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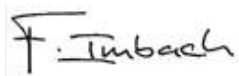
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Auditing: As the elected auditor, I have reviewed the 2024 income statement of the Forever Kids Kenya association and found it to be correct. The income and expenses were verified based on sampling of documents.

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

Fabian Imbach

Baden, January 2024

WORD OF THE PRESIDENT



The year 2024 was marked by milestones and challenges, but also by many joyful moments. We are especially proud that we have been certified by Label4Help. This seal of approval confirms our commitment to transparency and efficiency in development cooperation and assures our supporters that their help is used in a targeted and effective manner. A heartfelt thank you to the Label4Help team for recognizing our work!

Another highlight was Michelle's successful volunteering mission. With great dedication and a big heart, she supported the team on-site, leaving a lasting impression on both the children and the teachers. Her work demonstrated the positive impact that voluntary commitment can have, and we are deeply grateful for her valuable contribution.

However, the biggest topic of the year was undoubtedly the construction of the new school building. In May, we finally received the long-awaited approval and were able to start construction immediately. In October, at the beginning of the school holidays, children and staff had to leave the old school building as the lease had expired. This January, we were finally able to move into the newly constructed school building. However, space is currently limited, as our budget only allowed for the construction of the first floor. Additionally, more facilities are needed to fully meet government requirements for school buildings. To continue construction and complete the urgently needed classrooms, we still rely on financial support. Every contribution brings us one step closer to providing the children with a modern and safe learning environment.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who has supported us on this journey – whether through donations, time, or encouraging words. Together, we are creating a place where education, hope, and a brighter future are possible.

For 2025, I sincerely wish you success, joy, and, most importantly, good health. Thank you for being part of our Forever Kids Kenya family and for helping us sustainably improve educational opportunities for the children at Milele Elimu Centre!

NADJA KAUFMANN
PRESIDENT

January: Visit from Switzerland

This time, last year's Christmas celebration was postponed to January, turning it into a joyful New Year's party. Sabrina and Davide from Switzerland couldn't miss the opportunity to join in while vacationing in Kenya and staying in Mombasa. They took the chance to visit our partner school and brought new sports equipment as gifts. The children and staff were thrilled and celebrated with great excitement. Two children even had their birthdays on that day, making the celebration an unforgettable experience.

Thank you for your visit!



February: Visit from International Medical Aid

Once again, we had the pleasure of welcoming International Medical Aid, but this time, the focus was on different important topics. This year, the emphasis was on proper handwashing and toothbrushing techniques. In addition to informative demonstrations, practical gifts were also distributed: toothbrushes, toothpaste, and hand soap, which the children happily took home. We hope that this educational day will have a lasting impact and contribute to improved hygiene routines in the long run.



February: Visit to Alliance Française de Mombasa

Our 5th-grade students were invited by the Alliance Française de Mombasa for an afternoon of games, allowing them to practice and deepen their French language skills in a playful way. They were accompanied by our French teacher, Mr. Francis, who has been inspiring students for years with his passion for the French language. Learning new games was already a big highlight, but communicating about them in French added an extra challenge. In any case, everyone had an amazing time!



March: Reintroduction of the Baby-Class

A few years ago, the Baby Class had to be discontinued due to a lack of space. However, thanks to a change in the school system that removed grades 7 and 8, we now have enough room to bring it back. Although participation is voluntary and not officially part of the school system, it is highly popular among parents. After all, they can leave their youngest children in our care with peace of mind while they go to work. The joy over the reintroduction was immense! We warmly welcome toddlers from around 2.5 years old.

March: Visit to Tom Mboya Schule

Tom Mboya School provides education for students with polio, addressing their individual needs and life situations with great sensitivity. As part of their class project, our 3rd and 6th-grade students visited this special school and engaged in playful exchanges with children of the same age. The goal was to help our students understand that children with disabilities are in no way less valuable and are just as much a part of the community. Conversations with the school's leaders further deepened this understanding.



March: Clean-up Campaign

In collaboration with local organizations icolo.io and the Mohammed Zakir Foundation, our students took part in a clean-up initiative around Fort Jesus and English Gardens in Mombasa. The goal of this campaign was to raise awareness about the importance of cleanliness and hygiene within the community. Many families in the slums are not fully aware of these issues and often unintentionally pass on this lack of awareness to their children. Through this project, we aim to contribute to lasting change and foster a greater understanding of hygienic living conditions.



