

Annual Report Lwengo Kids Foundation 2018

Board

On 1 January 2018, members of the board of Lwengo Kids Foundation will be:

- Pieter Streefkerk: chairman
- Marga Streefkerk: general secretary
- Wim Bos: treasurer
- Hetty Kuipers: general affairs and PR

In August 2018 Harry Hoorn joined the board and is mainly engaged in fundraising.

From October 2018 Caroline de Vries will think with us about fundraising.

Frequency meetings and newsletters

A new meeting plan was adopted in December, almost identical to the previous year. Additional meetings were planned if necessary.

The newsletters were sent twice a year: in May (after the spring trip) and in November (after the autumn trip).

Donations

Through several donations we have been able to realize a number of projects in 2018.

- Reformed church Putten:
 - o proceeds from book-plant market, field day and Christmas market. We share the proceeds with the Etiké Foundation
 - o yield 40-day time. We must also share this with the Etiké Foundation. We received € 2.000, - and here a large number of bunk beds could be paid.
- We received a number of donations for specific purposes, with which the remaining beds, water well, sweaters and the construction of a health center could be paid.
- By smaller donations (see our annual financial report), the proposed pig / goat project could start: every family of a sponsored child receives a pig or a goat to take care of and to breed with. There is a big shortage of pork in Uganda and the parents can generate an income by selling the little ones. A part of the proceeds, roughly 20%, that was agreed during the information meeting in Uganda, goes into the "school fund", so that can be saved for any further training of the sponsored children. It is the intention that the sponsor parents in the Netherlands donate a small amount instead of a small gift for food and care, so that the whole family can benefit from the sponsoring. Anthony monitors this project. Construction started in December.
- In November we won a big sponsor. This sponsor finances the completely new to be built Health Center (€ 25.000,--) and takes care of the sponsorship of 20 children.
- Sanne's boda-boda campaign on facebook, the oliebollenactie 2017 and the sale of an old bodaboda, resulted in the purchase of two brand new bodabodas



New Year's reception

At the New Year's reception that we organized (January 2018) together with the Stichting Etiké, we met about 45 interested parties and sponsors. It was a good meeting at Schovenhorst, where we had nice talks with sponsors and interested parties. To be repeated. We retained a number of new sponsors.

Contact Anthony

The contact with Anthony went well this year. All kinds of things can be quickly arranged by mail and app. Occasionally an answer takes a little longer, due to a power outage, for example, so that no internet traffic is possible.

The aim is and remains: if something is wrong with one of the children or their parents/caretakers, we want to hear this quickly, we will, if necessary, consult the sponsor and look for the best solution for the child. Then fast communication is often essential.

Activities

- After a presentation in the Reformed church in Putten, a number of young people are eager to go to Uganda. This will be further elaborated. A few young people are reporting and in January 2019 an information afternoon will be held for young people and their parents. We intend to travel to Uganda with a number of young people in October 2019 (autumn holiday).
- We gave information at various events / markets in Putten and surroundings. It did not usually generate sponsors, but we did generate a larger name recognition.
- In the autumn there was a large article in the Puttens Nieuwsblad (= local magazine). Around the summer, we were allowed to fill 2 pages in Driesteden Business (=management magazine).
- In April we went to Uganda and visited a large number of children. Great that we are back again. We could solve small problems and again with Anthony to discuss a few things.
- We are busy to give all schoolchildren from Lwerudeso (\pm 520) a new school sweater of a stronger fabric. We prefer to use fleece, but that is not possible in Uganda. In the end we chosen for another solid dark blue fabric. The sweaters are sewn by women from the slums in Kampala by our contact and girlfriend Lisette there. We assume that all children will have a new sweater with the logo of Lwerudeso and Lwengo Kids Foundation at the beginning of the new school year of 2019. Sweater costs: € 6.50 each.
- In July we got from Anthony Joseph in sponsoring, an albino boy. Difficult to communicate that way about the mail to the prospective sponsor, so one of the board members started a conversation and explained to the sponsor what was going on. The sponsor agreed with the sponsorship. We initially took care of sunglasses, caps and clothing with long sleeves to protect the eyes and skin.
- In September/October we went to Uganda with Tamara, Irene and Peter (friends of Tamara). We had a nice trip. The children received a small gift from the grab bag (purchased from Balluca.nl) and our first two sponsored boys passed Primary 7 and went on to Secondary School. They got a silver four-leaf clover and we congratulated them. We will of course continue to follow them, because they just stay in our sponsor project.



- In September we had a meeting with several other local foundations. We brainstormed about things that we all run into and how to solve them. Such a meeting will take place once a year. Definitely gets a sequel.
- In November, the newsletter included all the information about the pig and goat project. We developed a construction plate for a PiggeryBank and together with a letter and the annual report of Lwerudeso it went to the sponsors by post.
- We prepared for the oliebollenactie. We also sold around 250 Christmas cards from Uganda.
- In November we were on the market "giving two-sided" in the Immanuel Church in Ermelo. This is a market where interested people come to. We often told our story and sold it. Yield was less than the year before.
- We also took over some of sponsor children from the other sponsor group, which are slowly being phased out.
- On 31 December our children's counter was at 112, we are very happy with this result.

Sponsor children

We started with 57 children in January 2018 with the target of 2018, to get the 100. In mid-November we typed the 82. It did not look like we would reach the target and once again made a call via facebook. But just then, we gave a presentation to the management of a large company. And after a good presentation we were able to have the money to build a Health Center in Lwengo so coveted by Anthony and take 20 children into sponsoring.

We ended the year on 31 December 2018 with 112 children in sponsoring, including 7 children with disabilities and 14 at boarding school.

