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APRIL SCHOOL BREAK

Following closing schools and commencement of the April holidays from 3rd of April, Spur family was once again busy transforming lives. As usual, the team had a set of activities to help students kickback, educate them and keep them away from trouble. Most of the events done in April were done through group mentorship activities such as games, life skills, and group discussion.

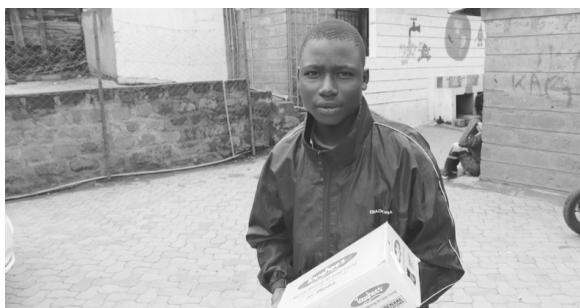
Contrary to the other April school breaks, this time Spur Afrika stretched out for local partnerships which made the break more interesting and fun. The first activity themed 'calling for the best in others', was organized by Spur Afrika in partnership with a group of youths from Nairobi Chapel Waiyaki Way and took place at Rowallan camp on the 6th of April. This event was meant to teach students to appreciate one another. The second partnership was between Spur Afrika and a local organization called 'Freely In Hope'. This partnership resulted in the second outdoor activity done on the 22nd of April where students discussed sexual abuse and protective measures. Each student also received school shoes and uniform before schools were reopened for the second term, as the parents renewed another one year contract with Spur.

MENTORING

Most of the events that took place in April was done through group-sanctioned mentorship. While the group mentorship activities happened, every weekend of April, mentors also participated in spending time with their mentees as some opted to have one on one meeting. Some mentors went as far as visiting the children that they mentor at home and at school.

Group mentorship picked up strongly in March. This happened after the Spur team took a leading role of meeting students in groups of 12-14 for group mentorship. In March and April, three groups led by Niko, Patrick, and Ken met differently. Niko walked the team through his life journey while Patrick's team opted for a movie (Mowgli). Ken, on the other hand, took his group of 13 students to the Bomas of Kenya (a National Cultural Center). Spur still calls on young responsible adults to join the mentorship bandwagon of mentoring teenagers. Please get in touch for more information.





SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Spur Afrika's academic competition termed as 'Read It Know it' happened on the 15th of March at K.A.G primary school in Kibera. This termly academic event attracted a total of 250 students from 10 primary schools (Karama, K.A.G, and St. Juliet, Global One, Nazarene, Star of the Land, Stara and three others) which are within the area. Students who participated competed in areas of trivia questions, speeches, and general knowledge but the Nazarene primary school emerged the overall winner in all three categories.

BINGWA GIRLS PROGRAM

The Spur girls' empowerment program, Bingwa girls, is made up of two main groups: St. Juliet primary school and Spur sponsored girls. In March, St. Juliet group continued with their discussions on sex, peer pressure and sexual abuse before breaking for April Holidays. The second group (Spur sponsored girls) had a discussion on sexual abuse in April at Rowallan's camp in Nairobi. After the session, every girl was given a packet of sanitary towels.

The girls will have something to smile after the organization received a donation of Ksh. 10,000 from the 2019 WYSE International Kenya group in April, geared towards buying sanitary towels for next term.

NHIF CAMPAIGN

The health campaign program that is committed to helping all Spur families to be registered for National Hospital Insurance Funds (NHIF) increased the number from 30 last year to 40 families in March. This project helped one of the families in April.

Phoebe's sickly father was admitted at Kenyatta National Hospital for hip surgery. He was in the hospital for almost a month and could not be cleared for surgery unless he had NHIF card. However, he had the card but had defaulted, so the organization helped top up the balance for him to be treated.

This is just but one of the cases that NHIF campaign can help families during sickness. Spur hopes to continue helping many families through this campaign.

Text Message
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THANKS.

Tunashukuru Mungu.