

# FOREVER KIDS KENYA

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023





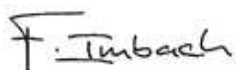
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Auditing: As the elected auditor, I have reviewed the 2023 income statement of the Forever Kids Kenya association and found it to be correct. The income and expenses were verified based on sampling of documents.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "F. Imbach".

Fabian Imbach

Baden, January 2024

## WORD OF THE PRESIDENT



Last year, we had the opportunity to employ a former student who had successfully completed secondary school as an intern at our partner school. She enjoyed her work in the secretariat so much that we have now enrolled her in a college to professionally train her for this position over the next two years. At the same time, she continues to be part of our school team, gaining valuable experience and earning her first salary.

My personal highlight was the visit to the partner school. It was a great joy to see the students, whom I still remember as toddlers, now almost adults and on their way to a promising future. The encounter with the parents, whom we have known for years, was equally heartwarming. Also, particularly beautiful was the participation in the kindergarten graduation ceremony, where children and teachers alike did their best to create a wonderful celebration. I was very impressed by what they have accomplished with limited resources and infrastructure!

Last year, we also had the final graduating class of 8th grade. With the change in the Kenyan education system, primary school now ends after the 6th grade. Thus, the 6th and 8th grades simultaneously took their graduation exams. Currently, the Milele Elimu Centre lacks the capacity to provide education in the Junior High School (which follows primary school before entering secondary school), so the children currently have to go to other schools. The construction of the new school building, which will also include the Junior High School, is our main concern. Once we have the building permits, we will start construction and hope that the first students can move in later this year. Financial support is crucial to completing this project, and every contribution matters!

We greatly appreciate your support and solidarity. Together, we can continue to bring about positive changes in the education and future of the children at the Milele Elimu Centre. May the year 2024 bring you success, happiness, and above all, good health!

**NADJA KAUFMANN**  
PRESIDENT

## February: 10-Year Work Anniversary

We warmly congratulate our employee Elminah on her 10-year anniversary at the Milele Elimu Centre! She was hired in the founding year of 2013. At that time, her youngest daughter was 6 months old and always accompanied her to work as a cook. Today, her daughter is in the 5th grade at the Milele Elimu Centre.

Our school director, Joseph Muli, congratulates her and, in addition to the financial bonus, presents her with a large bag full of food supplies.



## February: Visit from International Medical Aid

The workshop conducted by International Medical Aid facilitated open discussions about female anatomy. The girls received crucial information about hygiene practices and were encouraged to ask questions. Special emphasis was placed on breaking taboos surrounding reproductive health. Participation in this session not only enhances knowledge but also promotes open communication within our community. We value our longstanding partnership with International Medical Aid and look forward to further workshops with them!



## February: Visit from Secondary School Students

In February, our school director Joseph Muli embarked on an extensive tour of various secondary schools across the country to visit former students of the Milele Elimu Centre who are supported with secondary school scholarships. It was a valuable opportunity to learn more about their experiences so far and to encourage them in their educational goals. These visits serve not only to monitor the progress of the scholarship recipients but also to maintain close relationships between the school leadership and the former students.



## April: Cleanup Activities

The 8th grade class volunteered for a public cleanup initiative around the Coast General Hospital in Mombasa. Through various tasks and responsibilities, they gain valuable experiences and develop a healthy awareness of social engagement. Such initiatives not only strengthen the sense of community but also foster a generation that cares for its own environment and takes responsibility for the well-being of the community. We are proud that our students actively participate in such activities.



## May: Art-Club

Art plays a significant role in the new curriculum of the Kenyan education system, helping children to unfold their own personalities. The Milele Elimu Centre promotes the creativity of its students by offering enrollment in various clubs. Here, you can see members of the Art Club engrossed in a sketching project.

The club members are passionately involved: even after the end of classes, they continue drawing with great diligence. The students then proudly present their works, clearly demonstrating their dedication to their artistic expression.



## June: Alliance Française

The Alliance Française in Mombasa invited the Milele Elimu Centre to an afternoon of games, where not only the application of the French language was emphasized but also the fun aspect. The event served as a lively platform to apply the French language in an everyday context, with playful activities creating an entertaining atmosphere and thus promoting the learning process in a relaxed manner.

