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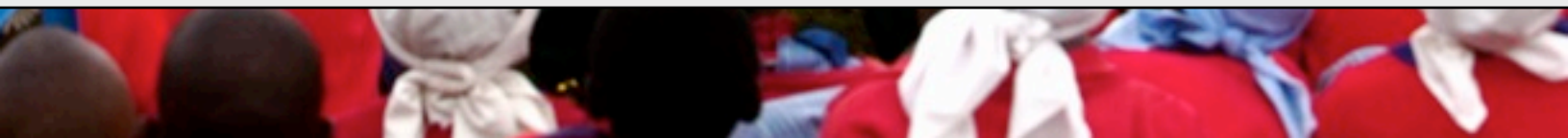


The Feinstein Junior Scholars' Academy

Construction for the Feinstein Junior Scholars' Academy is nearing completion and the Flying Kites students are looking forward to starting their September term in the new building. The building was revealed to the Njabini community on June 12, 2010 and dedicated to the Feinstein Junior Scholars. Over 5,000 children were in attendance to hear speeches by 2012 Presidential candidate and Member of Parliament Martha Karua. Kenyan pop-star Jimmy Gait joined local representatives from the Kinangop Police Force to remind children of their right to be protected from abuse and violence.

The event was covered by several news channels, a clip of which can be viewed here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G6b0uKv4mp4>





Flying Kites Oasis : Launching Our First Conference

Nearly 300 make-shift children's homes provide support to thousands of orphaned and vulnerable children in Nairobi. Many orphanage Directors find themselves isolated as they strive to provide basic amenities to the children in their care and acquire stable funding and, as such, the day-to-day demands of each orphanage take priority over long-term organizational planning. Additionally, there is a lack of shared knowledge among directors concerning principles in childcare, fundraising challenges and donor relations. While the Homes offer love and support to children in their care, the ability to significantly alter the course of these children's lives is limited due to a lack of resources and financial stability.

The Flying Kites Oasis Program strives to unite and support these orphanages. The program has established new forums for communication among orphanage Directors and increases each Home's access to local and international resources. By working with local leaders in the non-profit industry, each home is given the tools necessary to strengthen its domestic and international presence to increase its ability to raise money and attract volunteers. The Oasis Program provides participating orphanages with a network of support and an unprecedented collective voice.

The Oasis team launched the program on July 9th, 2010 with a meeting held at our site.



Oasis Conference Schedule

August 2010 : Financial Transparency: The Importance of Record-keeping & Auditing

September 2010 : Identifying, Approaching, Winning, & Keeping Donors

October 2010 : Principles of High Quality Childcare

Speaker: Kellen Karanu, Head of National Center for Children Services Secretariat

November 2010 : On-site Volunteer Management & Developing Volunteer Loyalty

Speaker: Pauline Njenga, Banqueting Manager, Sarova Stanley

December 2010 : Child Sponsorships: Developing Long-term Sponsor Loyalty

January 2011 : Planning Seminar for Nairobi-Based Oasis Awareness Event

February 2011: Keeping Children Healthy: Health Care and First Aid in Orphanages

March 2011 : Marketing: An Essential Function for Sustainability

Speaker: Florence Ndungu, GBS Broadcasting

April 2011: Microfinance: Developing Income-Generating Projects

May 2011 : Developing Mutually Beneficial Corporate Partnerships

June 2011 : Creating a Community Health Care Network for Oasis Homes

July 2011 : Clever Construction: Innovative Use of Low-Cost Materials

Speaker: Maranga Njoroge, Principal Architect at ATS Architects, Nairobi

August 2011 : Property Basics: Location, Title, and Legal Protection

Speaker: Seamus Burns, Real Estate expert, Nairobi

September 2011 : Planning for Adulthood: Guiding Children towards Independence

Speaker: Wasilwa Lusweti, Director Watoto Wema Centre

Magnet Effect : Women's Empowerment Fair

On Saturday July 24th 2010, Flying Kites hosted the first annual Women's Empowerment Fair in Njabini.

