

# FOREVER KIDS KENYA



## Annual Report 2018



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## Word of the President



Change has been what 2018 was all about, for me personally but also for our Slumschool in Mombasa as well as for the association Forever Kids Kenya. At the end of 2017, my Husband Mark and I have decided to move back to Switzerland for an undefined timespan. Consequently, the school year 2018 has started without the presence of both Mark and me. This was only possible thanks to our best friend Joseph Muli Moki, who was willing to take over the position as director of our school ad interim as well as the general stabilisation of our school. Despite the almost daily Skype Calls with Joseph, I do miss the kids a lot. I miss having them around me and my thoughts evolve constantly around the kids.

In October 2018 we were finally reunited with the kids, the parents, and our employees on our visit during the last few school days. The celebrations with the class of the senior year were extremely exciting, also thanks to the fact that most of our students were about to start their secondary level in the nearby school in the following school year. Thanks to our scholarship program, we are able to support motivated kids from simple backgrounds in this next step. One of our former students finished his first secondary school year as the best of his year, with this he is one step closer to his dream, studying to become an architect, we are particularly proud of his achievement.

The continuous improvement of the school achievements was also our focus in this year. We are extremely proud that the goals set in 2017 to raise the grade point average above the Kenyan median were exceeded. This is only possible thanks to our very passionate teachers, who invest a lot to help our students shaping their own future and creating opportunities. The 2-month voluntary assignment of Antonia has also been a key to this success. During her time, she has brought a lot of new ideas, approaches as well as insights.

Despite all the changes, there is continuity. We were able to celebrate the 5-year anniversary of our association in spring with appropriate festivities. In the following pages, you will find more information of our 2018. In the name of Forever Kids Kenya, I would like to genuinely thank you for your generous support in the past 5 years.

Best wishes

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

Nadja Kaufmann  
President Forever Kids Kenya

## Highlights of 2018

*January 2018*

### Change is in the air



Change is the motto for the beginning of the new school year. The name was changed from "Milele Education Centre" to "Milele Elimu Centre", this did not really induce any change on a daily level, it however made the procedure for the registration of the school possible. More important than the name change was however the change in the management of the school. Joseph Muli Moki, a longtime friend, has taken over the position of the school director, as the founders Mark Kelian Tipatet and Nadja Kaufmann moved to Switzerland and supported the new management team from there. You can find more information in an interview with our new school director under [www.foreverkidskenya.com](http://www.foreverkidskenya.com).

*February 2018*

### An afternoon full of playing for everyone



Even though high qualitative education is a key focus at our school, especially the younger students are in need of some room for their creativity and to simply play. Thanks to generous donations in kind, the inventory of plays was continuously enlarged. Whereas card- and board games were extremely popular with the older students, memory was the highlight for the younger children. Everyone agrees that the afternoon of playing was a warmly welcomed change to the daily school routine.

**March 2018**

## **Acrobatic Masterpiece**



Besides the normal curriculum, there are also extra activities offered at our partner school Milele Elimu Centre. By far the most popular option is the visit in the Acrobatic-Club, where daring formations and acrobatic pieces are practiced. Creativity is at its best when a truck tire is used as a trampoline and our kids learn how to fly. The kids are always very eager to show their skills to any interested visitor.

**April-December 2018**

## **Effort at the flea- and annual market in Baden**



Just like in the previous years, the team of Forever Kids Kenya has also regularly participated in flea market sales with their own stand at the Theaterplatz and Royal in Baden and also at Bäsi-Schlössli in Mandach. In total, we have been present at six flea markets between April and December. We would like to thank all our friends who enriched us with antiques or supported us when we faced staff shortages. Besides donations and charity parties, the sales of the flea- and annual market is an important source of income.