April: Youth Workshop

The first-ever workshop on innovative skills, organized by the Milele Elimu Centre, was a great success. It provided a valuable platform for our former students, now in high school, as well as other young people from the community to develop essential skills in social interaction, creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork. The workshop also significantly boosted their self-confidence. The positive feedback from participants highlights the profound impact this initiative had on their personal growth. The Milele Elimu Centre plans to continue offering such enriching programs for the youth in the future.



June: World Ocean Day

Members of the art club joined students from other schools in celebrating World Ocean Day as part of the Mombasa Ocean Festival at the Alliance Française de Mombasa. This special day is dedicated to raising awareness about the vital role of the oceans in our daily lives and emphasizing the urgency of sustainable actions to protect marine ecosystems. At the same time, the event provided a platform for young artists to express their creativity on this important topic, which brought them great joy.

June: Volunteer Michelle

The Milele Elimu Centre was thrilled to welcome Michelle, a volunteer from Switzerland, for a two-week volunteering stint. During her time with us, she engaged enthusiastically with the children in various classes, assisted with teaching, and even took lessons herself. She was also involved in many creative activities, such as crafting Christmas gifts for our donors and supporters. What made her presence even more special was her willingness to teach German. The children, who love foreign languages, gave her their full attention with great enthusiasm.

Michelle impressed both the children and staff with her humility, openness, and genuine interest. She shared meals with the school community and would visit on weekends or after her official hours to spend time with the children. Additionally, she sought to learn more about the lives of the staff and students and took the opportunity to visit some of them at home.

In this short time, Michelle gained a deep appreciation for Kenyan culture. Her dedication led to a meaningful exchange of skills, knowledge, and mutual respect, leaving behind an inspiring and special bond that profoundly touched everyone involved.



July: Traditional Folk Songs as a Project

Music connects people in a very special way, and this was evident when the 5th grade performed traditional folk songs as part of their project work. Folk songs are of great significance as they not only preserve the history and culture of the people who created the music, but also pass down knowledge and traditions from generation to generation. The students presented the songs with noticeable dedication and joy, which deeply moved the audience. It was truly impressive to witness how the music bridged the past and the present, keeping the cultural identity alive.



September: Agricultural Show

Our students had the opportunity to visit the Mombasa Agricultural International Showground, where they experienced an impressive variety of exhibits, activities, and cultural insights. This visit was more than just an outing; it was an enriching learning experience that provided the children with valuable lessons. It clearly demonstrated that learning doesn't only happen in the classroom and that exposure to different cultures and ideas plays a crucial role in developing open-minded and well-rounded individuals.





Juli: Career day

The Career Day for the 3rd grade was an exciting and inspiring experience. It was fascinating to see the children get a glimpse into their potential future careers and proudly present their dream professions. The event sparked their imagination and instilled in them a sense of limitless possibilities and enthusiasm for what lies ahead. It motivated them to pursue their goals with passion and determination, showing them that their dreams are achievable with dedication and belief in themselves.

A special thank you goes to the parents, whose invaluable support and encouragement played a key role in making this day such a success. They not only stood by their children but also helped create an atmosphere of appreciation and inspiration. Their engagement made Career Day an extraordinary and educational experience that will surely remain in the children's memories for a long time.

Oktober: World Teachers Day

On World Teachers' Day, we would like to express our deepest appreciation to the teachers of the Milele Elimu Centre. Their tireless dedication provides children in challenging circumstances not only with education but also with hope and future opportunities. With heart and commitment, they guide the next generation on their path, making an invaluable impact.

Thank you for your strength and inspiration – you are the true heroes of everyday life. On this special day, we celebrate you and everything you make possible for the next generation!



Oktober: End of the School Year

As the third trimester comes to an end, the Milele family would like to express heartfelt gratitude to everyone for their dedication, commitment, and support. This year has been filled with achievements, growth, and valuable experiences that have driven us all forward together.

A special thank you goes to the children for their patience and enthusiasm in learning, to the parents and guardians for their unwavering support and trust, and to the teachers and staff for their hard work and dedication to the children's education.



