

# Charity Committee Newsletter

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## Which charities are we supporting this year?

### Agape Special Needs Centre

The Centre is located in Kiamumbi Estate and was founded by Nancy Njoroge whose son was born with cerebral palsy. She had no funds to send him to a special needs centre so she began teaching him herself. She realised that there were many parents out there who have disabled children so she decided to help more children by creating the Agape Special Needs Centre. Initially she and her husband gave over their own home and turned it into a boarding house, but they have since moved to a plot allowing them to have both boarding and school facilities on the same site. They care for around 30 children from ages 4-17. Peponi has been supporting the Agape Centre for three years now. Last year we donated 179,00/= to buy essential physiotherapy equipment which helps the children with their movement skills and physical welfare. This year we hope to support the centre further once they re-open after isolating during COVID.



### Angel Centre for Abandoned Children

One charity Peponi School is once again supporting this year is the Angel Centre for Abandoned Children and we have been helping to sponsor the centre for the past four years. The Angel Centre was founded in 2009 by Wamaitha Mwangi and is a non- governmental organization located in Waithaka, Kenya. The Angel Centre takes in abandoned and orphaned children of ages two years and under. In the centre, the children are given medical care, food, and life skills whilst also providing them with love, affection and a place to call home until they find their permanent family. Every year Peponi School donates 100,000/-. This year that money is going to continue sponsoring two young children's school fees so they can receive an education and live a life that we are fortunate enough to be provided with and often take for granted.



## TNR TRUST

Every year Peponi School supports a group of charities and this year we are continuing to raise money for the TNR trust. This is a charity that focuses on boosting the welfare of animals. They try to maintain a healthy population of animals by neutering, campaigning, educating people and enforcing laws to benefit animals.

Like Peponi, TNR believes that nature as well as animals are part of the community and that it is up to us to make sure that both can survive and flourish. They mainly focus on dogs and cats as they can spread rabies in both animals and humans. In Kenya, an astounding 2000 people die of rabies each year even though the disease itself has a cure which provides immunity. TNR provides a vaccination to any animal that may have contracted the disease benefiting both us and the animal.

TNR believes that through offering a free vaccination programme they will, in turn, boost the health of rural communities as well as big cities all over Kenya. They also run a successful neutering programme which has prevented over 100,000 dogs from being born in the next 5 years.

Education is fundamental in eradicating disease which is why TNR also focuses on educating the public and have been several times to Peponi to talk about their important work. TNR also has a mobile clinic which goes around the country giving free vaccinations with their full-time vet, Dr Desmond Tutu.

We are excited to be supporting TNR again this year and help as many animals as we can. **It is also possible to send donations through their website if you wish to support their cause as well.**



*Through kind donations TNR has been able to buy a mobile unit which travels to villages and towns to vaccinate and neuter dogs and cats.*



## Peponi Support Fund

During the time that the Peponi campus was closed due to the Covid virus and we were all learning on line, many of our support staff were struggling to pay bills. To match the harambee collected by the teachers the Charity Committee donated 200,000/= to help. This money was distributed amongst the support staff to help them buy food for their families. Every year the Charity Committee sets aside 10% of all money raised to go into a Peponi Support fund which helps with emergencies needs such as medical bills. Due to the on-going virus we will be contributing a bigger percentage this year as we are conscious that many within our own community face financial hardship thanks to Covid. This year we have contributed 40,000/= to help pay for a new prosthetic leg for the wife of one of our valued employees.

# How our new Charity Committee members support Charity

## REYAN VORA- CHARITY MINISTER

During lockdown in the winter season I donated blankets and food to children in need living in the slum areas. Every year I ensure to personally give my old clothes to children who would need and appreciate them. I have also been to a local school to experience how it is to teach children and share my knowledge.

## JOY MUGO

I'm Joy and I want to start a charity. I am planning to start it in 2021 and it will be directed to help abuse victims in Kenya. I also regularly donate clothes and food to a small children's home, where I volunteer to wash clothes and clean the house.

## FAITH KANKUNDA

Under the UGAID organization I help support an orphanage called Naguru Reception Centre in Uganda where homeless children live as they search for their new homes. Over the past 10 months we have been able to raise funds to support them. Hopefully when I go back to Uganda, we will be able to go on with the activities. Our goal at the moment is to be able to support them medically. Most of the children suffer from epilepsy and others HIV. We don't earn enough to buy medicine or even take them to hospitals as all the money heads to food and water. We would change that next year if things go well and we are able to raise more money.

## MICHAEL SANG

I regularly donate old clothes to a nearby orphanage. Also, my family and I donated a total of 10,000ksh for a campaign to provide food during Covid-19.

## ARIANA MEHTA

What makes me charitable is that I regularly help my local Gurudwara (Sikh temple) by cooking and serving people seeking refuge. I have also participated in many Hog Charges by both racing and guiding.

## ANAAY VORA

Hello, I'm Anaay, and I did a moon walk at Karura Forest and I volunteered around the track giving directions. It was a great experience. I also volunteered at Farasi Lane for a week and taught the students simple maths and played football with them as well. I really learnt a lot and it was great to help the less fortunate.

## RIA PATEL

I'm Ria Patel and I have been selling old clothes and personal items to the house helps in my compound, so that I can use the money to buy sanitary pads and donate them to a school. I have also donated food and old clothes to Hope Babies Home.

## SHREY HARIA

I volunteered at Farasi Lane school where I taught different classes, from sports to history to maths. It was extremely valuable to me as I got to share the knowledge I have learnt over my school time and it helped me realize how grateful I am for what I have.

## MATHEW NAMISANO

My family and I help a lady who had started taking in children that had been abandoned with nowhere to go. This lady took the children in and provided them with a home but where she was living was not enough space for her to house all of them and the conditions were not very good. We built a big house and we provide them with food so that they can live good lives and stay off the streets. We have even found a lot of the children sponsors to pay for their school fees and we have taken in a few of them and we provide for all their needs. I was going to start a fundraiser and give them a fun day and raise money for them and their mother so that they could become dependent people but COVID has delayed my plans because it was going to be a large gathering and the government prohibited it. Most weekends I go to their home and spend time with the kids and it really humbles me and allows me to acknowledge how lucky I am.

**Dear Peponi Community—This year we know it will be more difficult to raise money for charity within our school as we are restricted on the events we are able to organise. However, we are determined to raise as much as possible to help as many people as possible. As always, we are very thankful for your support.**