**May 2018**

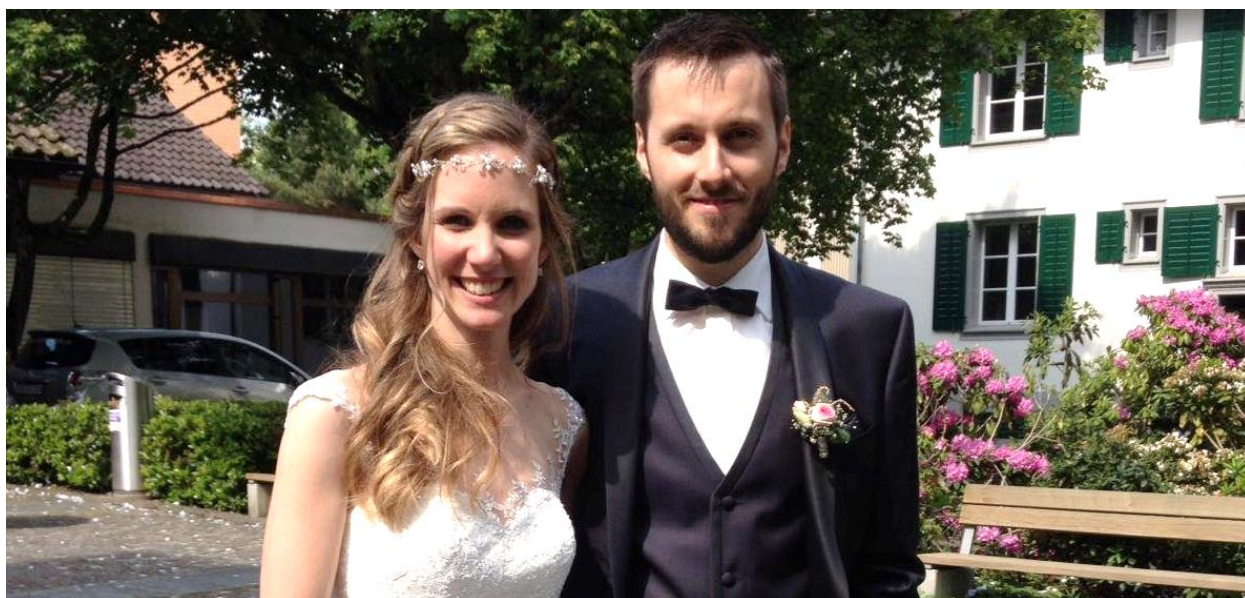
## **Visit from Switzerland and a local workshop**



In May, Pia Kaufmann and Sibylle Frei, two members of Forever Kids Kenya, visited our partnering school for several days. Goal of the visit was a workshop in order to advance the professionalism of our volunteer program. The expertise and input of our local teachers were highly valuable. Of course, the kids were excited to receive guests from Switzerland as well as new gifts. In case you would like to learn more about our volunteering program, please go to [www.foreverkidskenya.com/volunteering](http://www.foreverkidskenya.com/volunteering).

**May 2018**

## **A «yes» to love and the Kids in Kenya**



On 19<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 Daniela and Stefan said "yes" and got married in Baar ZG. Besides their own wellbeing, also the wellbeing of our students was important on this day. They have offered to donate the collections from the church to Forever Kids Kenya. Thanks to the very generous wedding guests, as well as the even more generous contribution of the bridal couple, we have received a significant amount. We wish the newly married couple a lot of happiness and love on their journey.

**May 2018**

## **Successful Scholarship holder**



Since three years we are supporting selected graduates with scholarships for their secondary education. Victor is one of them and has started his 4 year secondary education in February at the "Kaya Tiwi Secondary School". Even though he graduated from our school as top of the class, we were amazed to learn that he finished his first secondary year in the top 3 out of 200 students! We are extremely proud of Victor and his achievements, we sincerely hope that, with our continuous support, he can achieve his dream of studying architecture. Vice-President Pia Kaufmann has visited him in May and has encouraged him to pursue his dream.

**June 2018**

## **Public Viewing during Football World Championship**



Suzana and her family have offered a "Public Viewing" for their family and friends during the football world championship. As food and drinks were offered, guests were motivated to feed the piggybank of our association. A good example on how to collect money for our association with a creative idea. We are very thankful for this support and the related initiative.

**June 2018**

## **Healthy Kids, Happy Kids**



This year in June we were fortunate enough to welcome the International Medical Aid again for a medical check-up. Apart from the check-up they have also distributed dental hygiene articles. The kids and their parents were very interested and attended the day plentifully. Health and wellbeing are crucial for a successful learning. The NGO helps to ensure that people who usually do not have access to medical care due to financial problems receive the necessary treatment and care.

**June 2018**

## **Happy Birthday Forever Kids Kenya**



We have celebrated our 5-year anniversary with a fundraising event. The broad program has included the Musical duo Anja Joie & Daniel Mainviel as well as Angelica Muritu. The Comedian Charles Nguela made sure the people fully enjoyed themselves. Not only listening to music and laughing was on the program, also eating. The guests enjoyed a full range of Kenyan dishes. As always, the money raised has fully been assigned to Forever Kids Kenya. We would like to thank all the guests, helpers, artists and sponsors.

*June-August 2018*

## **Antonia's Volunteer Assignment**



Antonia, a teacher by profession, spent more than two months at our school. Very quickly she was part of the family, the kids as well as the other employees were very fond of her. Her mission report is both entertaining and very well worth reading. In the report, there are stories about adventurous Bodaboda-rides and her daily routine around Mombasa and in the school. She taught mathematics, physics, creative arts and accompanied our kids to the local music competition as well as to the swimming lessons. Many more interesting stories can be found on our Homepage under "Volunteering".

