



Simbas Footprints Foundation 2017 Newsletter

As 2017 comes to an end, we at Simbas Footprints Foundation wanted to give a special thanks to all of our contributors who made our work possible. What we have achieve today we could only have dreamt about when we started almost 7 years ago.





Simbas Community Center



In January of 2017 Simbas Footprints Foundation opened the Simbas Community Center in the district of Majengo. The Community Center runs various support programs which are open to all members in the community. Through close cooperation and dialogue with local leaders in the community we strive to meet the needs and challenges of the district and encourage the residents themselves to strengthen and improve their own community.

The Simbas team has expanded our staff that includes six Tanzanians with a variety of backgrounds that included education, social work, and community development. The team is responsible for all projects at the center and in the field, and as of January, everyone will be employed full time.

Simbas Club

This year, Simbas Club has evolved into a variety of structured programs which are held at the Simbas Community Center throughout the week. Currently we have over 80 local children between the ages of 0-18 enrolled in Simbas Club. Some of the activities that the children participate in are English Club which is held 3 days a week, arts & crafts, different educational workshops and a Sports Club. We also offer free tutoring each day which is available to everyone in the community.



Simbas Club kids after a health clinic seminar on HIV



The Binti Yetu Project (Our Daughters in swahili)

In August our new women project started with the aim of reducing stigma, starting conversations, breakdown barriers and build a community of empowered women. On average girls miss 60 school days a year because they are unable to go to school when they have their period. The Binti Yetu workshop is formed to educate women about the female body, mensuration & hormones and natural family planning. Each participant learns how to make washable reusable pads by hand, which will allow them to continue to attend school while they have their period. The project has been introduced to girls and young women between age 14-25 and the response has been very positive.



Simbas Children

Last year brought big changes for the 9 children who previously lived in the Children's Home. It is with pride and love we can now tell you that all the children have been successfully reunited with their family members. For some of the children, this means growing up with a grandmother, aunt, or big sister.





Allowing these children the opportunity to grow up in a family environment with a connection to their roots, culture and traditions was always been our main goal. We are extremely excited to announce that as of 2017 this has been made possible. We are still very involved in each children's life, by supporting their education and now we support each family to help strengthen them and ensure they are self sufficient. This support comes in different forms for example, we started building a house for one family, and in January we are sending one child's older sister to vocational training.

Kahe Outreach Project:

Our agricultural and school project in the village of Mawalla has evolved into the Simbas team supporting the entire Kahe district. Kahe is one of the poorest areas in the Kilimanjaro region, we are currently working with three schools in the district. Among other things, we have provided one of the schools access to clean water by building a well, we provided furniture for classrooms, school books for grades 1-4 and sponsoring food for over 1000 students. All the income from the Simbas farm goes directly to projects at these three schools. Starting in 2018, we will be establishing agricultural projects at each of the schools which will be one more step towards self-sufficiency. In 2018 we will bring the Binti Yetu project to all secondary school girls and over 100 women through outreach with different women groups.

Simbas Footprints Foundation's future starts with you!

Do you want to be a monthly donor, start a fundraising campaign or make a one time contribution? With all our new and existing projects, we need your help more than ever.



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