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Sponsors of Nyamila Community Center for Children, Kenya

Due to overwhelming pressure at Nyamila Community Center from the many desperate orphans coming from neighboring communities, we plan to expand our reach to accommodate these demands. The district Commissioner had long suggested this expansion but we were reluctant because of inadequate funds and limited staff. We have now dealt with the later problem by bringing on board two highly qualified and motivated staff.

As for the funds, we are appealing to our supporters and regular donors to rise to the occasion and make this expansion a reality. There is a certain amount of "leap of faith", but this is a decision we have to make.

The Stakes are too high, not to prevail!

New Manager and Social Work Officer at Nyamila Community Center



The long process of recruiting and hiring the both the new Center Manager and the Social Work Officer have been concluded. Many thanks to the Siaya District Commissioner **Mr. Boaz Cherutich** and the District Gender & Social Development Officer, **Ms. Ruth Alumasa**, together with **Ms. Patricia Apoli** of Siaya Chamber of Commerce

The new Manager, **Mr. Rodgers Odhiambo Omema** is a young vibrant man with a Bachelor of Business Management degree and resident of the community. He is well versed with the community and its needs; and is well placed to leverage the complimentary services available in the Siaya District, having been associated with some of the local NGOs.



We are excited to welcome Rodgers to the community and look forward to expediting some of the projects we have considered for the last few years.

Also Joining Nyamila Community Center is **Ms. Pheobe Akinyi Lala**. Pheobe is a young energetic lady who holds a Bachelors of Social Work and Social Administration. She hails from Siaya district and is similarly conversant with the social needs of the community.

Women's Group receives funds from Government



As most of you are aware, we registered both a Youth Group and Women's Group at the Center. The purpose of these groups is to engage in income generating activities and to diversify the management of the center. Whereas the Youth group is establishing a fish pond and a tree nursery, the women's group has started Table Banking. The women are receiving technical advice from a local NGO called GAFIN (Gender Action Forum Initiative For Networking) In recognition of their initiative; the Kenya Government has awarded Nyamila Women Group a grant from the Poverty Alleviation Funds. Congratulations to our women.

Willow Run Public Schools, Michigan - 2nd Annual Walkathon



Willow Run Community Schools



The joyous event took place last Saturday 30th April, 2011 at the Willow Run High School Football & Track Field. The atmosphere was calm and the attendance was excellent. Organization was done by Dr. and Mrs. Kamuyu and their team from Willow Run Community Schools, Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church and local well-wishers. As usual, the schools superintendent, Ms. Laura Lisicki was there to grace the occasion. Two things stood out: the local businesses stepped up to support the fundraiser by donating various prizes for the raffle; many parents, including fathers, were in attendance. The organizing team did a wonderful job of assembling a large number of prizes for the raffle: Skate Boards, Footballs, Basketballs, Soccer-balls, Hula-hoops, and many other items. Link: <http://www.wrsc.k12.mi.us/>

3rd Annual Lincoln Lancers Walkathon for AIDS Orphans



Lincoln High School Yonkers Public Schools



For the third year running, **Marcia Lyttle** and her colleague **Aferdita Silverman**, together with the Social Studies department organized a Walkathon at their school in Yonkers, New York, on October 16, 2010. The Walkathon whose proceeds go to help the AIDS Orphans at Nyamila Community Center, in Kenya, started at 10:00 am. This event has the dual benefit of connecting children from diverse areas of the world while also introducing local students to philanthropic practices.