*July 2018*

## **Innovative fundraising by the school in Wehntal**



After the establishment of pen pals in the precedent years, also in 2018, the close collaboration with the School in Wehntal in Niederweningen was continued. The students of the swiss high school started several projects to raise money. Ideas were gathered in small groups and the collected donations helped to fund various activities such as swimming lessons, school trips as well as secondary school scholarships for our graduates. We would like to warmly thank the students as well as the teacher Peter Derks for their massive efforts.

***Juli 2018***

## **Successful Music Festival**



The "Kenya Music and Drama Festival" is a program by the ministry of education with the goal to support artistic talents from an early stage on. Various groups of the Milele Elimu Centre managed to qualify for the competition on a regional level. On 4th and 5th of July, 69 participating children joined the adventure to travel by train and spending two nights in the city of Voi. At the competition, 4 performances were held by our students: a choreographed dance, two French poems and one English poem. Our dance group was very successful and qualified for the national competition, which we were however unable to join as it was held in the far away city of Embu in August.

***Oktober 2018***

## **Party Safari VI**



Hakuna matata! Advocates of the "problem-free philosophy" gathered on 6th of October at the Werkk in Baden for the 6th celebration of the Party Safari. DJ Kimo was responsible for the warmup of the herd, Erzwo was in charge of the entertainment for the sundowner in the savanna. The whole kingdom was following his lead and danced their hearts and hooves out. After a break at the waterhole, the Queen, DJane Mary Jane made sure everyone danced along the shooting stars under the African sky. The profit of the party is solely allocated to our partnering school.

**Oktober-November 2018**

## **Sweet reunion**



After a long year away, Nadja Kaufmann and Mark Kelian Tipatet travelled to Mombasa in October. They were present for the last school weeks of the year and were able to join the final day of the kindergarten classes and the graduation classes as well as the parent-day and the pre-Christmas celebration with the employees. The joy of the reunion was unlimited and atmosphere was cheerful.

**November 2018**

## **Myball.ch**



Thanks to a generous donation of myball.ch, the children of the Milele Elimu Centre received an early Christmas present. The donated yellow balls were immediately played with by the kids and the inner courtyard remained dominated by the colour yellow for a very long time.

**December 2018**

## **Christmas presents for bookworms**



Due to an amendment of the education system and a new curriculum, the existing learning material had to be exchanged. We have decided to start a Christmas campaign with only CHF 30.- a complete interdisciplinary set of books is financed for one kid. We would like to thank everyone who has joined this campaign for their support.

