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CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Eugene, Oregon that supports a day resource facility called Makindu Children's Centre (the Centre) in rural eastern Kenya.

Makindu Children's Program helps feed, educate and care for hundreds of orphaned and vulnerable children. The children live in guardian homes in the community, and come to the Centre daily for food, recreation, bathing and laundering facilities, emotional support, and crisis intervention. Of the 1.2 million orphans in Kenya today, hundreds of them, from infants to 18-year-olds, rely on Makindu Children's Program and the Centre at an annual per capita cost of about \$420.



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**Giving Children  
HOPE**



## I care and I want to help!

Help The Kids  
by donating online or via mail  
or  
join one of our monthly  
giving programs:

**Sponsor a Child**  
and receive periodic updates,  
pictures, letters and drawings from  
a child of your choosing.

**Join Village Circle**  
and receive periodic updates and reports  
on the program(s) of your choosing: Nutrition,  
Education, and/or Health Care and  
Emotional Support

Program details at: [Makindu.org](http://Makindu.org)

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these kids!



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to learn more about our program

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## A Shared Vision Across the Globe

Makindu Children's Program began feeding and caring for orphaned children in 1998, in a small rural Kenya town along the Mombasa/Nairobi Highway. Hundreds of sick, malnourished children roamed the streets begging and stealing for food as AIDS ruthlessly took their parents' lives. An American medical volunteer and a Kenyan teacher stepped in and developed a day resource center where these children could receive nutritious food, basic medical care, emotional support and access to education. Hundreds of children continue to access these services today.

### Vital Services

#### Nutrition

- Nutritional meals, supplements and vitamins
- Fresh vegetables, grains, fruit and milk come from the Centre's shamba (farm)



#### Healthcare

- Regular medical checkups and other treatment as needed
- Coordinated treatment & medicine for HIV+ children

#### Education

- Preschool, Primary & Secondary, Vocational School
- Makindu provides enrollment and exam fees, uniforms, books and supplies

#### Emotional and Mental Health

- Crisis & trauma intervention by trained social workers
- Community outreach and gatherings
- In-home visits and follow up
- Hugs and reassurance

#### Advocacy/Protection

- Legal counsel and social support
- Community advocacy on children's rights, AIDS pandemic, living with HIV

#### Guardian Family Shelter & Support

- Placement in Guardian homes
- Maintain and nurture cultural, community and family traditions

## HIV/AIDS Services

- HIV testing and counseling
- Anti-retroviral medications for HIV+ children
- Community HIV/AIDS outreach/education

Most HIV+ children respond well to medication, living otherwise healthy lives. Outreach and education has significantly increased understanding of HIV/AIDS and lessened the associated stigma.

*"I can promise that these children will know love. They will know that people care. In doing so, we can give them a most precious and sustaining gift, because they will know **HOPE**"*

*-Winnie Barron, co-founder*

### Sub-Saharan Africa - Including Kenya

HIV still presents a major threat and concern in Africa, with Sub Sahara Africa accounting for 66% of new infections globally.