The event took place on the campus of the Flying Kites Leadership Academy, with an estimated 200 women in attendance. The day gathered a select group of women from the Njabini community to recognize and appreciate the importance of their role in family and society, while also providing them with information on local community resources. The attendees circulated among stations at which they were able to speak to over 20 non-profit and community representatives. **Topics covered included HIV/ AIDS, nutrition, family planning, stress management, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, self-defense, child labor, micro-finance and financial planning, as well as efficient agricultural practices, wool spinning and beadwork, and the information on the Kenyan constitutional referendum.** The Deputy of the Njabini Police Department was also present, and facilitated a question and answer session regarding local procedures for reporting domestic violence. Representatives from *I'm Worth Defending*, a Nairobi based NGO, were eagerly received by the crowd as they demonstrated self-defense techniques to reduce sexual violence against women. See Country Director Brian Jones photographed below, as women took turns practicing their techniques.



John, Ruth & Serah join our family



John, (on the right, pictured with Joseph) came to Flying Kites in June 2010 and walked straight out to the football pitch. Acting as if he'd been waiting his whole life to play, John only wants to put his football away when a movie is playing. His favorite movie (currently) is Home Alone, and he believes that the book "The Giving Tree" should be made into a movie. John spends most Saturdays participating in our community outreach program, and loves helping local children find shoes that fit.

Ruth is the oldest girl at our Centre and also the newest. She loves to laugh with Miriam and is settling into her new home well. She says the best part about living at Flying Kites is "going to school" and she enjoys wearing her uniform everyday. Ruth is eager to learn new skills and will work at something until she perfects it. She loves taking photos of other students and volunteers.



Serah is seven years old and was born in Njabini. She came to live at the Flying Kites Leadership Academy in June and joined Class Three. Sarah is a very compassionate little girl. She is always concerned for other people, and often will tell an adult if she suspects a certain child is upset/tired/frustrated. She loves jumping rope and her favorite food is chapattis (Kenya's version of a tortilla). She is an excellent student and wants to be a doctor when she grows up.

Sponsor a child today

Summiting Africa's Highest Peak

Congratulations to the 17 Flying Kites Adventure Challengers who climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in June!

The trip began in Njabini, Kenya at the Flying Kites Leadership Academy. Our challengers, many of whom far exceeded the \$5,000 fundraising target, spent several days at the Academy prior to traveling to Tanzania. After spending time with our team in Kenya, the climbers were even more motivated to make it to the top of Kilimanjaro in honor of the children who had won their hearts in only a few short days.

The climb itself was demanding; each day presented a new challenge. The final day was a grueling hike, ascending and descending a total of 13,283 feet in less than 24 hours. However, nothing can compare to the feeling of accomplishment upon making it to the top. Read more about the climb at:

<http://fkadventurechallenges.wordpress.com/>

Newport-based photographer Sandy Nesbitt kindly donated his time and talent to document our first Adventure Challenge.



Sign up now for **KAYAKING IN MEXICO**

December 26th, 2010 - January 8th, 2011

Sea, desert, sky: Baja's beauty is simple but incredible. On our kayak around the beautiful Espiritu Santo Island, mornings will be spent paddling and observing the unspoiled landscape of this popular eco-tourism destination.



www.fkadventurechallenges.org

Upcoming Events...



Jamie Marx is honoring Flying Kites in their Global Heros Campaign. Specially designed "Flying Kites: Another Day, Another Scholar" t-shirts can be purchased online as of August 14, 2010.

Please go to:

<http://store.jamiemarx.com/products/jamie-marx-x-flying-kites>

JAMIE MARX

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You are cordially invited to attend Building Higher Expectations a summer cocktail party to celebrate the completion of The Feinstein Junior Scholars' Academy in Kenya

Kenyan Photography by
Alexander Nesbitt
Cocktails, Hors d'œuvres
Event sponsored by

Christie's
Leeward Room
7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Tickets: \$30

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Tickets may be pre-booked by calling 401.619.5919, or may be purchased on the door (space is limited).

Join us for an early screening of *Nowhere Children*, an FK Productions film about children living in the slums of New Delhi.

September 28, 2010
7p.m.

Jane Pickens Theatre
Newport, RI

