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From contact to contract

Dear sponsors and interested parties,
Summer is behind us again and we are heading towards shorter days again, autumn and winter are coming. The volunteer work for Lwengo Kids Foundation is also continuing.

The first board meeting of the new season has now taken place and the necessary plans have been discussed again and must be implemented to give the children of today and the future a chance in that other world called Uganda.

There is still a lot of work to be done but your contribution, your support, your involvement makes THE difference for many children! And that's what I'd like to talk to you about.

As a reader of this newsletter, you are involved in our work. We know each other to a greater or lesser extent and we think it may be useful to talk to each other about your *network* and *about your possibilities* to increase the contribution to our foundation without too much effort.

We as a board are convinced that through a personal conversation new ideas and even agreements with new people, sponsors, companies, etc., can arise.

A 'pilot' to talk about expanding our network so that we are AND future-proof AND can guarantee the livelihood and development of "our" children in Uganda, so from Contact to Contract.

In conclusion, my appeal to think along: You can help us! Of course you already do that, but it would be nice if you would like to map out your network in order to gain even broader support and even more resources for development.

With kind regards

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October trip



On October 1, Pieter and Marga travel to Uganda again. This time they travel together, because no registrations to travel with have come in.

In principle, this time we did not want to take a greeting from you as sponsors, but we hope to bring back greetings from the children in front of you.

However, we have heard from a number of sponsors that they really like to give a letter / card.

So let's move on... From now on you can send us a greeting for your sponsor child.

Following the previous newsletter:



For Elizabeth, who didn't enjoy her first term at Leaticia Secondary School, we were able to arrange for her to be with her friends at St. Joseph. How good that she told us!

Pheibe, who is struggling so much, is going back to school, but we continue to keep a close eye on her.

We have found a sponsor for Angel's youngest sister and she will also go to school in January. Relief, but also air for grandma!

Ntanzi's mother went to the Health Center at our expense. Has had good medication and she is doing well now.



In Christine's family, all the children are now in sponsorship except for little Ruth, but she is only 1.5 years old. We will also sponsor her in due course, no matter what. Until then, the family is closely monitored.

Axum has been removed from the sponsorship process. He is ready and will continue his own way without Lwengo Kids Foundation. We are curious to see how this will develop.

Novelties

Lwengo Kids Foundation started with 7 sponsor children. Now, 6.5 years later, we have more than 250 children in sponsorship.

That is also the maximum. The larger the number, the more administration and we want to do that as well as possible. We have therefore developed a new form containing all the details of the sponsor child. This form, the B&P form (Background and Progress form) "grows" with your sponsor child. You, as a sponsor, will receive this form with a supplement after each visit or change in sponsorship.



So from our next trip you will receive the B&P form as a progress report.

Take a look at it and if there are any questions, or you are missing something, please let us know.

Wealth fund



Just before our April/May trip we got a call from someone who asked how big our small scale actually was... Well, good question!

We mentioned that this really only concerns the number of sponsor children and not so much the projects around it that also benefit the children in general and the entire community.

This gentleman told me that he had heard our presentation and was touched by our enthusiasm. He has conveyed that to two very well-off, elderly people for whom he looks after the finances.

We were allowed to make a shopping list with wishes.....

I can't convey our enthusiasm here, but you can safely believe that we didn't know how we had it for a while....

During our trip we made a wish list together with Anthony and Francis and with that we then visited the family. What a nice conversation we had there and what an empathy for our foundation we found in the family.

Most of our shopping list was honored.

On the website you can follow the progress of the shopping list!

<https://www.lwengokids.nl/projecten/vanuit-een-vermogensfonds>



Bequeathing to charity

In line with the above, we came across an article in the magazine of SOS Children's Villages that we thought could also be given a place here.



Dutch inheritance law is structured in such a way that a will must be drawn up if the inheritance is bequeathed to a charity. Below are some tips from former notary Lex van Hengstum.

1. Seek personal contact with the charity (i.e. with us 😊). In a personal conversation it is possible to express wishes and ask questions to clarify what needs to be done with the estate.
2. Appoint someone who can settle the inheritance. A family member, friend or notary, but also the organization to which is bequeathed. Inform this person about your specific wishes and practical matters, such as where important documents can be found.
3. Instead of leaving a fixed amount, it is also possible to leave a percentage of the assets. In this way, the amount grows or decreases with the assets and the ratios remain the same for all legal heirs.
4. Choose at most two or three charities. Of course we would appreciate it if you would (also) like to include Lwengo Kids Foundation in your will.

Organisation Lwengo Kids Foundation - Vacancies

In 6.5 years we have grown from 7 sponsor children at Primary School to 250 sponsor children at Primary School, Secondary School and further education. If we want to make a lasting impact in the lives of these children, our internal organization must also grow with it. For this we need you!

Our foundation runs on the time that people voluntarily put into the foundation. Due to the growth of our foundation, we are eager for new volunteers. The tasks for which we are looking for volunteers range from practical matters such as helping with the oliebollen action to board positions.

We would love to hear from you if you would like to dedicate your time to our beautiful foundation (and therefore the children in Lwengo).

In concrete terms, we are looking for someone who wants to focus on PR and who can also contribute to the much work that is now housed at the secretariat.

Thinking along about new activities is very much appreciated.

Our treasurer Erik is also eager for support.

For more information I refer you to our website under the tab "vacancies"

<https://www.lwengokids.nl/vacatures>



We wish you all the best again!

On behalf of the board of Lwengo Kids Foundation,
Marga Streefkerk