**December 2018**

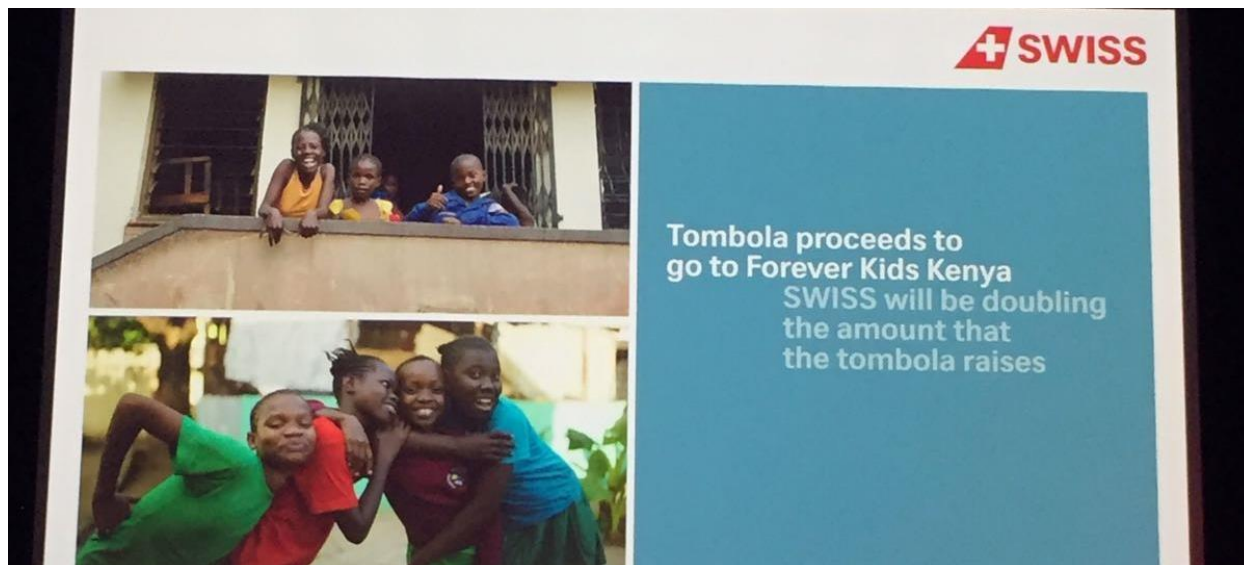
## **The grand Christmas feast**



Thanks to our long-time sponsors Jonas Brauen, Sandro Steimer, Gerardo Palmisano and Nicolas Kleiner, we were able to hold a generous Christmas celebration for our kids, their parents, and even further kids from the neighbourhood. Besides the most favoured Biryani-dishes, many other activities were part of the program: party games, playing music together, dancing and even small gifts were distributed. One teacher was the master of ceremonies and made sure everyone was entertained. It was an unforgettable Christmas experience full of joy, laughter and entertainment. A big thank you again to the above mentioned sponsors.

**December 2018**

## **It's raining money in Kloten**



At the yearly Swiss International Air Lines employee Christmas party, the proceeds of the tombola are donated to a non-profit organization. Through an online vote, the SWISS employees decided, that Forever Kids Kenya will be the recipient of this year's donations. Totally, the immense number of CHF 24'000 was collected, SWISS has even doubled this amount by their own contribution. We are beyond grateful and we would like to thank SWISS and all its employees, who contributed to this incredible Christmas present.

**December 2018**

## **Teambuilding for our School employees**

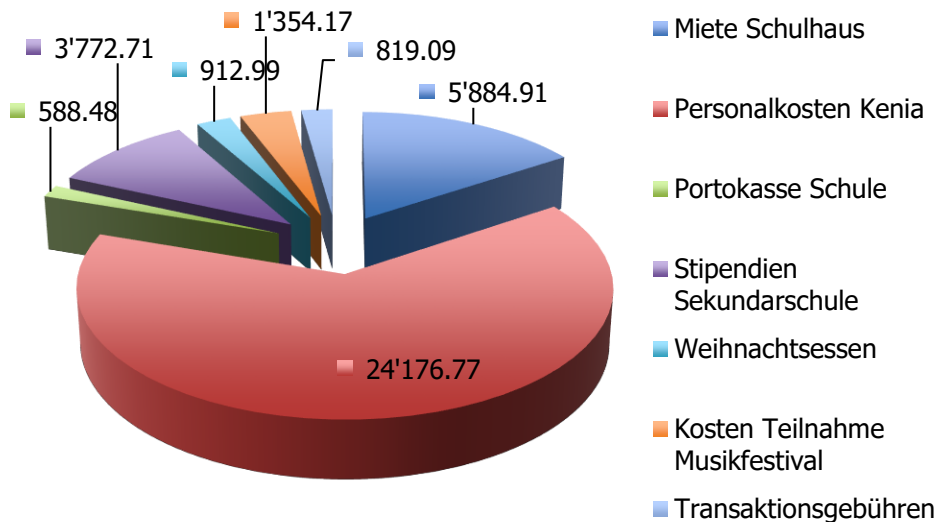


With the end of the year, it's also time to offer a thank you to the people who make sure, that the daily school routine runs smoothly, that our 300 kids receive a qualitative education as well as a daily meal, and most importantly, that our kids are motivated to study and go to school. To show our gratitude, our school employees were invited for a weekend away to Diani, one of the most beautiful beach places in Africa. No one needed to work, the weekend was only there to enjoy and relax.

