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## Out of the old year



Dear sponsors and interested parties,  
The end of 2023 is approaching. We can look back on a good year in which we were able to realize new projects. The expansion of the Health Center is a fact and will be put into use in January. The construction of an ICT classroom is almost ready and new floors will be worked on during the coming holidays. Anthony is the proud owner of a new (2nd hand) car with which he can make many safe kilometers in the Community. And so many more wonderful projects have been realized.

For more information, please visit our website: <https://www.lwengokids.nl/projecten> and in particular the projects of the equity fund.



A good tradition is to surprise our sponsor children and their families with the **chicken and rice campaign in December**. Each family receives one chicken and three kilos of rice. A real surprise for many of our sponsor families! Also this year you can participate by transferring € 10,-- per sponsored child to our bank account number (see the address bar at the top of the page)

under the mention of chicken and rice promotion. We will make sure that it will be an unforgettable Christmas for our children!



Another good tradition in December is the **oliebollen action** that we organize here in the Netherlands.

Haven't ordered yet? **Click here** to place your order. All

information and prices can be found on this digital order form. Is that not possible? Please call or text Pieter (06 1330 3074). On Saturday 30 December you can pick up the bulbs and flaps in Putten or Ermelo.

You can order until December 8th.

How much fun was **the PubQuiz** again last November, this time in the auditorium of Groevenbeek. It was a very pleasant evening, in which we were helped enormously by students and employees of Groevenbeek, where the coffee and room rental was sponsored by Groevenbeek and we had a net proceeds of no less than € 1,700,--! This amount will be added to the piggy bank for the deaf classes to be realized. We have saved well in the past year and with this amount this piggy bank is almost full! So we can almost make Anthony happy again.

**Group 7** took their final exams in November and with that, school life at Lwerudeso Primary School ends for them.

We told them that they can all continue their studies at a Secondary School. The children were very, very happy with this announcement!

To give it an official touch, they receive this announcement on paper on behalf of the board

of Lwengo Kids Foundation and a silver-colored four-leaf clover, of course with the explanation of this lucky symbol.

For them, it is now a matter of waiting to see what the score of their exams is and in the meantime thinking about which Secondary School they want to go to. They can choose from three good schools that are easy to monitor for Anthony and for us. They are looking forward to it!



## Into the new year

This year, several students from the Secondary School are going to a vocational school. A number of them decide to continue to Secondary 5 and 6 and only then to vocational training, but at a higher level.

The students are then helped enormously with a (2nd hand) Smartphone or Iphone. If you still have a mobile phone lying around that you no longer use, we would love to have it for these students. Please do with a charger and the password or PIN code. That saves us a lot of time and work! Thank you very much in advance for this!

We carry over many **projects** from the old year to the new year.

I already told you that the new floors are currently being installed in all classrooms. What a huge improvement that will be!

The money for the deaf classes is almost collected and we will start the new year so that our deaf children can also get their own place and with that even better education.

What is also planned is that there will be a large kennel with small pets, specifically for our children

with disabilities. To groom, to cuddle... We mainly think of bunnies.

Then Anthony would also like to have a large chicken coop with chickens, where of course it is mainly about the eggs, so that every child at school can get an egg. A healthy addition to the one-sided diet that the children receive.

This project as well as the rabbit hutch are financed from the large donation we have received.

What we will also take with us in the new year is our special new project: the **Family Home**.

At the moment, about 15 children are always staying at school. They don't have a home, or the situation at home is so bad that the children are not wanted. These children see their friends leave at the beginning of the holidays, while they have to stay behind in the big empty school. Of course, things are organized and taken care of, but it's just not nice.

In 2023 we were confronted with Tonny. He will start Secondary School in 2024. He can't stay there during the holidays and going back to Lwerudeso School is not an option. He doesn't have a place of his own there anymore.

That's when we started to get the itch... We also want to create a home for Tonny during the holidays and so the plan of a Family Home was born, where these children can go together with a mother (matron) during the holidays.

Together with Anthony, we worked out the plan and looked at whether it was financially feasible. Because, of course, this comes at a price.

During our farewell dinner with (from right to left) Anthony, Francis and Douglas, we also shared the plan with Francis and Douglas (social workers in Lwengo).

They were also very enthusiastic about this great plan!



We became more and more enthusiastic and we told several people about this great project. It didn't take long before we received a redeeming phone call: "We pay for the Family Home!" That made us quiet for a while, but we are so happy with that!

Not yet, but construction will start as soon as possible and these children will also have a safe home during their holidays.



Our first Family Home children! In front from left to right: Naluwu Joan, Kisaakye Bbale, Kisakye Winnie, Namayanja Rihana in the wheelchair and behind them from left to right are Nalugemwa Christine, Muzeeyi Tonny and Kyaddondo Emmanuel. (not all Family Home children are in school)

They are also so very happy, but above all grateful. These children only have the safe environment of the school and no sweet mom and dad.....

A new year is ahead of us. There is a lot of work ahead of us, which we start with great enthusiasm and continue with.



### Vacancies

We still can't get our board supplemented with someone who wants to spar with us about how we can realize even more great projects in Lwengo. We are still diligently looking for a PR man/woman and someone who wants at the same time to be a support of the administration (Marga). We are also looking for support for the financial administration (Erik).

Do you have some time and would you like to work with us to make this world a little bit better? We are eagerly waiting for you!

For more information about the PR function, click here:

<https://www.lwengokids.nl/vacatures>

For financial support, please call

Erik Koster: 06 1140 2621.

We would like to thank you very much for the past year for:

- ▲ your financial contribution,
- ▲ your nice letters and cards for the sponsor children,
- ▲ your interest in our work,
- ▲ all your questions, which fortunately we were able to answer most of the time,
- ▲ your support at the Pub Quiz and Sponsor day.

Without you as sponsors and you as interested parties of Lwengo Kids Foundation, we would never have had such a beautiful Foundation!

## Thanks!

Then there is nothing left for me to wish you on behalf of, the entire staff of Lwerudeso Primary School, all sponsor children as well as the board of Lwengo Kids Foundation a good ending and a healthy 2024!



Marga Streefkerk