

MWANANGU SPECIAL PRE-SCHOOL AND REHABILITATION CENTER- VIKINDU



Introduction

Friends of Children with Cancer Tanzania (FOCC), a Network of friends (Corporate & individuals) registered under the Society Acts (Cap.337 R.E 2002) with registration number S.A 19229. The organization supports the needs of vulnerable children in the health sector in Tanzania.

Our primary focus is to raise awareness and help children affected by NCDs such as (childhood cancer hydrocephalus, spina bifida etc) before diagnosis, during and after treatment by supporting their daily needs of educational, emotional and recreational in the hospital and at home. Our projects are

- Early Warning Signs outreach programme in schools, clinics and villages including surgical camps
- Awareness raising campaigns for local health care centres in villages, districts and Regions
- Support for quick referral systems to speed up the medical intervention
- Mwanangu Special Pre-School and Rehabilitation Center

In our work for the last 4 years, we have been supporting families with medication, transportation, investigations, food in the hospital, and their surgeries. This support was meant to save the lives of children and we reached more than 4000 children so far. Further to it we realized that this initial support is not enough, after treatment these children need to be integrated back to the society. With caregivers loss of income due to long stay in the hospital due to nature of treatment, family abandonment because of the disabled child, it forced us to introduce two projects to support longterm needs of these vulnerable families and reduce poverty burden.

These projects are

1. Special School and rehabilitation centre for children with disability especially hydrocephalus –where we teach them Special Early Childhood Development on Elementary level
2. Income Generation Activities – For the mothers-Tailoring skills so that they are able to sustain themselves to take care of the children

We have started with 20 children and 20 caregivers, using our house to run all these activities for the benefit of these children as a pilot project.

Our plan is to build the special school and rehabilitation center at our farm where we have dedicated 2000 sqm and now we are looking for support for the construction of this project.

Our Current - Wish list for 20 children and 20 mothers are

Children's Needs

Please if you can help any of these item will be appreciate.

1. Children and infant Blood pressure cuff x 2
2. Weight scale for infant and older children with height measure x2
3. Thermometers for temperature measure x 25
4. Tape measure to measure head circumference x25
5. Clothes and Toys for children
6. Small Mattresses and linen for children, carpets,
7. Diapers, milk, and baby food
8. Lockers for children
9. Educational books and games, crayons, coloring books,
10. Medical Aids like wheelchair, walkers, crutches, pram, special chairs to learn how to sit, special standing table to learn how to stand, gym balls and other rehabilitation tools
11. Sponsor a child with disability at the center including education, care, food, transportation, rehabilitation, medical insurance and quarterly medical check ups \$ 900 per year
12. Support the salary for the health officer and carer who helping to watch the kids at the center \$350 a month.

Mwanangu Special Pre-School- therapeutic play program

New or used items are welcome.

- Dressing up clothes, hats, shoes, bags
- Toy cars, diggers, tractors....
- Plastic animals, dinosaurs....
- Toy medical kits
- Jigsaw puzzles age 2-6
- Plastic tea sets or cooking pots



Duplo lego



- Brio type trains and track

- Crayola paint in little pots is fantastic as it travels well and doesn't spill and you can't



- Clics construction toys
- Arts and craft googly eye, tissue paper, pipe cleaners....
- rolls of wall paper lining paper to paint long pictures
- coloured construction paper

Needs for Mwanangu Rehabilitation Center



Wishlist for Mothers Group of Children with Disability



Income Generation Activities

- 1. Sewing machines x 20**
- 2. Sissors x 20**
- 3. Materials like Vitenge, Khanga, threads,**
- 4. Big tables Tables x 3**
- 5. Chairs x 25**
- 6. Any other materials needed for tailoring**

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Location of the center:

Mwanangu Special Pre-School and Rehabilitation Center

The Center is at Vikindu Center-Mkuranga District-Coastal Region

Near Vikindu Teacher's College