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Expanding Partnerships

Dear Friends,

2022 was a huge year for Kiwimbi – we celebrated our 10th anniversary, on two continents no less! In those ten years, we grew from a concept to a reality, bringing an assortment of educational opportunities to thousands. You have made this possible – without the support of so many people over those years, we could not have progressed and the hopeful students from terribly underserved schools would be destined for disappointment.

2022 was not simply a culmination though, it was a year when the ripple of Kiwimbi joined others as partnerships developed and new endeavors were launched. This report highlights some of that growth. You should also know that, even as we branch out and provide our expanding community with more tools, we are also adapting to major changes in the educational system in Kenya and, of course, the reality of digital technology. The world is not static, and I am happy to report that Kiwimbi, always focused on the future, continues to adapt and to help those we serve embrace the opportunities in their changing world. You can watch this happening in real time by reading our newsletters, following us on social media, or attending our events. Our goal in all of these is to help you appreciate your gifts as much as Kiwimbi's beneficiaries do!

Thank you for caring!

Lynne

Lynne Rathgeber
Board Chair

RIPPLES-EXPANDING THE IMPACT

"2022 was not simply a culmination, it was a year when the ripple of Kiwimbi joined others as partnerships developed and new endeavors were launched."

In 2022, Kiwimbi...

- Expanded our efforts by entering into an agreement to establish the **Kiwimbi Korando Library, our second location**
- Entered into **several partnerships**, giving us the opportunity to expand our reach and impact
- Increased the number of students gaining access to books by **increasing our satellite libraries** to four
- Doubled our tailoring program to include a **second cohort of students**, thanks to a grant from the Ibu Foundation that also allowed us to purchase enough additional sewing machines for these students, and even purchase a few specialty machines
- Created a **Youth Leadership program**, providing mentorship focused on responsibility, service to others and leadership for top 2022 KCPE scorers at our three Focus Schools where we concentrate our tutoring and Food for Thought support.
- Increased **retention in our carpentry program**, by adjusting the daily schedule to suit the needs of these young men who also had farms to maintain
- Celebrated our **10th Anniversary with joyous gatherings in the US and in Kenya**, featuring many special guests attendees including Kisumu First Lady Dorothy Nyong'o, creatives Oliver & Bella Litondo and Aghan Odero, and the Honorable Okiya Omtatah
- Established a **Hall of Elders** to highlight important people in the Teso culture, partnering with us to keep their stories alive for future generations of children, ensuring the significant contributions of these local heroes are always remembered. Several of these individuals were honored in person at the 10th Anniversary celebration at the Library.
- Created opportunities for **partnership projects between our vocational departments**, enabling them to practice developing skills in a meaningful way while meeting a need for their colleagues

Check out our newsletters and blog on our website to keep up to date about these expanding developments:

- The creation of a second Kiwimbi Library
- Accomplishments of the STAGSS robotics team established by Kiwimbi at nearby St. Thomas Amagoro Girls Secondary School
- Updates on the new educational structure rolling out by the Kenyan government, the Competency Based Curriculum (CBC). This will impact the national testing schedule and require Kiwimbi to focus efforts on another grade level. 2023 will be the last year that students will take the KCPE.
- Construction of the new Kiwimbi Learning Centre

New Partnerships- Spreading the Ripple

Throughout 2022, Kiwimbi partnered with several new organizations and individuals that expanded our impact.

Dolfine Korando Faith Foundation School & Orphanage

Kiwimbi's vision is to replicate our model elsewhere, to provide opportunity through education in other communities. We were able to take the first steps towards achieving this goal in 2022, by entering into an agreement to establish our second location at the Dolphine Korando Faith Foundation (DKFF) school and orphanage in Kisumu, Kenya.

We stocked this new location with 2,000 books, a portion of the 9,000 books we received from another new partner, Jack Crowell and the schools in his local Michigan community. Only because shipping costs were covered were we able to accept this incredible gift.



Weiss Education Foundation

The partnership Kiwimbi established with the Weiss Education Foundation enabled us to obtain funding for students to attend secondary school. The first four scholarship recipients were identified by Kiwimbi in 2022, and have since begun secondary school with all tuition, fees, and other expenses fully covered for all four years!



Throughout 2022, more than 330 individuals, foundations, corporate sponsors, and local businesses provided opportunity through education with their gifts. We gratefully acknowledge their support.

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The Prestige Invitational golf event donated a portion of the proceeds from its event in July, 2022 to Kiwimbi. Thank you to Prestige and to everyone who participated!



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Thank you all!

On behalf of the families we serve, we enthusiastically thank you for your support. We worked to make sure the information presented is accurate. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We can be reached at: 440-549-4624 or info@kiwimbi.org.