October: Zurzi Märt

For years, we have been present at flea markets in Baden, but this year we decided to try something new. In April and October, we participated in the Zurzi Märt for the first time. We had the privilege of running the only coffee stand, offering market visitors delicious baked goods and beverages.

Despite the bad weather, our stand was a great success! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us by baking cakes – your help made this experience truly special.



October: Graduation Ceremony

A significant milestone in the lives of our youngest children was celebrated: the graduation ceremony marked the end of their kindergarten journey, preparing them for the next phase of their educational path. This day represents the highlight of their early learning phase, where they have taken their first steps in reading, writing, and counting. They have also learned the importance of sharing, teamwork, and kindness toward others.

This achievement would not have been possible without the dedication of our teachers and the support of parents. The graduation ceremony honored the hard work of both teachers and children and highlighted the promising future that lies ahead for them.





October: End of an Era

After more than ten years, an era comes to an end. At the end of October, we officially moved out of our old school building and completely cleared it. This is where it all began: in this modest place, with few materials and minimal infrastructure, we welcomed our first children and started our project. Over the years, we have steadily grown and made small but meaningful improvements. However, in this building, we were often restricted and had limited opportunities.

Now, the time has come to let go of the past, without forgetting it. We are aware of where we started and how our journey began, and we are proud of how far we have come to reach this significant milestone. With great anticipation, we look forward to the 2025 academic year, when the children will begin their learning in the new school building.



November: Kenia jasst V

For the fifth time, we had the pleasure of organizing our popular Jass event – and this year, we set a new record: With 40 teams, the number of participants was higher than ever before! The hall was filled to capacity, the atmosphere was cheerful and sociable, and the game was played with great passion. Our members and volunteers took care of the food, serving homemade Äplermagronen and applesauce, which were greatly appreciated. The snack and cake stand was once again a highlight, lovingly stocked and well-attended.

The excitement reached its peak during the presentation of the main prizes: The winners of the Jass tournament received Globetrotter vouchers, while the SoFlow E-Scooter from the tombola was the absolute crowd favorite. Our traditional tombola also offered numerous other attractive prizes for all age groups.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our dedicated helpers, generous sponsors, and everyone who contributed donations to make this event a success. Without you, such an event would not be possible! Congratulations to all the winners – we look forward to next year!



December: Secondary School Niederweningen

As part of the project lessons in the 3rd Secondary year at Wehntal School, the students showed extraordinary heart and commitment for a good cause. With a lot of creativity and effort, they offered various services, raising an impressive CHF 2,266 for our association. But their dedication didn't start with this project – even before, the students had built a heartfelt pen pal friendship with the children in Kenya, creating a wonderful exchange between two worlds.

We are deeply touched and grateful that Wehntal School has been supporting us for several years. It is not something we take for granted that young people show so much empathy and initiative to improve the lives of children and youth who are not as fortunate as they are. Their commitment not only brings hope but also demonstrates how much good can be done when people are truly invested from the heart.

We are incredibly proud of these young people and want to thank them from the bottom of our hearts for their generous support and great compassion. You are an inspiring role model for all of us!



Label4Help

We are excited to share great news with our donors: Our organization, Forever Kids Kenya, has successfully been certified through Label4Help! This certification confirms that we use the entrusted donations responsibly and in line with our charitable mission. It ensures that the funds reach their intended purpose—directly benefiting the projects on the ground.

Label4Help provides small organizations like ours with a straightforward, cost-effective, and reliable certification option. The focus is on transparency and the efficient use of donations, without unnecessary administrative burden. For us, this certification is an important step in further strengthening the trust of our supporters and making our work for the children in Kenya even more visible.

Financing the Certification

The funding for the certification was secured in a special way. A good friend of one of our members, who owns a bar, celebrated his 40th birthday with a large party at his venue. He generously donated the entire evening's earnings—an impressive CHF 3,000—to our organization. With this remarkable gesture, he played a crucial role in covering the costs of the Label4Help certification.

We are deeply grateful for his generosity and trust in our work. His support powerfully demonstrates how much can be achieved with dedication and a big heart. On behalf of the entire Forever Kids Kenya team, we would like to thank Craig and Laura from the bottom of our hearts!

The small remaining balance for the certification was covered by the earnings we made at the Zurzi Märt in October. This collective effort enables us to continue working transparently and effectively for the children in Kenya.