## June: Visit of Joseph Muli

Joseph Muli, the dedicated headmaster of our partner school, was generously invited at the expense of our association members for a several-week stay in Switzerland. The main purpose of this trip was to participate in various Forever Kids Kenya events. This provided the opportunity to directly engage with existing and potential donors. Active participation in monthly meetings, visits to former volunteers and partners of the Milele Elimu Centre, as well as a day of leisure at Europa Park, rounded off his stay in Switzerland.



## June: Weekly Market, Baden

On the very first day in Switzerland, our Kenyan school director had the opportunity to participate in a Forever Kids Kenya event. At the weekly market in Baden, held on two Saturdays per year, we are allowed to represent our association with a booth. We sell homemade pastries as well as handcrafted products from Kenya. The encounters and conversations with passersby in the Old Town of Baden always bring us great joy.

The dates for next year are already known:

**01. Juni 2024, Weite Gasse, Baden**

**19. Oktober 2024, Weite Gasse, Baden**



## July: 10th Anniversary of Forever Kids Kenya

On July 8, 2023, the Werkk in Baden transformed into a place full of creativity and musical diversity, as the long-awaited anniversary celebration finally kicked off after months of planning! The event started in the morning with various street food stands, where guests could indulge in culinary delights. Entertainment for the younger guests included various attractions such as a bouncy castle, ball pit, face painting, and wood crafting. The evening unfolded with a diverse live program. The stage featured renowned poetry slam and comedy acts such as Gregor Stäheli, Reena Krishnaraja, and Milan Milanski. The CHORD Band then set the mood with live music, followed by the artistic sounds of DJs Erzwo & Splitty as the crowning finale of the grand event.

We extend our gratitude to all sponsors who made this significant day possible. In addition to the aforementioned artists of the evening, we also thank Papa Oro's, Grindog Balls, Cele Gelati, Projektwerkstatt-Holzmann, the "Rasenden Reporter" Jürg Frei, cameraman Peshraw Mirza, Funsportcenter Tanner, Gumpiburg.ch, as well as the numerous voluntary helpers of the day.





## July: Triebguet, Baden

After the great success of last year, we didn't hesitate when the opportunity for another joint event arose. Inspired by a Kenyan theme day, this evening was not only highlighted by Claudia Masika's outstanding live performance but also featured a culinary delight: Kenyan hot dogs were sold. Additionally, visitors had the chance to purchase handcrafted goods from Kenya, perfectly complementing the offerings. A highlight was the generous donation of the entire concert proceeds, benefiting our association.

At this point, we would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Triebguet for the collaboration and to Claudia Masika for her impressive performance in support of our partner school, the Milele Elimu Centre in Mombasa!

## July: Visit to Tom Mboya School



The Milele Elimu Centre has incorporated extracurricular activities into the curriculum, where children learn more about their social environment and are encouraged to give back to the community. This time, a visit to the Tom Mboya School was on the agenda, where all the students are affected by polio. It was indeed a privilege to witness the strength and achievements of children with disabilities. Many thanks to the staff who thoroughly briefed our students about the school and its significance to our society.

## August: Visit from Switzerland

Long-time supporters Shiyon and Rita from Switzerland visited our partner school, the Milele Elimu Centre in Mombasa, Kenya. This was Shiyon's second visit, and together with Rita, they brought small gifts for the children, but more importantly, engaged with them in discussions about their motivations, dreams, and opportunities. Having spent his childhood in Mombasa, Shiyon shared his own experiences with the children. The children were thrilled by this visit!



## September: Midlife Party

The Rotary Club Wettingen regularly hosts a Midlife Party, with proceeds always benefiting charitable organizations in the region. To our delight, we were among the selected organizations this year and had the opportunity to showcase our association during this event with our own booth.

We would like to sincerely thank them for their trust and support!



## September: "Trumpf it" Catering

A Heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in the "Trumpf it" event at Hug Baustoffe AG. The enthusiastic participation in the "Jass" tournament and the diligent consumption throughout the day significantly contributed to the great success on this delightful summer day. Our culinary delights, such as the Kenyan hot dogs, refreshing salads, and cake buffet, played a significant role in generating substantial amounts for our school building project.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the "Trumpf it" team for this opportunity, and also a special thank you to Beck Arnet, who donated the bread for the hot dogs!



