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Editor's Note

We've had a wonderful and successful Term 1 this year. We are well into our Term 2 now and are hoping for the best! Read about the impact we have had on the children in offering quality education and nurturing young talent. Learn about the psycho-social support programme and read on for more details! Ed.

Quality Education

Many children in Kibera are left behind in education. Many do not have the opportunity to complete primary school and transition to secondary school.

Shelly joined the TP school transition programme at the age of 9, after staying out of school for 2 years. Her mother is a single parent and the sole breadwinner of their family. Shelly is the first child and naturally she is expected to help look after her 2 younger brothers while her mother is out looking for work. This forced Shelly to grow up and take on much responsibility at a young age.

In the programme, Shelly was older than most of her peers in her class, but this did not stop her from going after her dreams. Through support and mentoring by her teachers, Shelly's leadership skills were developed. She was then elected by other students to become the school president. This pushed Shelly to continue leading by example and to be the best student she can be.

Shelly's hard work and good character paid off when she passed her final primary school examinations and was awarded full scholarship into a girls' secondary school. "I didn't think I would ever finish primary school and join

secondary school" said Shelly as she narrated how hard her life was before she joined Turning Point.

The Fountain of Hope school aims to provide a quality, holistic education that supports the children to thrive and achieve their full God-given potential. This support continues after the children transition to secondary school. The TP secondary school programme supports children to attend secondary schools and vocational training.

We enable children to gain further education and practical skills they need to start their chosen career. We do this by partnering with likeminded secondary schools and businesses that uphold hard work and good values. We also run retreats and camps during school holidays to catch up with students like Shelly and many others.

Our staff are always present and ready to listen to their triumphs or struggles on academics, careers, psychosocial issues and offer them support. We value maintaining these relationships beyond the primary school. We find joy in knowing that they feel supported even when they are away from us.



Nurturing Young Talent

“Tony is now playing in the national youth league with Cheza Sports! And 2 other boys have joined the Cheza Sports Academy, one of the top football academies in Kenya!” reported the coach of the Turning Point Football Club (TPFC) during a recent managers’ meeting. There was celebration and awe at this news.

Tony was enrolled into the Fountain of Hope school in 2015 at Grade 5, and due to his love for football he joined the TPFC soon after. While at the club, Tony was able to sharpen his skills in football as well as build his character in the field and in general as a young boy.

Coach Brian, who is a great role model and mentor to the boys in the club, supported Tony to avoid negative influence much

present in the community and encouraged him to work hard in school as much as he did playing football.



The club’s main objective is to build character among players, nurture their talent and to promote growth through partnerships with existing football organizations, schools and academies with the aim of seeing the children thrive in the sport. Currently, the club has 51 players in categories under – 12, 13 and 15 year olds.

Juliet, a former TPFC member, did very well in her final primary school exam and because of her passion and skills in football she was able to get full sponsorship into a local girl’s football secondary school in a couple of months.

Extra-curricular activities like football, mentorship, journalism etc have contributed to the holistic development of the children at the Fountain of Hope School. Many children have developed their passion, skills and talent in different areas and children like Tony and Juliet are on the right path to achieve their full potential.

Psycho-Social Support

Nina has been struggling to cope with the harsh realities within her home and community. She is 13 years old and very bright. At home, Nina is expected to help her mother take care of their home and her siblings. She does not get enough time for herself and her friends.

At school, she is one of the oldest girls in her class and she feels like she does not belong. She keeps to herself most of the time. Her teachers have noticed a drop in her self-esteem and declining academic achievements. The social worker reports that Nina is under great stress and pressure and her motivation to succeed in school is suffering.

In the context of working with vulnerable children, like Nina, providing psychosocial support in education enhances academic learning and helping the children to develop coping skills in the face of adversity.



The TP psychosocial support programme is aimed at improving the overall well-being of children and their families. All staff who work directly

with children collaboratively develop interventions that are based on best practices to support the children through their socio-emotional issues and traumas. Parents are also involved in the interventions because they play an important role in improving the effectiveness of any psychosocial care to the children.

Say Hi to John!



We want to share some exciting news with all of you – we have a new member joining our team in Kenya! John Gachoka takes up the role of Fundraising, Communications and Marketing Manager that was held by Emily Obiti.

John joins us from Teule Kenya and he brings with him rich experience in local fundraising and networking having worked in both profit and not for profit sectors.

We also take this opportunity to announce that Emily has moved on from Turning Point after being with us for more than 10 years! We are grateful for her faithfulness and great contribution to the work of Turning Point. We pray for blessings and success for her and her family in their new chapter.

Elections 2022

On the 9th of August this year, our nation will be undergoing an election. We anticipate to elect new leaders into office. For this reason, we had to close school early to allow preparations and actual voting. As we mentioned in our July Prayer Email, it is our sincere prayer that the process will be peaceful.

Having enjoyed tranquil and unity in the previous years, we hope that this will be enjoyed before, during and after elections. We look forward to the kids resuming learning and hope the leaders we choose will work towards creating a country fit for every Kenyan, most especially the children who are the future.