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FIRST QUARTER DOWN!

It's hard to believe that the first quarter is gone. How fast time flies. We continue to be grateful for life and good health despite the ongoing challenges in Kenya and across the world.

The first quarter has been equally exciting and flew by fast at Spur Afrika as well. We are grateful for the opportunity we have to continue being of service to our community.

Among our highlights, in the last three months is; Celebrating our class 8 candidates who did their Kenya Certificate of Primary Education exam in March. We had 10 out of the sixteen candidates score 300 marks and above.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which You can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela.

We thank all our supporters for enabling this children be at school and study without worrying about their school fees.

HAND HYGIENE!

Wearing face masks, carefully keeping a safe distance and most importantly regularly washing our hands with soap and clean water helps in curbing the spread of Corona Virus.

Courtesy of Colgate and Protex Kenya, we started a hand washing campaign with our sponsored children and families.

The main objective of the hand washing campaign is to educate the children and families on the importance of washing their hands well and the role it plays in protecting themselves from contracting Covid. (other practices observed too).

All the children and families that participated in the campaign received antibacterial soap courtesy of the Partner companies.



RI-KI (READ IT KNOW IT)

Carefully observing all the Covid-19 measures, we collaborated with Colgate Kenya and hosted our termly school competition. Due to the set guidelines the program was conducted within two streams of the same school, unlike the interschool competitions pre-Covid.

The second Ri-Ki competition was held at the Spur Centre with Twenty High school students participating.

All of the students who participated in the competition were awarded, and the winning teams also got a trophy for their Class.

The participants had good feedback about the activity and were happy to be part of it. We are grateful to Colgate Kenya and Friends Church Ngong Road for the gifts donated.



BINGWA GIRLS

Throughout the first term we held mentorship sessions with the girls at St. Juliet's before schools went on recess for the first term break.

During our last meeting with them, each girl received three packs of sanitary towels and two undergarments.

We also celebrated the class eight students and wished them all the best as they are set to transition into high school.

On other news

In order to help our girls face the crucial puberty stage, we have provided a safe space for them. This happens through small groups led by our female staff, the girls air out their issues and come up with workable solutions.

We have also established collaborative partnership with our brilliant friends at White Ribbon Alliance Kenya. Who talked to 20 of our sponsored girls about self care, sexual abuse, menstruations, adolescent stage and sexual health.

They equally had heart to heart talks with our girls, gave each four packs of sanitary towels, two undies and a food pack for their families.

This activity was also meant to commemorate this year's world health day which was dedicated to promoting better reproductive health for adolescent schoolgirls.



HOT LUNCH

Most parents of our sponsored children are currently having a hard time providing for their families because of the prolonged effects of Covid-19. Hence, a big number of our sponsored students at times go without food or typically survive on one meal a day.

Last year, through support and charitable donations from dear friends, we were able to bless our sponsored children and their families. Through a temporary 'food bank' which we created as effective response to Covid - 19 direct effects on ours sponsored families.

This year we have embarked on a different strategy. We recently launched out a feeding program (the Hot Lunch) that is set to run three times a week till schools re-open on 10th of May.

Through the launch, we successfully managed to serve lunch to approximately 100 of our sponsored students during the April school break.

The project additionally provided an excellent opportunity to interact with them and to also find out how they were fairing.

Our Muslim sponsored children on the other hand preferred their meals to be packed. Due to the ongoing Ramadan season. Some of them also expressed that they had to share the meals with their family members who did not have anything to eat.



MENTORSHIP SEASON

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Our Saturday mentor-mentee sessions have been fairing on very well. A big thank you to all mentors that invested their time and resources on their mentees.

We are still yet to achieved a 100% mentorship turn-up due to the coronavirus pandemic.

We also welcomed 10 new mentors into our mentorship program. We thank God that we are gradually closing the mentorship gap.

COUNSELLING SESSIONS

We have had two professional counselors at our Centre who have been offering free counseling sessions to a few of our sponsored children.

These private sessions are meant to aid our sponsored students who are struggling with conflicting issues causing them trauma.

The counsellors adequately provided a listening ear, psycho-education and effective therapy to these students.



ELIMISHA PROGRAM

CLASS EIGHT PRAYER DAY/PERFORMANCE

Before our class eight candidates sat for their national exam (K.C.P.E), we held a prayer day for them.

On this day, some of their parents reminisced on their remarkable journey with us.

The candidates equally received motivational words from both Spur Afrika staff and the parents.

The results were later released on the 15th of April and we are proud to announce that 10 out of the 16 candidates performed exceptionally well. Our leading student, Dolfin Kerubo, scored 388 marks out of 500.

Private Tuition and Alternative Learning

In the April school break we continued with the alternative learning project that we started in the last academic year.

This small study groups/tuition classes are facilitated with staffs/hired tutors.

The program is meant to support average students to progressively improve in their academics or various complex subjects.

