personality, he became popular amongst his Rhotia family and school peers. He excelled at school and dreamt of becoming a pilot, but unfortunately, Physics was not offered at his school. He is now 27 and is a much-loved secondary school teacher.



Born in 2002, Christina is a clever and sociable girl. She joined the Rhotia family in 2009, after losing her parents at just 7 years of age. Primary school was easy for her, and she graduated from her secondary school in December 2022. She is still waiting for her results as the schools in Tanzania take their time in publishing them. Once she has her results, she will decide which college or university she would like to attend.

Nokuphila (Tembisa, South Africa)

Letter of Thanks and Appreciation to the GTO Trust

On behalf of the Love Trust, we would like to express our utmost gratitude for your continued generous contributions, most recently on 17 April 2023 towards Nokuphila School's Holiday Smiles Programme. The most important beneficiaries are the children, who develop through play. It doesn't matter where they grow up or what their backgrounds are, this remains true for all children. The development that happens in the first five years of a child's life is crucial, as it lays the foundation for future learning.

The Love Trust is a registered NPO (072 167) and PBO (930031948) and is Section 18A-accredited. Nokuphila (meaning 'Place of Life') is a donor-funded school for children from Tembisa, catering for over 300 learners from Grade 000 to Grade 7. We transport our learners to and from school every day, provide four nutritious meals, as well as excellent education and social support.

Thank you to the GTO Trust for your continued support!

Be part of GTO's  *20/20 Vision*

The GTO Trust's 20th anniversary celebrations are still ongoing, and as part of our 20/20 vision, we're looking forward to growing our network of office champions and fundraising initiatives. More details on these will be shared soon!

It's never too early to start making a positive difference; in the meantime, you can play your part in any of the following ways:

- Sharing our website link with 20 friends
- Donating \$20 per month
- Getting 20 friends or colleagues together to host a fundraising event
- Posting about GTO 20 times on social media

We're also incredibly excited to reveal the highly anticipated video on our journey throughout the years. Since inception, GTO has remained committed to overseeing the wellbeing, growth, and overall development of vulnerable children across the globe.

Two decades later, we look back with a sense of pride and accomplishment, but we know that there is still so much more we can do to positively impact underserved communities as we look ahead to the next 20 years! Through your continued support and contributions, we've been able to do what we're passionate about – bringing smiles to little faces.

The GTO journey has been an incredible one; a journey worth documenting and sharing with the masses. In this video, you'll gain a better understanding of who we are, our core values, some of our past successes and initiatives, as well as how you can get involved.

Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqsWiUyiKdM>

Join us, be part of GTO's 20/20 vision and make a big difference to little lives!