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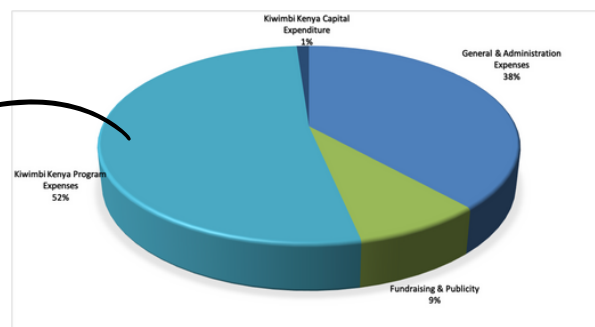
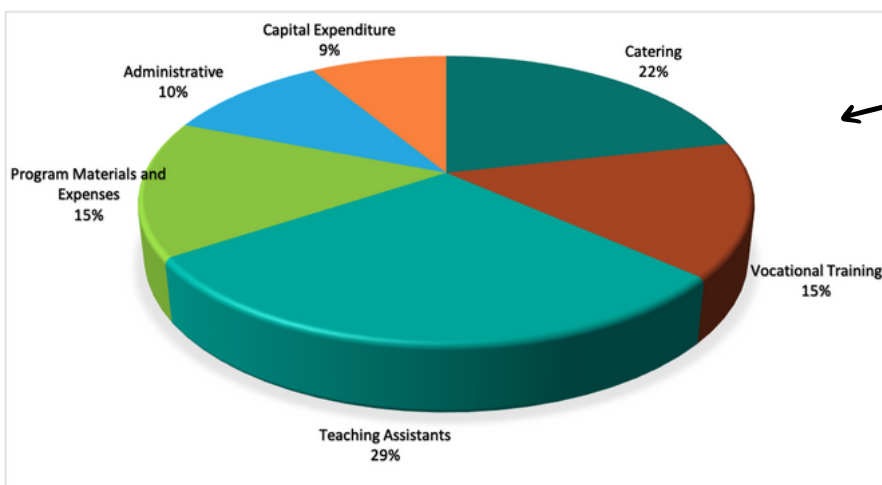


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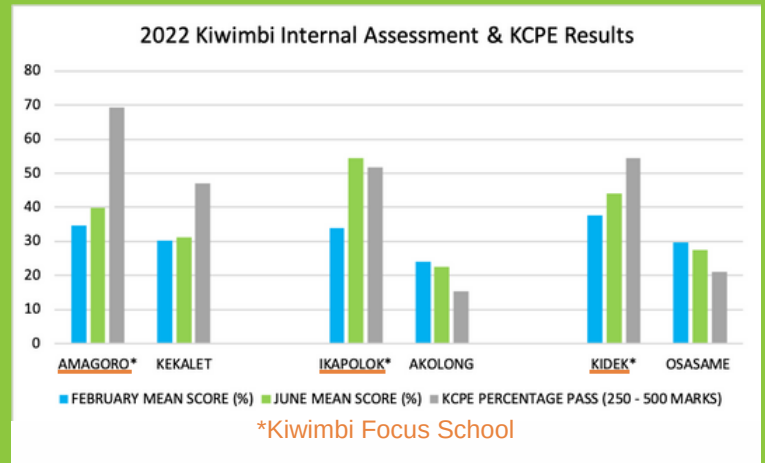
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Kiwimbi International continues to invest in personnel to strategically transition from board volunteers to hiring professional staff members.

Your Support is Changing Lives

Kiwimbi concentrates its efforts on the Grade 8 students in our three Focus Schools who must take a national exam at year-end. This exam, the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) currently serves as a gateway, determining the quality of the secondary school to which each student will be admitted. The student in our Focus Schools achieve an **over 50% pass rate** on the national KCPE examination, in comparison to similar rural schools that achieve less than 30% pass rates. In addition, Kiwimbi Focus Schools **keep over 80% of the girls in school** for a full day of lessons throughout the year, and enable the girls to perform at parity with the boys. You see,



typically when girls go home for lunch they are required to remain at home to do chores and care for younger siblings while their brothers are allowed to return to school for afternoon lessons.

The data shows that the students supported by Kiwimbi's programs achieve academic success, creating opportunity through education for themselves and their families.

Thanks to you, our students are achieving!

WHY WE SUPPORT KIWIMBI



THE ONYUKA FAMILY

"Our family visited the Kiwimbi Library recently. We gained so much understanding by meeting and visiting with the students.

Being there gave us an insight into what a difference Kiwimbi's programs make, how the children's self-worth is enhanced, and how the programs change their lives."

WENDI

"Kiwimbi provided so many programs that improved my academic performance and helped me to excel. Thank you to all the Kiwimbi partners for making a difference in my life and the lives of my fellow students. You gave us opportunities that we never would have experienced without your help."

~ Wendi



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