

SPECIAL HAPPY MOMENTS REPORT

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OVERVIEW OF THE SPECIAL HAPPY MOMENTS EVENT

Name of the EVENT: **Special Happy Moments**

Theme: **Meet and Greet Break the Barrier**

Organizers: **KOEEDO, Musangi and Vosty foundation, Soweto all stars and Vosty Entertainment.**

Number of children: Two hundred

Age range of the children: 20months-18 years

In this context we came together in creating **Special Happy Moments Event** It's an event for special kids who are suffering from developmental disability and we brought them together for **Meet and Greet to Break the Barrier.**

There exist negative attitudes and social taboos against PWDs in many parts of the World and that includes Kenya. This leads to the neglect of these vulnerable people hampering the development of their God-given potentials and for the above mentioned we are working to reverse the trend.

PURPOSE OF THE EVENT

- Venue: Soweto Social Hall
- This event aimed at supporting and creating safe space for children who are differently able.
- Meet and Greet Break the barrier was our main purpose and this created unforgettable experience that we shared with the caregivers (Parents) and the children themselves.
- Interviewed(caregivers) parents and get to understand the challenges they are going through.
- Future program: Organizing workshop with the care givers (parents to the able differently children) to come up with measures to reduce or curb the challenges they are going through.

VENUE SOWETO SOCIAL HALL





UNDERSTANDING ABLE DIFFERENTLY CHILDREN

- Talking about a “child with a special need” is more appropriate than a “special-needs child,” because it emphasizes that he or she is a child first. Be sure to name or describe the disability, rather than label the child, when you talk about a child with a special need.
- A **special needs child** may have a life-threatening condition or severe learning disabilities. Either way, they are children that requires special attention and care that other children do not.
- **Cerebral palsy (CP)** is the most common physical disability in childhood. Approximately 2-3.5 per 1,000 infants in developed countries are born with the condition, other condition is **intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorder, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, hydrocephalus Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Conduct Disorder (CD), Depression, Developmental Disabilities, Muscular dystrophy, Sickle Cell Disease and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Diso**
- **How to Explain a Diagnosis to Your Special Needs Child**
 1. Remind Them There's Nothing Wrong With Them. ...
 2. Talk Matter-of-Factly About the Symptoms. ...
 3. Get Insight into Your Child's Curiosity. ...
 4. Talk About It, Even Before They Ask. ...
 5. Use Person-First Language. ...
 6. Talk About the Symptoms. ...
 7. Educate Your Child About Bullying



MEET&GREET SESSION

IT WAS A 4 HOUR SESSION OF BONDING WITH THE CAREGIVERS (PARENTS) AND THE CHILDREN OUR TEAM FORMED GROUPS OF BOTH PARENTS AND CHILDREN TO SHARE AND BOND TASK WAS TO CREATE A ROOM WHERE PARENTS WOULD FEEL FREE TO SHARE THEIR CHALLENGES UPON FINISHING THE TASK ONE VOLUNTEER FROM EACH TEAM SHARED THE REPORT WITH US

REPORT THAT CAME FROM THE MEET&GREET SESSION

FINDINGS

FROM: ERICK OCHIENG

That's my report of the event we had on Tuesday, Baby Arnold not his real name is ten years old, they live in Soweto , it's a family of three, He is the first born and his mom is s a single parent and she does laundry for people to be paid, baby prince is suffering from autism ,he uses three different types of drugs to calm his nerves, his mom's challenge is lack of job or something to do to sustain her family because in every week he has to go for a therapy session and a session costs ksh 400 and facility they go to is very far.

FROM: ERICK OCHIENG

John not his real name is a boy who is aged 17 he lives in with his both parents and the Dad is a drunkard and at the age of 17 peter has never attended school because his family can't afford ,he only stays in the house waiting for the mother to get out there and look for something to do so that she can feed the family, peter has autism and cerebral palsy , challenges that Peter has is lack of food, drugs and shelter because wherever they go they're always chased away because neighbors cannot stand their son's situation and also lack of money, Peter's mom cry is to be able to get something that can sustain all the family needs

Need of dipper, rejection, expensive to manage, medicine for 1750/= monthly, stigma, discrimination, need of wheelchair.

B) Lewis Nderitu

Autism-need of dipper and 2900/= medication per month.

C) Damaris Matheka

0712474648

Soweto area

Two kids

Stanley Munene 11yrs

Precious Mukami 15yrs

Down syndrome

Ching's

✓Communication

✓Body stability

✓Need of special school and fees

✓Single mother and does not have stable job

From: Robinson Obadha

D) **Edith Nyambura** 0700409784

Soweto area

Travis Wanyoike 12yrs Challenge, Cerebral Palsy

- ✓ Fees and special school
- ✓ Single mother with no stable job
- ✓ Discrimination
- ✓ Lack of proper medication

E) **Joyce Enyobu** 0712752671

Kayole area

Cerebral Palsy

- ✓ No fees for special school
- ✓ Need of medication

F) **Monica Mwai** 0700086589

Soweto area

Faith Makena 9yrs Cerebral Palsy

- ✓ School fees and special school
- ✓ Therapy 3 times a week at 2100/=
- ✓ Discrimination
- ✓ No stable job for the mother

From Augo

G) **Edith Mweni** 0726337189

Soweto area

Nzioki Mutinda 21yrs

Loyce Mutheu 14yrs

Deaf and dumb

- ✓ need of fees of about 101720/= yearly for the two kids
- ✓ Discrimination
- ✓ Mother has no stable job

H) **Nancy Akoth** 0704690053

Kayole area

Poor eyesight

- ✓ Need of special school and fees
- ✓ Need of special medication and check ups
- ✓ Can not operate normally due to that condition.