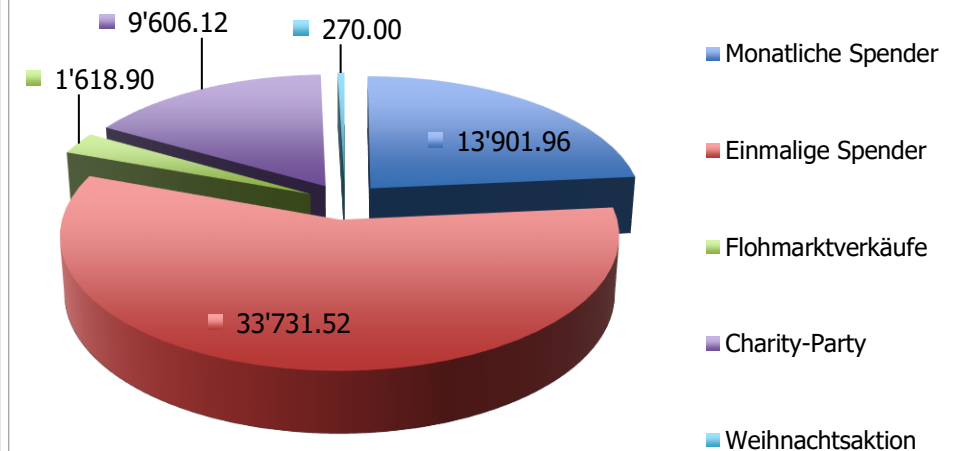
## Financial overview 2018

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<b>Income in CHF</b>													
Monthly donations	1'199.33	1'179.33	1'289.33	1'129.33	1'159.33	1'189.33	1'159.33	1'129.33	1'109.33	1'089.33	1'119.33	1'149.33	13'901.96
One-time donations	1'254.75	6'718.65	265.65	400.00	4'962.68	3'595.00	5'343.70	2'555.00	2'744.09	185.00	925.00	4'782.00	33'731.52
Flea market sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	595.30	409.00	132.55	0.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	272.05	1'618.90
Charity Parties	2'321.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	3'000.00	2'696.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	1'262.17	326.05	0.00	9'606.12
Christmas campaign	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	270.00	270.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4'775.23</b>	<b>7'897.98</b>	<b>1'554.98</b>	<b>1'529.33</b>	<b>9'717.31</b>	<b>7'890.08</b>	<b>6'635.58</b>	<b>3'684.33</b>	<b>4'063.42</b>	<b>2'536.50</b>	<b>2'370.38</b>	<b>6'473.38</b>	<b>59'128.50</b>
<b>Expenses in CHF</b>													
Rent Schoolbuilding	468.00	460.00	475.50	492.50	492.46	520.83	520.83	487.50	478.06	489.13	495.05	505.05	5'884.91
Employee expenses Kenya	1'921.61	1'910.84	1'975.23	2'045.85	2'114.62	2'250.00	2'250.00	2'086.50	1'889.31	1'933.03	1'910.89	1'888.89	24'176.77
Petty Cash	46.80	46.00	47.55	49.25	49.24	52.08	52.08	48.75	47.81	48.90	49.51	50.51	588.48
Scholarship secondary school	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1'556.17	0.00	0.00	760.50	0.00	0.00	425.74	1'030.30	3'772.71
Christmas dinner	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	306.93	606.06	912.99
Music festival	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1'354.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1'354.17
Transaction fees / exchange rate fluctuations	46.59	45.16	28.72	71.40	64.08	27.09	57.92	37.75	46.82	48.94	1.88	342.74	819.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>2'483.00</b>	<b>2'462.00</b>	<b>2'527.00</b>	<b>2'659.00</b>	<b>4'276.57</b>	<b>2'850.00</b>	<b>4'235.00</b>	<b>3'421.00</b>	<b>2'462.00</b>	<b>2'520.00</b>	<b>3'190.00</b>	<b>4'423.55</b>	<b>37'509.12</b>
<b>Assets in CHF</b>													
<b>Total</b>	<b>109'293.88</b>	<b>114'729.86</b>	<b>113'757.84</b>	<b>112'628.17</b>	<b>118'068.91</b>	<b>123'108.99</b>	<b>125'509.57</b>	<b>125'772.90</b>	<b>127'374.32</b>	<b>127'390.82</b>	<b>126'571.20</b>	<b>128'621.03</b>	<b>128'621.03</b>

## Ausgaben 2018 in CHF



## Einnahmen 2018 in CHF



Charity Parties: The cash income of the Charity Party 2017 was received by the city of Baden in January 2018. The income in May (sponsoring) and June (event income) are from our 5-year anniversary charity event, and October and November are from the Charity Party 2018.

Flea market sales: The income is from the flea markets in Baden and Mandach between April and December. The money was sometimes only paid-in to the account the following month which explains the deviations in the financial overview.

Christmas campaign: Five generous donors have supported our Christmas campaign and donated money for the school books.

Employee expenses Kenya: The financed staff per end of December 2018 consists of one school director, 3 kindergarten teachers, 9 teachers, 2 chefs and one guard.

Petty cash: petty cash was introduced in April 2014 to pay small expenses.

Christmas dinner: The transfer in November was for the financing of the Christmas event for the employees, the transfer of December was for the Christmas party for the students and their parents.

Music festival: The total consists of costs for transportation and accommodation for the 69 participating children and accommodating staff.

Transaction fees / exchange rate fluctuations: Transaction fees and rounding up of the monthly amount transferred to Kenya. In December, the yearly fees for the transactions as well as the cash payments were charged.

