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Little Rock Inclusive Early Childhood
Development Centre

Profile



Little Rock is an Inclusive Early Childhood Development Centre that provides a great start at growth and learning to disadvantaged and special needs children living in urban slums. We make it possible for children to reach physical, emotional and cognitive development milestone and gain school ready skills.

# **Mission**

To provide early childhood education to vulnerable and children with disability in Kibera and surrounding area, by promoting their development in an inclusive environment and empowering community.

## Vision

An inclusive society where all children are given equal opportunity for quality education to impact the community positively.





## **What We Do**

We work to transform the lives of children and young people living in urban slums through education and care. We ensure children at their early years are reaching development milestones. Through occupation therapy and structural adjustment to learning environments, we give disabled children an inclusive opportunity to learn and participate in school life. Our work helps teenage mothers start afresh by providing dependable day care services. We mentor young achievers and provide scholarships and learning materials for continued education in primary, secondary and tertiary education with our programs in education support, nutrition and health outreach, we offer care and support to abandoned children and children infected by HIV and AIDS.

Through our campaigns and advocacy, we seek to influence policy and perceptions at all levels especially for the inclusion of special need children in learning and community environments.

We pledge a special case for girls ensuring we eliminate barriers that still prevent them for accessing and staying in school. As a strategic investment, we work to end one of the greatest threats to children- pediatric AIDS. With the right programs in the right place, we involve key community groups and families to provide thriving environments for children. Our approach and work is driven by the voices of children and the young people who are the heart of what we do

## **Our Approach**

- We begin by tackling the greatest threat to children, pediatric AID S, by working with to be moms we invest in a cascade of interventions including antenatal services and HIV testing during pregnancy; use of antiretroviral treatment (ART), safe childbirth practices and appropriate infant feeding; uptake of infant HIV testing and other post-natal healthcare services. Through this investment, we work towards a generation of HIV free children.
- We work with children between 0-5 providing the needed early childhood care interventions that ensure they

- reach development milestones and are school ready at six.

  From our ECD nest, and at six years old, we transition children to primary and secondary school by providing learning materials and scholarships.
- A special case for children with disability, we adopt a human rights, advocacy approach while working with public school systems, educators and the community to provide inclusive learning and interaction environment for children -our ECD center has a full service occupational therapy and the Learning environment at Little Rock is structurally designed to

- accommodate children with and without disability to participate fully in learning and school life.
- Our approach is thoughtful of the cross cutting social economic aspects that still keep children from accessing and staying in school. From running a soup kitchen to providing sanitary towels to girls; to hosting mentorship sessions and providing learning materials at our Jacobs wells resource Centre, we invest in retaining children in school systems.
- It's a whole child centered programming.



## **Our Programs**

### **Thrive at Six**

Thrive at six is the core program of Little Rock and provides children between the ages of 0-5 the needed early childhood care, growth and learning opportunities. The program runs a day care services, an early learning resource center coupled with an occupation therapy for special need children. The program ensures all children are reaching development milestones are gain school ready skills.

### Nillinde

Nillinde works to tackle the greatest threat to children-pediatric AID S. by working with to be moms we invest in a cascade of interventions including antenatal services and HIV testing during pregnancy; use of antiretroviral treatment (ART) by pregnant women living with HIV; safe childbirth practices and appropriate infant feeding; uptake of infant HIV testing and other post-natal healthcare services. Through this investment, we work towards a generation of HIV free children.

# Young Scholars Program

The young scholars program provides, learning materials, scholarships and mentoring opportunities for children transitioned from the ECD nest to formal primary and secondary schools. With this program we work to reduce cross cutting social economic aspects that still keep children from accessing and staying in school. From running a soup kitchen to providing sanitary towels to girls; and managing Jacobs's wells resource Centre, we invest in retaining children in school systems.

# **Children Without Limits**

Children without limits works with special need children families and communities. The program adopts a human rights, advocacy approach while working with public school systems, educators, families and the community to provide inclusive learning and interaction environments for children - through this program, we train teachers, provide occupational therapy for children, make structural adjustments to learning environments and run parent support groups.

#### **Lift Initiative**

The lift initiative works to strengthen families to provide for children needs long-term. The program focuses on the promotion of the "strengths and resources" of children, families, and communities, rather than their "needs and deficits".

Providing direct support to families to provide for children's needs long term. The program provides families with the tools, resources, mentorship. It is our belief that with access to pathways out of poverty such as income strengthening opportunities, community health and provision of lively hoods for families we will strive for stronger units within households.

### Neema Rescue House

Neema rescue house provides a safe haven for children orphaned by HIV and AIDS; street children and children in often difficult circumstances. Children who would otherwise be on the streets and in abusive family and community settings. The home provides basic care, medical intervention, education sponsorship, love and guidance to children.

### Neema Outreach Program

The Neema Outreach
Program provides sustainable
support and promotes
long-term relationships with
HIV and AIDS orphans and
vulnerable children. Through
the program we provide
medical, nutrition and
academic support to children.
we provide opportunities to
children to develop life skills
and grow mentally,
emotionally, and spiritually.











## **Our Work and Impact Today**

# 5093

To date we have provided direct services to 5093 children and youth. This includes:

113

Children Who have gone through our early childhood development program

Special need children

Children who have transitioned to primary and secondary school

Children infected and affected by HIV and Aids



- Since the construction of Little Rock Inclusive Centre in 2013, we have accelerated our intake and services for children, providing care to 400 children at the ECD Centre including 86 children with special need every year .We also know that we also reached many more children and young people through our work in collaboration with public school systems and other inter partnership programs and the families we uplift. Our work to uplift family livelihood has reached 324 children. In 2016 we adopted a human rights- advocacy approach, campaigning for the inclusion of children with special needs in public school systems and investing in structural adjustments to provide child friendly
- schools, a further **150** children with special needs.

  As a strategic investment to keep children in school systems, **200** children access the soup kitchen and the Jacob wells

  learning and resource Centre each year since 2009. Our work to
  end pediatric AIDS has reached **445** to be mothers.

learning environments reaching in partnership with 5 public

## Get involved

Early childhood development is a critical aspect of any child's life long success unfortunately many disadvantage and special need children living in urban slums cannot access ECD services,

Sponsor a child at the ECD Centre

From our ECD nest , we transition children to primary school, we provide learning materials , school uniforms and sanitary items for girls

Sponsor a transition package to primary school

Occupation therapy allows children with special need to cope with day to day life activities and learning opportunities

Sponsor occupation therapy for a special need child

Neema Rescue house provides shelter care and love to homeless and abandoned children

Sponsor a child's stay at the Neema Rescue House

Give a scholarship gift to secondary school

The children and youth we work with have diverse needs and are always looking for emotional and spiritual growth support

Volunteer as a mentor

We campaign and advocate for the inclusion of children with disability in learning institutions

Lend us your voice

Learn more about our work

By Subscribing to our newsletter

Each year we host event and fund drives

**Attend our events** 

Contact us for more information on how you can get involved

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