Alunir

Creating jewelry that not only looks beautiful but also does good – that's the mission of Alunir! Under the motto "Doing Good," Alunir regularly supports various organizations with donations. Since 2021, our organization has been one of their partner organizations. For each piece of jewelry sold, CHF 1 is donated to the projects of the supported organizations – a fantastic way to combine style with social engagement.

A heartfelt thank you to Lisa and David for their trust and support! Be sure to check out Alunir – it's worth it!

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bold matters

For several years, Bold Matters has supported us with the sale of their Ascona T-shirt, a portion of the proceeds of which directly benefits our organization. This time, however, they came up with something truly special: they donated brand-new shoes that they were no longer able to sell to our partner school in Mombasa. The joy was immense – both among the staff and some of the children, who were thrilled with the beautiful and high-quality shoes.

We sincerely thank Bold Matters for this generous gesture and their continued support. Through their commitment, they not only make our organization happy but also bring joy to many people on the ground!

www.boldmatters.ch

Projekt Schulhausbau

In May, we finally received approval to start the construction, and since then, the work has progressed at an impressive pace. Our ambitious goal was to have the new school building ready for occupancy by the beginning of January 2025 – just in time for the start of the new school year.

This project has presented both us and the on-site construction workers with significant challenges. While the workers were under intense pressure to complete the building, we were tirelessly working to raise the additional financial resources, as our budget fell far short. It was clear that at least the first floor of the new building needed to be completed so that the 300 children and nearly 20 staff members would have a place to learn and work. Thanks to tireless efforts and tremendous support, we were able to reach this crucial milestone.

At this point, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Stiftung Kinderhilfe des Swiss Personals. Their trust in our work and their generous contribution of CHF 16,500 enables us to equip the new classrooms with high-quality furniture and the necessary infrastructure. Asante sana!

Regular updates on the construction can be found at:

: www.foreverkidskenya.com/newschoolbuilding





May 2024



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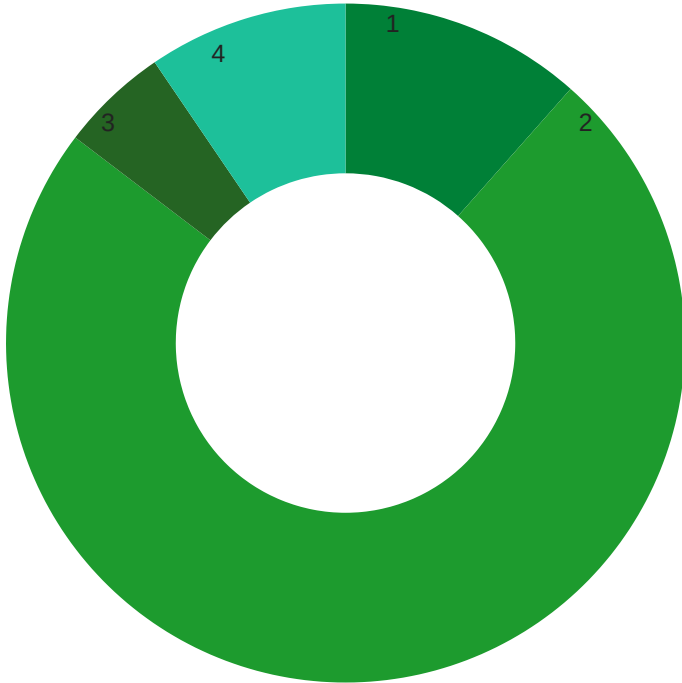
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FINANCIAL STATISTICS 2024

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- One-Time donations
- Own events
- Christmas campaign



