

Welcome to the Website of Nakurun lapset ry. – Association of Children of Nakuru, registered NGO, Finland

This is a brief introduction about the work and purposes of Nakurun lapset ry.

Activities

We have been working for to find godchildren for Finnish sponsors in Nakuru, Rift-Valley Province, Kenya since the year 1986. In 1997 the group of sponsors founded an association called *Nakurun lapset ry*, in English *Children of Nakuru*, which was officially registered in Finland. There are now over 270 members, and the activities are constantly being expanded. We sponsor a children's home in Nakuru, where about a hundred children are being taken care of, and in our sponsorship program there are now altogether over 300 children. The children's home is maintained by a Kenyan organisation, *Child Welfare Society of Kenya's Nakuru branch*.

Nakurun lapset ry receives also funding from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Finland's Department for International Development for the project called Vocational Empowerment for the Youth of Nakuru. The project is co-operated with *Nakuru Christian Professionals Association*, a local charitable association, who is the implementer of the project in Nakuru. During the project activities there has been founded a vocational training institute called *Centre of Hope*. The Centre offers trainings in fields of computer, tailoring, carpentry as well as hairdressing and beauty. In the centre there are also facilities to arrange meetings, a library and dormitories for student accommodation as well as separate guest rooms.

Nakurun lapset ry also organises events in Finland where information is given on the situation of children in Kenya, charts the need for help, makes different appeals and proposals, gives statements, take part in NGO occasions in Finland and offers Finnish students and voluntary workers opportunities to work at the children's home and vocational training centre in Nakuru.

Work training and volunteer work

Nakurun lapset ry offers to the student trainees and voluntary workers working possibilities on voluntary basis in the fields of education, health and social work, computers and handcrafts at the children's home and vocational training institute Centre of Hope in Nakuru. Reasonable priced accommodation is available at the Centre of Hope. For further information, please, contact the executive secretary Kirsi Johanna Martonen.

How to become a sponsor?

Sponsors are the basis of our association. Sponsors are needed in order to assist financially the children's education, health care and upkeep. As a sponsor you will get a grateful godchild, whose letters, photos and greetings will be sent to you. Naturally the sponsors themselves can correspond with the children.

The annual fee is 252 - 330 € per child depending on the age and school level of the child. This amount should be sent to Nakurun lapse try account either as full payment or alternatively in several instalments. Also different kinds of associations, organisations and, for example, school classes may support a needy Kenyan child.

Nakurun lapset ry also arrange regular sponsor meetings in Finland and group trips to Kenya to meet the godchildren in Nakuru.

For further information about the sponsorships, please, contact the enrolment person Heljä Vänskä.

More information in Finnish as well as pictures are available in the web-page www.nakurunlapset.fi

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