

# FOREVER KIDS KENYA



**Annual Report 2015**

## Word of the President



The year 2015 has been busy and exciting for Forever Kids Kenya as well as for Milele Education Centre. It has been my honor and privilege to be the president of our organization and at the same time also to be present at school in Mombasa throughout the whole year. It was one of my best years, spending my days and weeks in school, experiencing the happiness, appreciation & hard work of our children, from the youngest to the eldest. Seeing them being joyful at school, not wanting to go home at the end of the day, playing around, making friends, helping each other and above all wanting to learn and reach high. What I have seen is proof, that everything we are doing is the right thing!

Let us have a look on some happenings in 2015. Over the year we had progressive growth and improved the stability in comparison to the first two years. The school has closed in 2015 with 273 registered children and more are still to come, as the admissions for the new school year are ongoing. Our first Class 8 ever, has gone through the final national exams of Kenyan primary education and is awaiting a new chapter in life as they enter the secondary education this year. On this journey we will still stand by their side and thanks to donations we will be able to support them financially for this new bigger burden for the parents.

For the first time we had computer lessons introduced to our partner school, thanks to donated secondhand laptops from Switzerland. Starting with the staff being trained and passing the know-how on to them for the last 3 months of last year, the upper primary children will be next, starting in the new school year, of which they are quite excited about. The knowledge of how to use computers will improve everyone's skills and will also be a necessity in the nearer future for finding good jobs.

Another highlight surely was the participation of our second volunteer. A special time for school, as the teachers had another opportunity to exchange each other's ideas and feedbacks, so that both sides were able to benefit from the volunteering program. The children enjoyed it a lot, as having a "Mzungu" (foreigner) teacher is a special thing. This year we are hoping to have more volunteer teachers joining our program and we can confirm: you will have an experience of a life time!

For next year a lot more is planned: we will do school trips for the whole school, swimming lessons will be taking place (and the children can't wait for it to happen, by the way), computer lessons for the upper primaries, an active volunteering program and much more... It will definitely be another exciting year full of new activities for our children.

I hope you had a memorable year. On the side of Forever Kids Kenya and Milele Education Centre we had the best year so far. And we are striving to make it even better.

Once again we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continuing support.

I wish you all a happy, healthy & prosperous New Year and send you greetings from Mombasa, Kenya.

Nadja Kaufmann

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nadja Kaufmann".

President, Forever Kids Kenya

## Highlights of 2015

**January 31, 2015**

### Fundraiser „wir geben anderen etwas“ (giving something to others)

Early 2015, the two companies "Alder Print und Media AG" and "fischer design" have started a fundraiser called "wir geben anderen etwas", where together with their customers they wanted to financially support a selected social project. By mid-January 26 project proposals have been received on the website [www.wir-geben-anderen-etwas.ch](http://www.wir-geben-anderen-etwas.ch), including, to our surprise, Forever Kids Kenya. In late January we received the positive response that we have been chosen by the committee. Until May a total of CHF 4,050 has been raised, covering the teacher salaries and school building rent for two whole months. We would like to thank Erwin Alder, Claudius Fischer and all interested donors for the wonderful surprise and valuable support.

**March 28, 2015**

### First flea market of the Forever Kids Kenya Team



As in previous years, the Forever Kids Kenya Team was present at the flea markets in the Baden region with its own booth. With six flea markets in Baden, Wettingen and Mellingen nearly CHF 900 were earned. We would like to thank the friends of our organization who have supported us when we had staff shortages as well as with their donations in kind. The flea market sales are in addition to the contributions of our donors and charity parties a third major source of income.

**April 1, 2015**

### The new school uniforms have arrived



When was the last time you have bought a new t-shirt? Was it yesterday or a week ago? We live in abundance and our wardrobe is full. However, this is not the case at the "Shauri Yako" slum in Mombasa. Our children had to wait a little longer, but at the beginning of April the new uniforms were finally delivered, which have been created and sewn with care. This way, wearing a uniform is fun! Thanks to the Christmas campaign 2014 and the generous support of our donors, all students could be provided with new uniforms.

**April 10, 2015**

### Hygienic pouch for the older girls



Dianne Butler and the "Days for Girls" project visited the older girls at Milele Education Centre. After an hour of educational information the girls were given the hygienic pouches. Initially, some of the girls were speechless but very grateful for the helpful gifts. In Kenya, many families cannot afford sanitary napkins and therefore girls remain often at home up to one week during their periods and miss classes. Thanks to sponsored sanitary napkins they should be able to go to school also during puberty and miss less important lessons.

