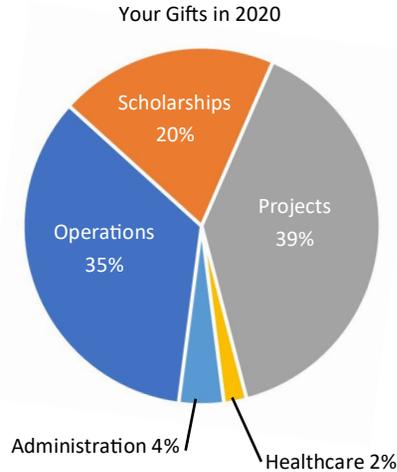


Thank you for your Generosity!

In 2020, donors gave \$58,424 to Friends of Huruma, far exceeding our goal of \$49,000! 96% of your gifts directly supported the mission of the Huruma Centre, providing a safe and secure home and education for the children.



Guidance for your giving: The total goal for 2021 is \$52,000. Giving to operations always remains important, as the number of children served by the Centre continues to grow. Annual scholarship needs are steadily growing as more Huruma Centre students and apprentices continue to excel. Project activity in the coming one to three years will be driven by the need to accommodate more children at the Centre. And, of course, gifts directed to healthcare are always welcome. Please designate your gifts as your hearts lead you.

You can give by check, written to the order of: "Saint Paul Area Synod" with "BKB/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 "Give Now". Thank you for your generosity!

Friends of Huruma is an affiliate of the Bega Kwa Bega (BKB) partnership—for more information, go to: <https://www.spas-elca.org/mission/global-mission/tanzania>. Pastor Chris Smith, Coordinator of Friends of Huruma, can be contacted using the information provided below.

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2020 Progress Report A Year Like No Other



What a Year!

Because of COVID-19, 2020 has been a year like no other. With no visit to Iringa this year, most photos in our report come from Director Pastor Joyce Ngandango. *On the cover:* A COVID-19 wash station, the new well strikes water, and the Dedication Children's Choir.

Friends of Huruma

Friends of Huruma, was founded in 2017 to be a supportive, trusted partner along side the Huruma Centre, a home for children in Iringa, Tanzania. We are part of the Bega Kwa Bega Partnership between the Saint Paul Area Synod (ELCA) and the Iringa Diocese (ELCT)

Our Mission

Give the children of the Huruma Centre a future.

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

Healthcare

Centre staff have long worried about what to do if a medical emergency among children or staff takes place in the middle of the night. The new car celebrated on page four addresses this problem. Now transportation is available to access medical help quickly and efficiently. We're also happy to report that during 2020 no serious medical needs



arose at the Centre, including no reported cases of COVID-19. Of course, the need for everyday healthcare supplies continued. This year, your gifts restocked the Centre dispensary twice, providing everything from soap to band-aids to antibiotics. Thank you!

Partnerships



Welcoming homeless children to a new home and raising them into healthy, productive adults requires a lot of help. All the organizations represented here have provided indispensable support to Friends of Huruma. The Saint Paul Area Synod and Iringa Diocese provide the framework for mission. Our partners in Berlin, Germany provide generous support from 18 congregations and a long-standing mission presence in Tanzania. Saint Paul Partners provided on-the-ground expertise that made the well project possible and H2O for Life provided support through fundraising in schools. Shoulder to Shoulder has provided healthcare support. And, every donor and every gift provide a safe and secure home where the children can thrive. Thank you!



Operating Support

With the onset of COVID-19, operating support was more important than ever. In March, schools in Iringa closed and all children currently enrolled in off-site educational programs returned to the Centre, nearly doubling the number of children in residence. Friends of Huruma provided consistent support all year, and our partners in Berlin, Germany gave an additional gift to support operations.



Pots of food lined up for 2020 Easter Dinner at the Centre: Rice, Cabbage, Kuku and more!

Scholarships

Friends of Huruma is committed to providing scholarships so that all students at the Huruma Centre receive the life-changing education and training they need for a good and blessed future. In 2021, 29 children from the Centre will be enrolled in secondary boarding schools of the Diocese, vocational training, and post-secondary education programs.



Noel starts Form 1 in 2021

Home at Last



I'm guessing many of you don't know that our German partners refer to the Huruma Centre as a home for *Strassenkinder*: Street Children, Homeless Kids. The thing is, once they arrive at the Centre, the term no longer applies. To borrow from the favorite hymn, they once were lost, but now they're found. The children are home at last. Your giving to Friends of Huruma does that: Your giving finds children and brings them home. Your generosity provides the children with a safe, secure home, nutrition, education, pride, hope, love...the list goes on. Thank You. Enjoy these photos of the kids and staff.  Pastor Chris Smith



2020

A Year of Projects



2020 saw three project milestones at the Huruma Centre. In January, the new dining hall, built directly adjacent to the new kitchen building, was completed and blessed by the Bishop. On the same day, a newly acquired vehicle for the Centre's use was also blessed. Finally, with amazing help from BKB affiliate Saint Paul Partners, a new well was drilled, complete with a new pump powered by a solar energy array and an expanded water distribution system.

From initial drilling to building the tower for a new tank and trenches for new pipes, to leaders inspecting the well-head, to the blessing and dedication, the well project was a success because of your gifts and the diligent work of Saint Paul Partners.



Top: The new dining hall under construction.

Middle/Bottom: Bishop Gaville dedicates the Huruma Centre's new car.



As Bishop Emeritus Mdegela dedicates the well and water system, the kids join the action.

