



FRIENDS OF
HURUMA

2019 Progress Report

Celebrating a Year of Changing Lives



“Huruma” means Compassion

One Mission

Give the children of the Huruma Centre a future.

In partnership with Friends of Huruma, the Huruma Centre Children's Home in Iringa, Tanzania, provides a safe and secure home where children can thrive, learn and discover the future that they deserve.



The Huruma Centre

The Huruma Centre was founded in 1994 by the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania to care for homeless children in the Iringa region.

The Friends of Huruma

For years, the Centre struggled to provide even the basics for the children. Friends of Huruma, was founded in 2017 to be a supportive, trusted partner along side the Huruma Centre.

Operating Support



The Staff of the Huruma Centre: Matrons Emiliana, Rahabu, Veronika, and Etelezi, Cooks Daines and Juliana, Guard Stanley, Chaplain Harrison, and Centre Director Pastor Joyce Ngandango (center, in red). No pictured: Guard Emmanuel.

Food, shelter, clothing — previously the children at the Huruma Centre couldn't always count on having the basics. Now they can. In 2019, Friends of Huruma provided consistent operational support, so that the children received regular nutritious meals every day. Facilities were kept in safe working condition and all needed supplies were readily available. The staff (some have served at the Centre for more than 20 years) received regular compensation and all they needed to serve the children well. From 40 children two years ago, by early 2020, more than 80 will be under the care of the Huruma Centre.

Operating Support Goal for 2020: \$20,000

Scholarships

Education Changes Everything

Before children come to the Centre, their futures are bleak and many have experienced trauma. For this reason, the Huruma Centre not only provides the basics, but also gives nurture and hope. In a place of safety and love, the children begin to live for more than today. They begin to aspire to a life of value and worth. Friends of Huruma is committed to providing scholarships so that every child at the Centre receives the education and training he or she needs to find a path to a good future.

In 2019, your gifts funded tuition for 17 secondary school students, one nursing student, and three students in vocational training. In 2020, Friends of Huruma will sponsor 30 students. Thank you for changing everything for students who grow up at the Huruma Centre!



Doris, Isaya, and Sara are students at the Bomalang'ombe Secondary School

Scholarship Goal for 2020: \$17,000

Health Care

During the past year, Friends of Huruma has funded everything from band-aids to surgical procedures for children of the Huruma Centre. Twice this year, with your help, Matron Rahabu (who is also a nurse) restocked the Huruma Centre dispensary to take care of everyday needs. Several children who were experiencing vision deficits have received prescription eyeglasses. And, when a medical emergency arose or a prescription was needed for consistent drug therapies, there were no more worries about paying the bills. Gifts given to Friends of Huruma help meet the health care needs of the children and staff of the Centre.



Nurse Rahabu



A New Pair of Glasses!

**Health Care Goal
for 2020: \$2,000**

Let the children come...

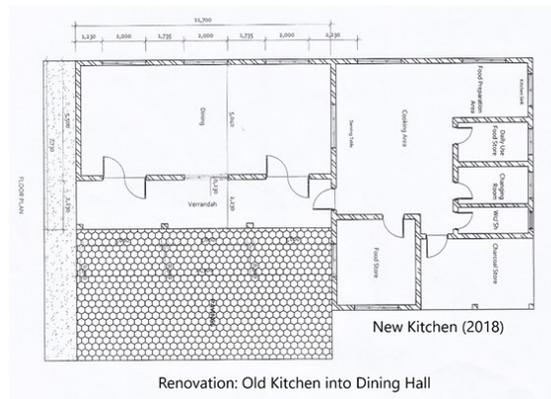
Children arrive at the Huruma Centre for many reasons:

- > Both parents die
- > A child is abandoned
- > A child is abused and must leave home and community
- > One parents dies and the other is unable to parent
- > A family is unable to care for a child with a disability

Projects

The new kitchen building was dedicated in January 2019! The 2020 capital project is the renovation of the old kitchen building into a dining hall. From a sooty, worn out building, the old kitchen will be transformed into a new dining hall. The dining hall will be integrated with the new kitchen building into one complete food service facility for preparing and serving as many as 200 meals per day.

*Renovation
Plan*



*The New
Kitchen*

*The Old Kitchen Building
before Renovation*



Projects Goal
for 2020: \$10,000

Partnerships

The vision of Friends of Huruma is to create a community in the Saint Paul Area Synod, the United States and around the world, who help support the children of the Huruma Centre. The bigger the global village, the stronger and more sustainable the mission of the Centre will be. With that in mind, the Friends of Huruma celebrates and gives heartfelt thanks to all our partners!

Partner churches and households in the Saint Paul Area Synod and across the country are the heart of Friends of Huruma, providing funding for operating costs, health care, scholarships and projects.



Sharing Good News in Saint Paul



Meeting of Partners in Berlin

Our partners in the Evangelical Church in Berlin also provide deeply needed support for Huruma Centre operations and scholarships for Centre children.

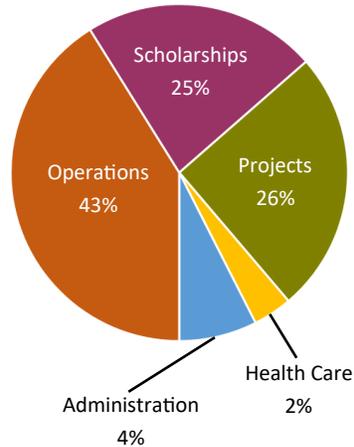
The Iringa Diocese encourages generosity among diocese parishes. During harvest season this year, 29 parishes donated gifts of grain and cattle to the Huruma Centre. These were used to feed the children and any surplus was sold for the operating budget. In addition, the Diocese funds the annual cost of key staff at the Centre.



A Diocese Child Donates Grain

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In 2019, 96% of your gifts directly supported the mission of the Huruma Centre, providing a safe and secure home and education for the children. Thank you for generosity that makes compassion possible!



Goal for 2020: \$49,000

\$20,000 for operations

\$17,000 for scholarships

\$2,000 for medical care

\$10,000 for projects

You can give by check, written to the order of: Saint Paul Area Synod, with “Friends of Huruma” in the memo line. Send to: Friends of Huruma/BKB, Saint Paul Area Synod ELCA, 105 University Avenue W., St. Paul, MN 55103. Or, go to [FriendsOfHuruma.org](https://www.friendsofhuruma.org) and click on the “Give Now” button. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Friends of Huruma is a volunteer-run affiliate of the Bega Kwa Bega (BKB) partnership between the Saint Paul Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (For more information click on: <https://www.spas-elca.org/mission/global-mission/tanzania>). The coordinator of Friends of Huruma is Pastor Chris Smith, who can be contacted using the information provided below.

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