**April 13, 2015**

### School trip to Mombasa Airport



On April 13, 2015 all staff members and the three best students of Classes 1-8 were given the opportunity to visit Mombasa Airport. Already the bus ride with nearly 40 passengers was an experience, as for many it has been the first bus ride of their life. Once at the airport the next highlight: the escalator. For many of our students this was their first encounter with the unusual means of transportation. Despite curiosity, respect to strange things prevailed and most of the students used the old-fashioned stairs. At the airport, an official guide allowed a tour of the whole area from the procedure of check-in to shortly before boarding. The children listened intently and had many questions for the airport's staff, who patiently answered their questions. After the trip, many children expressed the desire to work at the airport one day and promised to continue studying diligently in order to fulfill their dreams.

**June 25, 2015**

### Charity project of the Secondary Classes in Niederweningen



The secondary classes of Niederweningen with the leading teacher Peter Derks have decided for this years' charity project to support our partner school Milele Education Centre. With great enthusiasm approximately 60 students implemented their own fundraising ideas within small groups of 5 students. The students were extremely creative. While several groups took part in a doorstep sale, selling muffins, cupcakes and brownies, another group even had its own cake and tea stand at the Christmas market. A particularly original idea was to organize a Christmas run, at which several families participated. Overall, the students collected almost CHF 5'000. The generous donation was used in Kenya for the remodeling of three classrooms, class trips, increasing the textbook inventory and buying mattresses for the napping toddlers. The video of the Kenyan students saying "Thank You" can be viewed on our website: [www.foreverkidskenya.com/news](http://www.foreverkidskenya.com/news).

**July 19, 2015**

### Further article regarding our slum school in the Aargauer Zeitung

A detailed report about our Kenyan school was published in the Sunday edition of the Aargauer Zeitung. During the two months stay in Switzerland of the School Director Kelian Tipatet and our President Nadja Kaufmann, they were interviewed by the journalist Noemi Lea Landolt. In this article they talk about the improvements since the publication of the first article (November 2013), about future prospects of our school and future projects of our organization. The article can be read on our website: [www.foreverkidskenya.com/news](http://www.foreverkidskenya.com/news).

**August 11, 2015**

## Even in the slum creativity has no limits!



For the first time Milele Education Centre has organized a creative arts contest. The excitement among the contributing kids (Class 4 - 8) was huge. The task was easy: In small groups the kids had to come up with their own ideas, use their own materials, without the help of any teacher. The ideas were almost never ending and the results were impressive! Teachers and school management were thrilled!

**August 16, 2015**

## Sports day at the beach



Every school term ends with a sports day before the kids go home for vacation, and this is the biggest event they always look forward to! Due to the rainy season in Kenya our sports field was flooded. What to do? Our staff had a fantastic idea: why not take a 30 minutes walk and have our sports day at the beach? The sports day at the beach was such a huge success that the next sports day at the end of October was held at the beach again. This time around all primary classes were present and a new game was introduced: the water balloon fight! On the video on our website: [www.foreverkidskenya.com/news](http://www.foreverkidskenya.com/news) you can notice how the children approach hesitantly with the water balloons in their hands, unsure how to start the game.

**August 30, 2015**

## Communications- and Teambuilding Workshop



As Milele Education Centre is closed for vacation, the school's staff remains busy and stays connected with the school. During the holidays a new activity was introduced which on one hand improved the skills of the staff and on the other hand aimed to become better acquainted among colleagues: a communication and teambuilding workshop was organized. During a whole day, the teachers practiced role-playing games, communication exercises and were trained in problem-solving strategies. The day was very instructive for everyone involved and has further brought the 12 teachers together.

**September 25, 2015**

### Party Safari 3 at Werkk Baden



For the third time Forever Kids Kenya organized the charity event "Party Safari" which took place on September 25. This time we ventured into an unexplored cultural area - the newly opened Werkk in Baden. The native singer/songwriter Tompaul from Baden made this evening an unforgettable event with his sounds and lyrics. Afterwards, the local DJs Erzwo and Splitty appeared on stage. With hip hop, party tunes, break beats, funk, 70s and 80s the crowd went crazy! A little later the legendary DJ duo The Jom and Terry Show with Electro Swing at its finest. Three out of 250 people got lucky during the Safari drawing and won travel vouchers from the Globetrotter travel agency. The total profit of CHF 5,000 will inure fully to the benefit of our slum school.

