



Furaha Centre for Exceptional Children

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“REMOVING FEAR OF DISABILITY IN THE COMMUNITY”

INTRODUCTION

FURAHA DAY CENTRE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS – MOVING THERAPY PROJECT – **REHABILITATION FUND**

... a community-based organization in Makutano, Meru. Kenya helping children with cerebral palsy and autism.

FURAHA in Swahili means HAPPINESS!

BACKGROUND:

Because parents must work to earn a living, many children who have disabilities, never leave their houses to gain exposure that gladdens faces and makes life changes. Most parents cannot afford daily physiotherapy, psychotherapy or special education for these children which means many of these kids are grow up with few skills and no opportunity.

Many children with disabilities are left with a single parent due to separation, death of spouse, or divorce that is often due to the birth of their child with disability. Cerebral palsy is a physical disability that affects movement and posture. It is a permanent long life condition that generally does not worsen over time.

A child or rather people with cerebral palsy may also have visual, learning, hearing, speech and intellectual impairment.

MISSION:

We strive to care for children and empower community with better knowledge, understanding of cerebral palsy, autism and to promote healthy and social living.



VISION:

Eliminating stigma and discrimination, unlocking the locked children with disability to get a better living, improving the health and wellbeing of persons living with cerebral palsy and autism.

OUR PROGRAMMES

All children need food, love, health, play and education every day, yet many Kenyan children with autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome and dyslexia are forgotten in our communities and families. Furaha Day Centre has realized the need of these discriminated and hidden children whom no one wants to be associated with. These children are not finding happiness like other normal children. So, we are here to speak up for them, offer them love and health support that they need as a child.



THE PROBLEM:

Children are often neglected due to birth defects, resulting in poor health, malnutrition, and often are sexually abused too. Discrimination and stigma causes these children much psychological and emotional harm. Few organizations in Meru County help such young people and are not able to cater for every needy child.



OBJECTIVE:

1. To provide special needs' care and a loving, fun place for children with disabilities



2. To provide occupational therapy for the children and medical care



3. To provide counseling to the children, parents and community on a cerebral palsy and autism.



4. To prepare the children for independence as they approach teen age.



THE PROJECT

Furaha Day Centre is situated in Meru County in the Republic of Kenya. This center is taking care for children during the day and the parents will be involved in the evening care so as to enrich their relationship in their families and for growth and development. It is situated in the locality where parents will be able to access easily and offer their love to the children. The center has clean facilities and environment that is conducive for the children support. The center is equipped with special therapeutic room, occupational therapy section, counseling and psychotherapy room, classes, dining hall and other necessities. We want to build a permanent center on our own land with space for technical skills' training like vegetable gardens, carpentry workshop, tailoring/knitting, poultry keeping, bee keeping etc.

In January 2018 we have started Moving Therapy Project in Mikinduri Rehabilitation Centre providing our services of occupational therapy towards many children with cerebral palsy from that area. This year 2021 Mikinduri Clinic became the Independent Furaha Centre Mikinduri.

Most recent clinic was initiated in Ataan, 70 km from Meru.

Moving therapy Project



Furaha Centre Mikinduri





Therefore, we are looking for the partners who can help to implement our mission and vision in Meru County and run the Centre smoothly making life changes to many children in need through **REHABILITATION FUND.**

Our Account:

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Yours sincerely,

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