### October: Visit of Nadja and Mark

After a year and a half, Nadja and Mark were finally back in Kenya! The joy is immense, not only on their part but especially among the staff and students of the Milele Elimu Centre. The kindergarten graduation ceremony was specially coordinated to coincide with their visit so they could attend. Following this, all parents from the entire school were invited to an end-of-year meeting where, as a small pre-Christmas celebration, they distributed meals and drinks. Further meetings with former students as well as a day of fun with the staff of the Milele Elimu Centre rounded off this year's visit.



## October: Baden Bazaar

The Baden Bazaar is the new covered design and flea market in Baden. For its premiere, we were fortunate enough to secure a booth. In addition to various secondhand items, handcrafted products from Kenya were also sold. It's always a lot of fun to engage with visitors at such a bazaar, discussing our association and bargaining over the products we offer. We are already looking forward to the next bazaar in the new year:

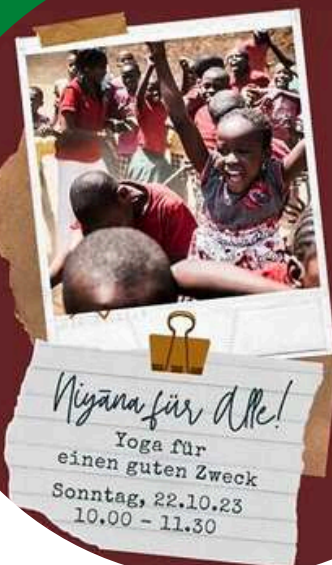
**Sunday, February 11, 2024**  
**Oberstadtstrasse 10A, Baden**



## October: Yoga for a Good Cause

For the second time, Niyana hosted "Yoga for a Good Cause". The yoga session was free, but participants were welcome to donate any amount they wished. The entire proceeds of this commendable initiative were generously donated to our association. We were thrilled by this concept, to the extent that some of our association members actively participated in the yoga session.

A heartfelt thank you to Niyana for the collaboration and the trust placed in us!



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## November: Secondary School Students Workshop

Our secondary school students, who are supported by a scholarship from us, regularly come together during the long school holidays. The purpose of these gatherings is to strengthen the bond among former classmates and to discuss their experiences, challenges, and progress. In addition to discussions, there is always a casual part of the program where they engage in various games in small groups, competing against each other.



## December: Secondary School Niederweningen

As part of the project work of the 3rd year at Wehntal School, the teenagers got involved in a charity project. They offered various services and thus collected donations, resulting in an impressive amount of CHF 2,401 raised for our association. Even before this project, the students had established pen pal relationships with the children in Kenya. We are proud of the commitment of our young people and thank them for their generous support!



## December: Kenia jasst IV

For the fourth consecutive year, we organized this successful event and were delighted to welcome back our returning participants, who have now become our "regular jass players," as well as new participants who joined us this year. Our self-cooked menu, included in the entrance fee, is always a highlight: this year, we offered a soup buffet, and of course, the snack and cake stand was a must-have. Our traditional raffle added extra excitement, offering attractive prizes for all age groups.

Warm congratulations to the winners of the jass tournament and the raffle prizes. A huge thank you goes to our volunteer helpers and sponsors, without whose support our event would not have been possible in this scope!





## **bold matters**

For the second consecutive year, bold matters has generously supported us with an initiative:

For every "ASCONA TEE" T-shirt sold, they donated CHF 10 to our association. The shirt was made entirely from materials that would otherwise have ended up in the trash. With this shirt, not only can you look fashionable, but you can also do something for the environment and support people in need—shopping has never been more meaningful.

A heartfelt thank you to Sonja and Thomas from bold matters for their trust in us!

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## **Alunir**

Creating beautiful jewelry while also making a positive impact?

Alunir supports various organizations under the motto "Doing Good" with regular donations. In 2022, our association was also included as a partner organization. With every piece of jewelry sold, CHF 1 is donated to these organizations. It's definitely worth taking a look!