**October 1, 2015**

### Computer classes and bowling for our staff



The teaching staff of Milele Education Centre received computer theory lessons. For some of the employees this was the first experience with a computer and they were visibly exhausted after this intense and tiring day. As a reward followed a fun evening: Bowling! This game was very exciting as it was a new experience for everybody, most of them have never even heard of the existence of this game. Though being beginners, they handled the ball and pins quite well.

**October 12, 2015**

### Medical examinations at our slum school



For the third time a "Medical Camp" has taken place at Milele Education Centre! And this time it was the biggest ever done: not only the 260 kids from our school did benefit, but also their parents were invited and even the kids of the neighboring school Nyota Ing'arayo joined the free medical check up. They were all able to benefit from free consultations from the doctors and nurses team of a well-known hospital in Mombasa. A big Thank You to International Medical Aid, who has enabled these important check-ups. A video from Medical Camp is available on our website [www.foreverkidskenya.com/news](http://www.foreverkidskenya.com/news).

**Oktober 19 – November 1, 2015**

## Volunteering by Nadine Widmer



The 25-year-old kindergarten teacher Nadine Widmer spent two weeks volunteering at our school. During the first week Nadine took care of the children of Class 2 and taught them new games and songs. During the second week she supported the teacher of Class 3 and acted as her substitute. Nadine's loving and dynamic nature brought a fresh feel into the classes and the students and teachers took her to their hearts right away. As a farewell, the students organized an afternoon where they recited poems and sang songs for the kindergarten teacher from the canton Aargau. Nadine was clearly very touched: "It was one of the most amazing and moving day in my life," she concluded.

**November 10, 2015**

## Final exams of Class 8



The Milele Education Centre is proud to announce the participation of the students of Class 8 at the national final exams, which officially marks the end of the primary education in Kenya. For the first time this year a Class 8 was offered at our school and hence the first participation at the national final exams. The students were taught during the last three years at our school and were being prepared for this big day. The results will be communicated at the beginning of 2016 and a passed exam is a requirement for the transfer to secondary school. We keep our fingers crossed and wish all final-year-students success and a prosperous future.

**November 14, 2015**

## Second organizational visit to Mombasa



The members Pia, Kate, Sandra and 4 other donors visited the children and the staff of the Milele Education Centre in Mombasa and were impressed of the development and improvements in 2015. "I'm so overwhelmed to see how the school, the teachers and children have developed in less than a year and I'm also happy to see so many known faces again" says Sandra. Also Kate is enthusiastic and says: "I'm already looking forward to the next visit". One of the donors, who accompanied us, was touched: "It is nice to see how happy the children are just by the fact of being able to go to school. Their happiness was contagious and put a smile on our faces". Sandra has even decided to support the school gratuitously on site for one month and helped out in the school administration, the preparation of meals and the publication of a private school magazine.

**November 20, 2015**

### Last school day 2015



On November 20, 2015 the school year has officially ended and the closing day was full of programs. First there was a small ceremony for the Kindergarten 3 Class, who now have left the Nursery and step into the Primary Education. For leaving the Nursery behind them they were given a certificate and also posed for a picture with the parent and the School director. All parents were invited for closing day and the kids entertained them with programs such as singing, dancing, fashion show, poets & acrobatics. As usual on closing days, the best 3 students of each class were rewarded with small gifts from school. Special guest Sandra (Member of Forever Kids Kenya) was honored to give out the gifts to the kids. The highlight of the day was surely the short visit to the beach at the end of the day, where the children enjoyed swimming and playing in the water and the older kids with the staff challenged each other with beach football.

**December 5, 2015**

### Christmas meal for students and parents



On December 5, 2015, the Milele Education Centre in Mombasa invited all the children and parents to a Christmas party at school. After several children's performances, everyone awaited impatiently the highlight of the day: the great Christmas feast! Over 300 attendees consisting of all students, their parents and other slum children - the news of the Christmas party has spread rapidly in the area – and everyone was thrilled. Pilau (rice dish with meat), Chapati (flatbread), Mandazi (sweet pastries), Maharagwe (red beans), salad, bananas, cupcakes and soft drinks were served. Finally, the school management distributed clothes to the children's parents. The day was a wonderful experience for everyone involved and the children and parents went home with beaming faces. A huge thank you to the three generous donors of the rich Christmas meal: Nicolas Kleiner, Sandro Steimer and Gerardo Palmisano from Switzerland.

