

# LWENGO KIDS FOUNDATION



## *Dear sponsor, supporter,*

At the start of a new year, we look back with gratitude on the previous one. We were able to complete many projects, which will be detailed further in this newsletter. We enrolled a small number of new sponsored children, but some have moved to remote areas beyond our monitoring reach, which regrettably means their sponsorship ends.

It is remarkable how many people want to support our work and help build a better future for the poorest children in Lwengo.

On behalf of the children and our partners in Uganda, we would like to sincerely thank you for your support in any form.

As of January 1 this year, Harry Hoorn has stepped down from his role as board member for fundraising. Harry has passionately dedicated himself to the foundation for six years. Thank you, Harry, for the work you have done! We are currently looking for new board members and are already in talks with two potential candidates. We will keep you informed.

## *MAJOR DONATION FROM GROEVENBEEK*

**On November 15, Christelijk College Groevenbeek presented a cheque worth €27,938.42 to our foundation during their pub quiz—a fantastic amount!**

This sum was raised by students and staff in 2023 and 2024 through various activities, such as overnight stays and evening events at their Ermelo and Putten locations. The donated funds will be used to build housing for teachers.

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## Teachers' housing

To attract and retain good teachers for the school, it is essential to have housing available in Lwengo. We supplemented the donation from Groevenbeek with additional gifts to reach the required €40,000 for the first five houses. The first steps have been taken, and the site has been marked. Our goal is to build fifteen houses in total. New funds are being sought, and we will keep you updated on progress.



## Family home

During the Christmas holidays (summer break in Lwengo), the Family Home was opened. The children are thrilled with this new house! They now have their own space—a wonderful place to be together, indoors or outdoors. Most importantly, they have a “mother” who takes care of them and makes them feel at home. We are just as happy with this development!



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## Dental health center

While monitoring our sponsored children, we often saw issues with poor dental health, especially in their milk teeth. This led us to discuss the problem with Anthony. As a result, the expansion of the Health Center now includes a dental clinic. A dentist has been hired and is already at work.

## Chicken and rice

At the beginning of December 2024, we asked our sponsors for an extra contribution so that families in Lwengo could enjoy a festive meal for Christmas. We were overwhelmed by the response, raising over €4,000 for this initiative. Thanks to your generosity, children and parents were able to enjoy a delicious meal of chicken and rice. Thank you very much!

## Oliebollen

In December, we organized another ‘oliebollen’ fundraiser. Judith and Roos, thank you so much for your efforts! Organizing this drive is no small task. Thanks to their hard work, we sold thousands of oliebolle and hundreds of apple fritters, resulting in a net profit of over €1,300.



## Volunteers needed

We are looking for helping hands for various activities organized once or twice a year. For example, shopping for the pub quiz, brainstorming quiz questions in a group, delivering letters to sponsor families (to save postage), or helping with packing and delivering oliebollen in December. Occasionally, we could also use assistance with administrative tasks. If you are interested, please get in touch. We will create a list and contact you when help is needed.

## Travel to Uganda



Sponsors in Uganda

Twice a year, we travel to Uganda for work trips, in spring and autumn. For the second trip, we regularly invite sponsors to join us. It's a unique opportunity to see the children and projects up close, visit your sponsored child, and discuss ideas with Anthony and his team. Several sponsors have already expressed interest in joining. We are happy to adapt our program but ask for early confirmation. Our autumn trip can be scheduled in September, October, or November, depending on what suits most people best. Please let us know by June 1 if you are considering joining us.

## Final note

We want to thank everyone who showed support during my illness. Your care and concern meant so much to us! Both the food poisoning and pneumonia are under control, but recovery requires time and patience. I'm not there yet, but I'm on my way. With your support and optimism, we look forward to making 2025 a wonderful year.

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