



# Life4Kids Canada Journal

To provide a loving home for homeless and abandoned boys in Nairobi, Kenya.

September 2020

## This Journal

We thank you for your continuing interest in and support of Life4Kids Canada. We want to keep you informed about the home, the boys, the staff, the challenges, and our enduring hope for these boys. So, we're going to report to you monthly via these Journals. We hope you'll enjoy these updates. And we know you're busy. So, these Journals will be informative but brief.

## Report from Nairobi, Kenya

This has been a challenging year for the home in Kenya.

- First, as you know, our boys and the staff were forced to move in February after a fire severely damaged the Life4Kids home in Nairobi, Kenya. The boys were moved to another facility until a new home could be found. Thanks to the efforts of our team in Kenya, and the efforts of Inger, the Chair of Life4Kids Norway, who went to Kenya, a new home was found, and the boys resettled
- The boy and staff moved in just in time to be confronted by the coronavirus outbreak! And COVID-19 has devastated Nairobi. There are curfews. Prices have skyrocketed.
- And if all that is not traumatic enough, the Government agency that oversees children's homes in Kenya has now advised that Life4Kids must find a new larger home.
- Because the boys must remain in the home due to COVID-19, two teachers have been hired and the children have school every morning.

## Meet the Team

We want you to meet the members of the team that work to support Life4Kids and our 25 boys. So, we'll be introducing you to our staff in Nairobi, to the boys in Nairobi, to our Board members in Canada, and to our partners in Norway.

This month, we are delighted to highlight our **Executive Director and Team Leader, Jane Wasike**. Jane has a

degree in Social Work. She met our Life4Kids Founder, Amelie Sorensen, then volunteered at the home and in



2011 was hired in a leadership position. She describes her work as "a way of life". She loves that the home is "like a big family". It is her goal to deal with the children and staff "with much enthusiasm, dedication love and commitment". She says she "takes pride in being hardworking, trustworthy, consistent, passionate, cheerful and a pleasure to work with". Like4Kids is fortunate to have Jane in a leadership position.

## Annual Meeting (With a Difference)

We are planning to hold an Annual Meeting early this fall for Life4Kids Canada. But how do we do that in the current environment? Our plan is to host a Zoom meeting to which everyone will be invited. Stay tuned!

## The Challenge for Us All

We're thankful for your continuing financial support. As you know, we have to meet a budget every month. There's food to buy. There are clothes to buy. There are salaries to be paid to our dedicated staff who have families to support. There are tuition fees, school supplies and the teachers who have been brought into the home. The challenge for all of us is that funds are needed every month. Month after month, we receive the budget from Jane, our Executive Director. And every month, we have to find the funds to pay the bills. And now, we have to find a new home to address the concerns of the local authorities in Nairobi. So, PLEASE give some thought to setting up a monthly donation to help us meet the challenge. You can donate on our website [www.life4kidscanada.org](http://www.life4kidscanada.org)