**December 25, 2015**

### Colorful aprons for Christmas

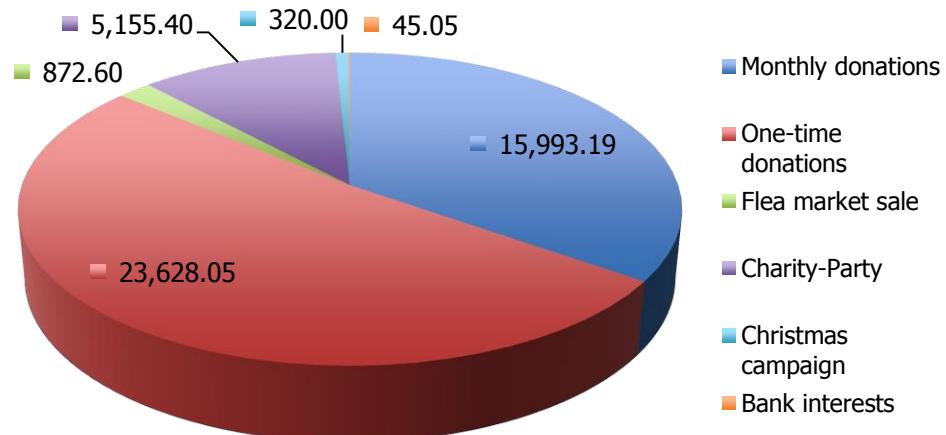


In 2015 Forever Kids Kenya launched again a Christmas campaign. For only CHF 30 (CHF +10 shipping costs) a colorful and stylish apron could be acquired which is an excellent Christmas gift. The aprons were made by seamstresses in Uganda and the sale profit was as usual inured fully to the benefit of Milele Education Centre in Mombasa, Kenya. So far, 23 Aprons were sold (as of 01/02/2016). Additional pieces may still be ordered. An email to [foreverkidskenya@hotmail.com](mailto:foreverkidskenya@hotmail.com) and as a subject: "Christmas gift" as well as the full contact details and the desired quantity will be sufficient information to acquire these beautiful aprons.