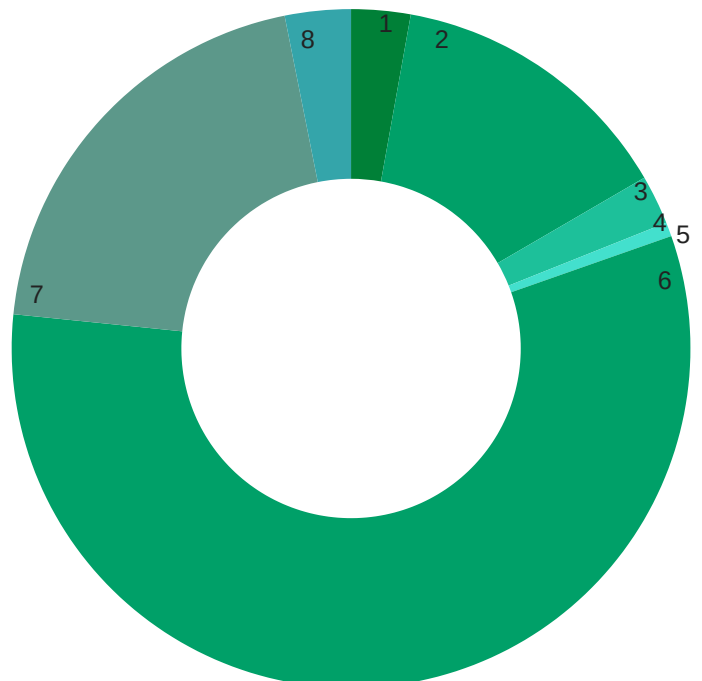
Income 2024 in CHF Total 117'691.38

1. Monthly donors:	13'578.50
2. One-Time donations:	86'869.58
3. Own events:	6'060.50
4. Christmas campaign:	11'182.80

Expenses 2024 in CHF Total 179'821.75

1. Rent schoolbuilding:	5'069.36
2. Employee expenses Kenya:	24'794.23
3. Scholarship Secondary:	4'226.50
4. Scholarship University:	1'204.22
5. Financing various projects:	0.00
6. Land costs:	102'467.54
7. Provisions for Land Costs:	36'416.35
8. Certification, transaction fees and miscellaneous:	5'643.55

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- Scholarship University
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Comments on Finances:

Own events:

Throughout the past year, our association was very active in participating in various markets and events, which resulted in positive revenue. The 5th Jass event, in particular, achieved record earnings of CHF 8,084.16. Participation in markets such as Zurzimärt and the Spring Market in Leibstadt brought in CHF 1,021.05 and CHF 468.00, respectively, while the Badener Markt contributed CHF 65.00, although the amount was smaller.

Christmas campaign:

The Christmas campaign for solar panels was a great success, raising CHF 11,082.80. Notably, a generous donor played a key role in the total contribution, significantly supporting the project's implementation.

Schoolhouse rent:

The rental costs for the schoolhouse fluctuated significantly throughout the year. Until mid-year, we paid the regular rent, but for the last five months of the year, due to the very short contract extension, we had to pay nearly double the original amount. From the end of the year onwards, we were relieved of the rental payments, which provided a considerable financial relief.

Personnel costs in Kenya:

At the end of 2024, our financed staff in Kenya consists of one headmaster, three kindergarten teachers, ten primary school teachers, two cooks, one facility manager, and one secretary. This comprehensive staffing ensures the quality of the educational work on-site and is crucial for the operation of the school.

Financing of various projects:

Due to the urgency of the school building project and the ongoing construction at the new school site, we decided to forgo the Christmas party and the end-of-year outing for the staff. Instead, we plan to organize an opening celebration for the new school next year, which will help motivate and appreciate the staff.

Land costs:

In February, the costs for the electricity installation were paid, while in March, a larger amount was transferred to secure the start of the construction, as permits could be granted at any time. The construction began in May, and funds were transferred to Kenya as needed based on the construction progress.

Provisions for Land costs:

Provisions for land costs have already been transferred to Kenya but were not used by the end of the year. These provisions ensure that the funds will be available when needed for the school building project.

Transfer/Bank Fees and Miscellaneous:

Transfer fees vary depending on the amount, with larger payments resulting in higher fees. However, we benefit from a significantly better exchange rate with our transfer method compared to other options, which helps us overall to keep costs lower. Additionally, a fee of CHF 3,750.00 was incurred for the Label4Help certification, which covers the next five years. This makes this item weigh heavily in the financial plan. The annual account maintenance fees for our Swiss bank were also incurred in December.

Overall, through creative financial strategies and generous support from donors and partners, we have been able to advance our projects efficiently. We are confident that these measures will continue to enable us to successfully achieve our vision for the children in Kenya.

Meet the Team

THE PEOPLE BEHIND FOREVER KIDS KENYA



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