

## A Christmas Miracle for Life4Kids

*[The following is from a media release]*

Several months ago, Life4Kids Canada was in crisis. The very existence of the organization was threatened. The local government in Kenya threatened to demolish the rental house where 26 little boys and their support staff lived. The house was in a dangerous area. Political activists, rowdy patrons of a local bar, and roaming gangs threatened the safety of the boys and staff. And, to make things worse, Kenyan authorities threatened to withdraw the licence for the operation of the home if Life4Kids did not purchase its own residence.



*Ribbon Cutting at the new home.*

Life4Kids was forced to move quickly. We found a spacious lovely, home available at a reasonable price in a suburban area of Nairobi. How was Life4Kids Canada to raise a sum more than double its annual revenues?

And how could it do so while continuing to bear more than 70 per cent of the monthly operating budget?



*Life4Kids boys in new home.*

“Funds are needed on an ongoing basis to support 26 little boys in the home and nine other boys in higher education,” says Fred Hacker, Life4Kids Canada President and Board Chair. “These funds come exclusively from

generous donors, and a large portion from the Midland area. So, the prospect of raising enough money to purchase a home seemed insurmountable. We needed a miracle.”

The miracle materialized just in time for the holidays. Appeals to existing donors, local philanthropists, local churches, local organizations, and even a neighbourhood bake sale resulted in enough funds to purchase the home, cover closing costs and pay for renovations to the home. The boys moved into their new home on Monday December 18, just in time for Christmas.



*Boys play in courtyard at the new home.*

Jane Wasike is the CEO of Life4Kids in Nairobi, Kenya. She commented, “These generous contributions from Canada have not only provided a roof over the heads of these young boys but have also sown the seeds for a brighter and more promising future. The donors’ kindness has transformed physical spaces and breathed life into the boys’ dreams and aspirations.”

