



The Request

We're inviting individual Rotary Clubs in District 7010 to commit \$1000 per year from their International Service Budget for the support of [Life4Kids Canada](#).

The Cause

Life4Kids Canada is a registered Canadian Charity that provides a loving home for 25 homeless and abandoned boys in Nairobi, Kenya. Life4Kids rescues abandoned boys from the streets and garbage dumps in Nairobi. We provide for their emotional, physical, and educational needs. We provide a loving and nurturing home conducive to personal growth. We empower the boys to develop physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

We also provide ongoing support for the boys when they pursue post-secondary education. We provide accommodation, tuition and schooling costs, and an allowance for food and personal needs. In addition to the 25 boys in the home aged 17 or under, we also have 10 boys aged 18 or older who are continuing their schooling.

The Program

It all costs money! Our small organization is based in Central Ontario. Our funds are currently primarily raised in the Georgian Bay region of Ontario.

The Rotary Clubs of Midland and Penetanguishene are both sponsors of this program. **Now, we'd like to seek the support of your Club.**

The Impact

Our Executive Director in Nairobi, Jane Wasike, describes the support we seek this way: "Thank you for helping us raise Africa's future leaders. This is your love in action!"

Some Background

In Canada, we're not used to dealing with the horrors that these boys have endured. Many were living on the streets, begging for food. In some cases, they were abandoned by a parent. In other cases, their parent died. Some fled to avoid beatings. Each boy has a story. And Life4Kids works to give that story a happy ending. Many of our boys had never had three meals in a single day in their lives when they came to us. In fact, many of our

boys struggled to get the equivalent of one meal a day. Few of them have ever eaten off a plate or used utensils.

Many of our boys had never slept in a bed when they came to us. Many of them had never been in a schoolroom. The streets were their home. The streets of Nairobi are dangerous for all ages, let alone little boys.

Now they are happy and safe for the first time in their lives. They get healthy. They go to school. They get medical attention. They have a family (with many brothers!). They are loved!



What's Special About Life4Kids?

Glad you asked. Consider:

- **"It's a Home"**: The boys are raised in a homelike setting. The boys and staff are like one big family. Meals are cooked on site. The boys are walked to school by caregivers. This is not an institution. It's a home.
- **"There is virtually no overhead"**: All the funds we raise go to the home. We have no staff in Canada. We're all volunteers. Even the bookkeeper. We pay for our audit, for insurance and bank charges. The rest of the funds go to raising the boys.
- **"We're Local"**: This is not some institutional organization with paid fundraisers and a distant executive team. You probably know people on our Board. Our President/Chair is Fred Hacker, a long-time member and Past President of the

Midland Rotary Club. Our Secretary (Nancy Hargrave) and Treasurer (Andrew Markle) both have service club histories. Director Paul VanderWel is a member and Past President of the Penetanguishene Rotary Club. Bill Goman is a former member of the Midland Rotary Club. Pastor Martin Giebel and Danielle Dorion are respected citizens in the area.

- **“We’re Transparent”**: Our donors and sponsors are kept fully informed. They receive a full colour monthly newsletter that has current pictures of the home operation and the boys and that provides up-to-the-minute information about Life4Kids. We arrange Zoom meetings with our CEO in Nairobi, Jane Wasike, to meet with our donors and sponsors.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Is Life4Kids Canada a registered charity?** Life4Kids Canada is incorporated under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (Corporation Number 854852-8) and is a registered Canadian charity under the Income Tax Act (Charity Registration Number 84679 8650 RR0001).
- 2. Does Life4Kids Canada have administration overhead expenses?** Virtually all of the funds raised in Canada are sent to Kenya where the funds are entirely used for the costs of the boys. The only expenses in Canada are audit fees, liability insurance premiums, and banking / wiring charges.
- 3. How does Life4Kids Canada operate?** Life4Kids Canada is a volunteer operation. Life4Kids Canada has no staff, no offices, no overhead, and all work is done by volunteers (including our volunteer bookkeeper). All members of the Board of Directors live in or around Midland and Penetanguishene, Ontario.
- 4. What is the status of the organization in Kenya?** Life4Kids is registered as a Charitable Children’s Institution by the Government of Kenya. The Life4Kids management in Kenya adheres to all the regulations and rules that govern all the charities. The books are audited at every financial year end. Life4Kids in Kenya is overseen by a Board of Directors who are advised by an Advisory Board. Two Directors from the Board of Directors of Life4Kids Canada serve on that Advisory Board.



More Information

If your Club would like more information, the Chair/President of Life4Kids Canada, Rotarian Fred Hacker from Midland, would be pleased to address your Club. This can be done on Zoom during the pandemic or live when circumstances permit. No obligation!

Contact Fred at fred.hacker@outlook.com or 705.528.8787 with any questions or to arrange a visit to your Club.

UPDATE February 12, 2022

We applied to Rotary District 7010 for funding for education for the ten Life4Kids “big boys” (18+) that we sponsor in Nairobi Kenya. We also sponsor 25 “little boys” (aged 17 and under)



The big boys busy studying



The big boys thanking Rotary District 7010