A huge thank you to Lisa and David for believing in us!

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## **Extracurricular Engagement**

Our commitment extends beyond striving for academic excellence. We advocate for students not only to master the regular curriculum but also to gain experiences, learn new things, and give back to the community. In addition to the state-mandated elective subjects such as agriculture, folk songs and dances, home economics (cooking, washing, etc.), art, and debating, we have introduced additional subjects including problem-solving tasks and how to cope with various forms of pressure, Taekwondo, computer science, swimming, German, French, sex education, and many other formative areas. These aspects are central to our educational goals, regularly implemented at the Milele Elimu Centre. This enables our students to have a diverse mindset and mentality, enabling them to find solutions for their personal development and shape themselves for the future.

## Projekt Schulhausbau

This year, we were able to take several steps towards the school building project: the plot was cleared, trees and hedges were trimmed. A wall including a large entrance gate had to be built to mark the plot and protect it from unauthorized entry. A small house was constructed for the school secretary to move into, to better monitor the property. The next step took some time: obtaining building permits.

After a long period of patience, progress is finally being made: we are allowed to start construction of the main school building. The joy over this long-awaited moment is immense! We will gradually build the main school building with the available resources. However, to complete the project including infrastructure and the corresponding school furniture, we still rely on support to reach the estimated budget of CHF 150,000.

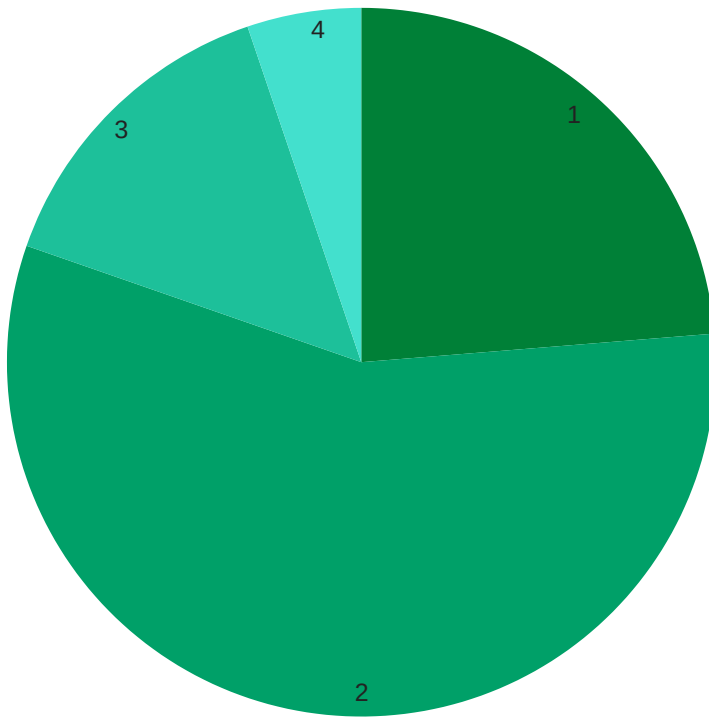
On our website <https://www.foreverkidskenya.com/donate>, we have various options available on how to support us with any contribution. We sincerely thank all past donors for their trust!



The new school building is intended to have a solid infrastructure, be accessible, and provide space for more than 300 students.