I) **Veronica Ngugi** 0725939893

Soweto area

Joy Wamboi 11yrs Cerebral Palsy

- ✓ Need of special school and fees of about 8000/= per term
- ✓ The mother has no but stable job
- ✓ Difficulty in taking care of herself (toilet, bathing etc.)
- ✓ Discrimination

From Joash

A) Name: Julius Kiarie Age:19

Cerebral Palsy

Parents: Ester Wanjiko

Kioi area

Challenges

THE GREATEST CHALLENGE FACING THE CAREGIVERS (PARENTS) OF ABLE DIFFERENTLY CHILDREN

The caregivers are appealing through **KOEEDO** and partners for all well-wishers to support these children to get their dream come true. These children can change the world but they can't do it without our support. There is a challenge for Getting food & nonfood stuff, school uniforms, shoes and scholastic materials isn't easy. Utility bills are hard to be paid for since most of caregivers are un employed and makes it difficult for them to fend for their families and this push them to a point where they will have to cage their differently able children.

Paying for physiotherapy and medication is also a challenge, providing a Balance diet for the children is also a challenge.

For long term program we zero in to 5 major points

1. Education (School fee, scholastic materials and shoes /uniforms)
2. Health (medication, physiotherapy and nutrition)
3. Empowerment (**setting small business for long-term support of care givers and donation of both food and nonfood stuff**)
4. Mobility devices (**wheelchair, crutches, walking stick and Artificial Limbs**).
5. Setting up Center for the children.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

During the event we manage to mobilize over 100 kids and their caregivers totaling to 230 that attended the event. We really had a wonderful day with the kids we cooked and we celebrated together in form of bonding with the kids. We appreciate the help of the groups that Joined us well-wishers and donors who supported and to make this event a reality

PICTORIALS



Caregivers



Entertainment team



Area Chief inaugurating the occasion







Sharing good time with the kids and caregivers



Team preparing meal



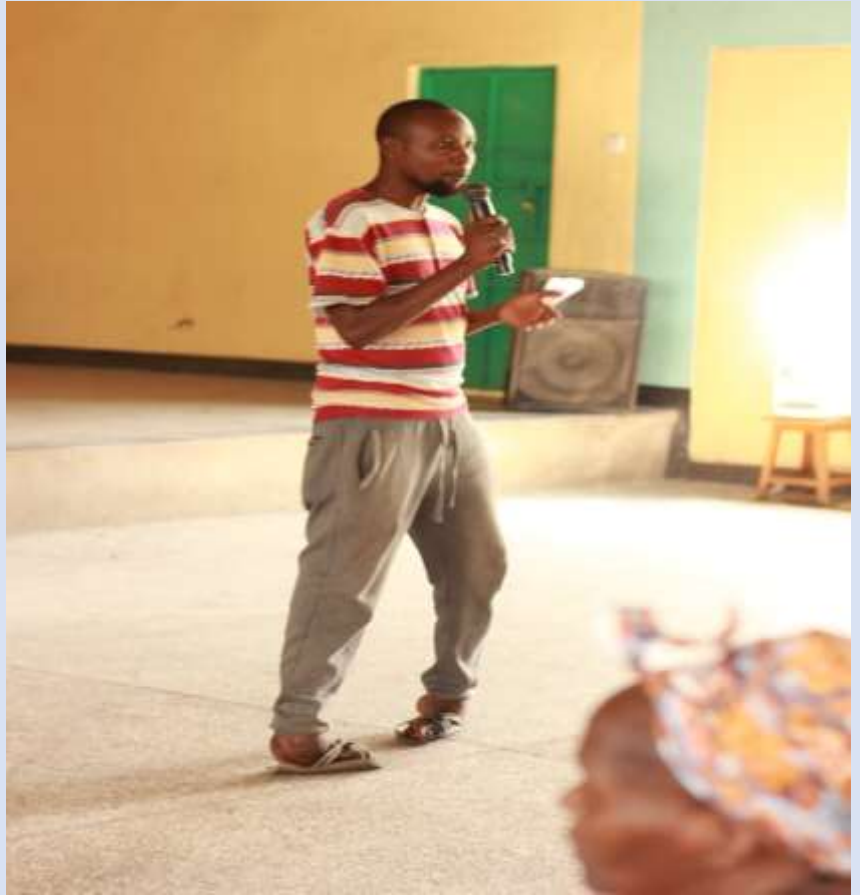
Team serving meal





Participant sharing meal at the event







THANK YOU !
TO EVERYONE,
WHO SUPPORTED IN ONE WAY OR
ANOTHER.
MAY YOU NEVER LACK!

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