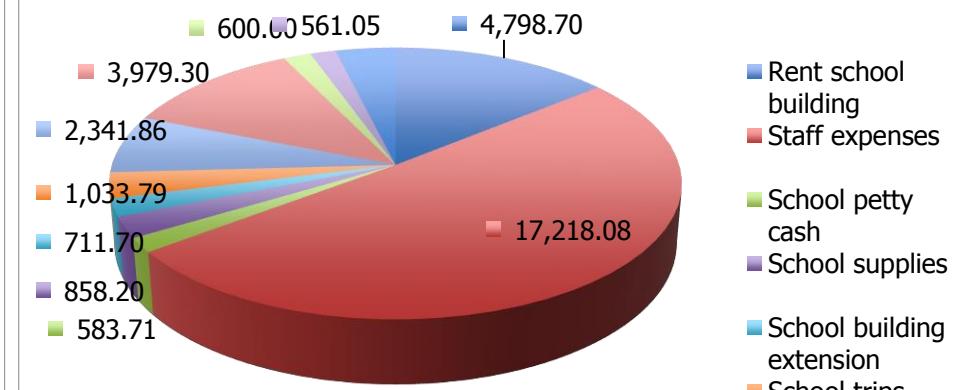
## Financial overview 2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2015
<b>Earnings in CHF</b>													
Monthly donations	1'338.18	1'306.63	1'336.88	1'306.61	1'326.57	1'386.63	1'376.58	1'286.94	1'313.76	1'350.43	1'376.98	1'287.00	15'993.19
One-time donations	3'020.00	587.00	200.00	4'590.59	1'500.00	1'200.00	2'110.00	300.00	50.00	673.41	1'380.00	8'017.05	23'628.05
Flea market sale	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	129.00	471.10	272.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	872.60
Charity-Party	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5'155.40	5'155.40
Christmas campaign	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	320.00	320.00
Bank interests	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	45.05	45.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>4'358.18</b>	<b>1'893.63</b>	<b>1'536.88</b>	<b>5'897.20</b>	<b>2'826.57</b>	<b>2'586.63</b>	<b>3'615.58</b>	<b>2'058.04</b>	<b>1'636.26</b>	<b>2'023.84</b>	<b>2'756.98</b>	<b>14'824.50</b>	<b>46'014.29</b>
<b>Expenses in CHF</b>													
Rent school building	344.26	363.64	365.25	356.82	334.28	325.91	332.86	458.84	464.23	468.82	498.74	485.05	4'798.70
Staff expenses	1'475.40	1'475.35	1'544.49	1'508.82	1'461.28	1'350.20	1'436.06	1'348.98	1'466.96	1'406.47	1'366.54	1'377.53	17'218.08
School petty cash	49.20	51.95	52.18	50.97	47.75	46.56	47.55	45.88	46.42	46.88	49.87	48.50	583.71
School supplies	0.00	858.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	858.20
School building extension	0.00	711.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	711.70
School trips	0.00	1'033.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1'033.79
Various small projects	0.00	2'341.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2'341.86
School uniforms	0.00	3'979.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3'979.30
Christmas lunch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
License fees	0.00	561.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	561.05
Apron purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	412.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	412.00
Transaction fees	21.14	83.16	48.08	48.39	51.69	47.33	43.53	67.50	42.39	37.83	48.85	360.37	900.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>1'890.00</b>	<b>11'460.00</b>	<b>2'010.00</b>	<b>1'965.00</b>	<b>1'895.00</b>	<b>1'770.00</b>	<b>2'272.00</b>	<b>1'921.20</b>	<b>2'020.00</b>	<b>1'960.00</b>	<b>2'564.00</b>	<b>2'271.45</b>	<b>33'998.65</b>
<b>Total organization funds CHF</b>													
<b>Total</b>	<b>48'903.13</b>	<b>39'336.76</b>	<b>38'863.64</b>	<b>42'795.84</b>	<b>43'727.41</b>	<b>44'544.04</b>	<b>45'887.62</b>	<b>46'024.46</b>	<b>45'640.72</b>	<b>45'704.56</b>	<b>45'897.54</b>	<b>58'450.59</b>	<b>58'450.59</b>

## Earnings 2015 in CHF



## Expenses 2015 in CHF



Flea market sale: Flea markets took place on 03/05 in Mellingen, on 11/07 in Wettingen and on 28/03, 04/08, 26/09 and 28/11 in Baden. The acquired cash was partially deposited a little late, which explains the above data deviations. Unfortunately, during the flea markets on 28/03 and 28/11 in Baden, after deduction of booth costs no benefit was generated.

School building rent: In August, the owner pushed to increase the rent from KES 35,000 to KES 50,000. This agreement was reached after several rounds of negotiations and the examination of other real estate options.

Staff expenses: In January 2015, all school employees received due to the stabilization of the financial situation of the school and as an inflation adjustment a wage increase. The amount of the increase depended on the performance of staff and ranged from 3% to 27%. In addition, a new teacher for the new Class 8 has been hired. The fluctuations during the year can be explained through currency fluctuations, staff changes and pregnancy substitution. In December 2015, following employees are receiving a salary by the organization: four kindergarten teachers, nine primary teachers, two cooks, one supervisor/worker and the school principal.

Petty cash: The school's petty cash was introduced in April 2014 in order to cover small purchases and transportation costs.

School supplies: New textbooks were purchased with a part of the proceeds from the fundraiser of the Secondary School Niederweningen.

School building extension: Three classrooms were remodeled and a new coat of paint is being planned with a part of the proceeds from the fundraiser of the Secondary School Niederweningen.

School trips: Part of the proceeds from the fundraiser of the Secondary School Niederweningen was used for a school trip to Mombasa Airport. The money for other planned trips in 2016 has also already been transferred.

Various small projects: Part of the proceeds from the fundraiser of the Secondary School Niederweningen was and is being used for small projects such as fruit days at school, financial support of a deaf student, etc...

License fees: As a private institution, Milele Education Centre must obtain an annual state license approval. Due to the increase of students in 2015 the school falls into the category of "large private education institutions" for which the fee was higher than 2014.

Transaction fees: These fees consist of bank transaction fees from national and international money transfers as well as exchange rate fluctuations from the monthly wired amounts to Kenya. In August new payment slips for CHF 16.20 were printed. In December our Swiss bank charged CHF 306 for payment transactions and fees for postal deposits of CHF 15.45 were charged.

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