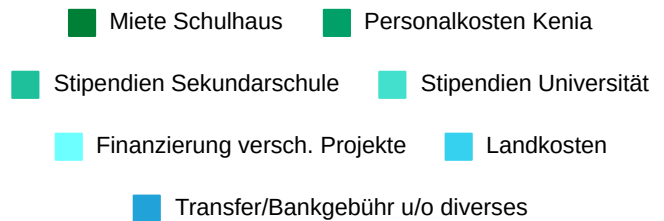


# FINANCIAL STATISTICS 2023



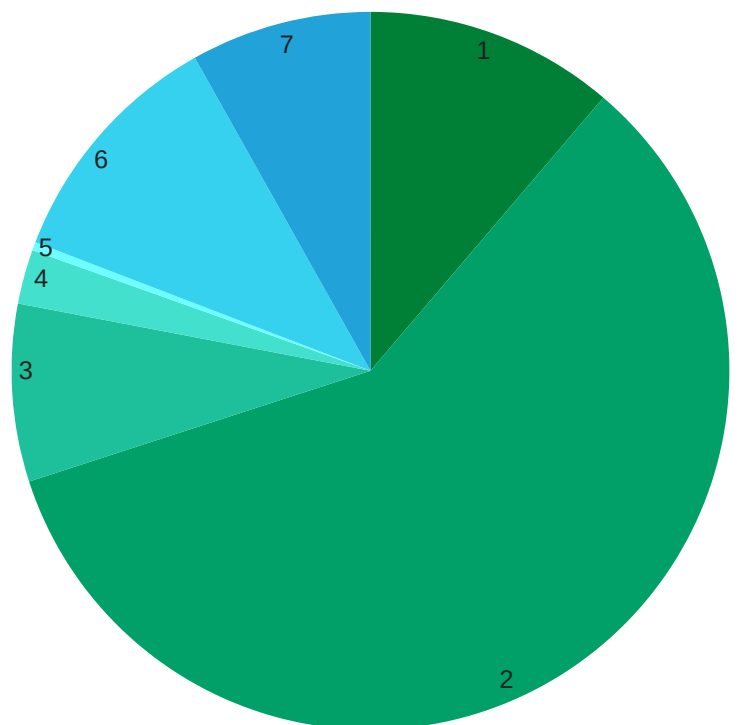
## Income 2023 in CHF Total 79'089.55

1. Monthly donors:	13'618.50
2. One-Time donations:	45'444.49
3. Own events:	12'976.56
4. Christmas campaign:	7'050.00



## Expenses 2023 in CHF Total 37'645.33

1. Rent schoolbuilding:	4'230.37
2. Employee expenses Kenya:	22'120.86
3. Scholarship secondary school:	3'010.89
4. University:	919.88
5. Financing various projects:	143.98
6. Land costs:	4'152.79
7. Transaction fees/ exchange rate fluctuations:	3'066.55



## Comments on Finances:

### Own Events:

Our association participated in the Baden weekly market twice, generating a total revenue of CHF 390.00. The 10th-anniversary celebration brought us a net profit of CHF 5,412.30, while the event with the open-air bar Triebguet brought in CHF 1,483.60. Additionally, we achieved a net amount of CHF 1,000.00 from catering for "Trumpf it." The mentioned amounts are not final, as Twint, credit card payments, and donations from these events flow into our account with a delay through a third party.

### Christmas Campaign:

Through our Christmas campaign for the school building project, we were able to raise a total of CHF 7,050.00. It is worth noting two generous donors who made a significant contribution to this.

### Schoolhouse Rent:

The rental price has remained unchanged compared to the previous year, but due to a significantly higher exchange rate, we are transferring a lower amount in CHF.

### Personnel Costs Kenya:

By the end of 2023, our funded personnel consisted of a school principal, two kindergarten teachers, eleven primary school teachers, two cooks, a facility manager, and a secretary. It is noticeable that personnel costs decreased significantly this year compared to the previous year. This is mainly due to the favorable change in the exchange rate.

### Funding Various Projects:

The planned two-day year-end trip for the staff was canceled in view of a more elaborate trip scheduled for the upcoming year's 10th anniversary. The budget for the Christmas party was transferred, but due to unexpected circumstances, there was a last-minute postponement to January.

### Land Costs:

Phases 3 and 4 of the construction project were successfully completed. This includes primarily administrative expenses such as the creation and revision of building plans, obtaining necessary approvals from the relevant authorities, etc. Additionally, a borehole and the associated water pump were financed. Partial salaries for the construction manager and architect have also been disbursed.

### Transfer/Bank Fee and Miscellaneous:

Transfer fees to Kenya vary depending on the amount transferred: a higher sum incurs higher fees. In addition to these variable costs, in December, we incurred the annual account maintenance fees from our Swiss bank. Due to the anniversary event, we received a bill from Werkk Baden for CHF 2,649.61, which we settled from our account. Therefore, this item shows a significantly increased amount.

# Meet the Team

THE PEOPLE BEHIND FOREVER KIDS KENYA



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