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Mission Statement

To provide opportunities for growth and development of orphans and vulnerable children in Makindu Division (Kenya) by supporting their access to basic needs through community collective action.

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HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa

In Africa, HIV and AIDS are so wide spread that in one way or another, entire communities are impacted. If individuals aren't infected with HIV themselves, they are nonetheless "HIV-affected": they care for someone who is infected, they earn less, they grow less food, they send fewer children to school and they are unable to care for all of the vulnerable children.

THE IMPACT OF HIV/AIDS

According to UNAIDS:

- Of the 40.3 million people living with HIV in the world, 29.4 million live in Sub Saharan Africa
- Kenya is the 3rd largest population of people living with HIV in Sub Saharan Africa
- 250,000 people died of AIDS in Kenya in 2011
- 700 people in Kenya die of AIDS every day
- AIDS has produced 15 million orphans worldwide
- 95% of all AIDS orphans live in Sub Saharan Africa
- There are more than 1 million AIDS orphans in Kenya
- Without treatment, 1/3 of HIV infected infants die in their first year; 1/2 die by their 2nd birthday

OUR COMMUNITY-BASED RESPONSE

The effects of HIV/AIDS on the community of Makindu are wide spread. There is not an individual that is not affected by the pandemic to some degree, so strategies for prevention and intervention must be community-based and fully integrated. This is why MCP services include providing for the basic needs of the vulnerable children within needy households in the community, thereby strengthening the fabric of the entire community. We have funded and developed a clean water system and are working to expand business development opportunities, access to potable water and basic sanitation, and other resources crucial to changing the course of the epidemic.

Please consider helping these kids!



**A shared vision
across the globe!**

When people truly share a vision,
they are connected — bound
together by a common aspiration.

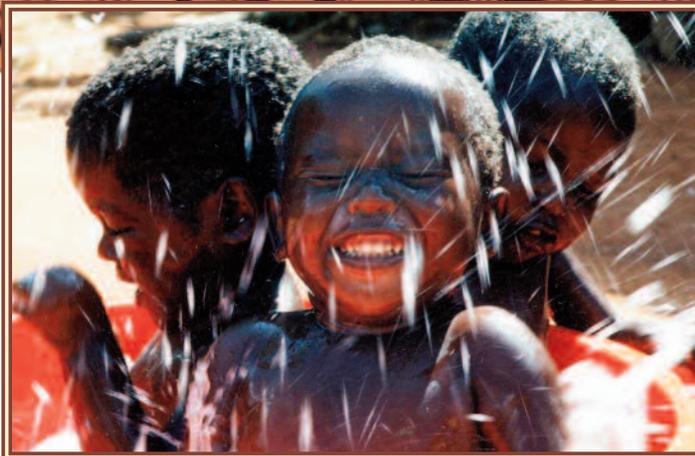


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An African & American Partnership

Makindu Children's Program (MCP) was founded in 1998 by Winnie Barron, an American medical volunteer, and Dianah Nzomo, a Kenyan teacher. Together they developed a day resource center where orphaned and vulnerable children in the town of Makindu, Kenya, could receive nutritious food, basic medical care, emotional support, and access to primary and secondary education. Today, MCP is a 501(c)(3) overseen by an American board, while the day-to-day management and operations of the children's center are directed by a Kenyan board. This approach helps to assure that the program is administered efficiently and in a culturally appropriate manner.



The Value of Community

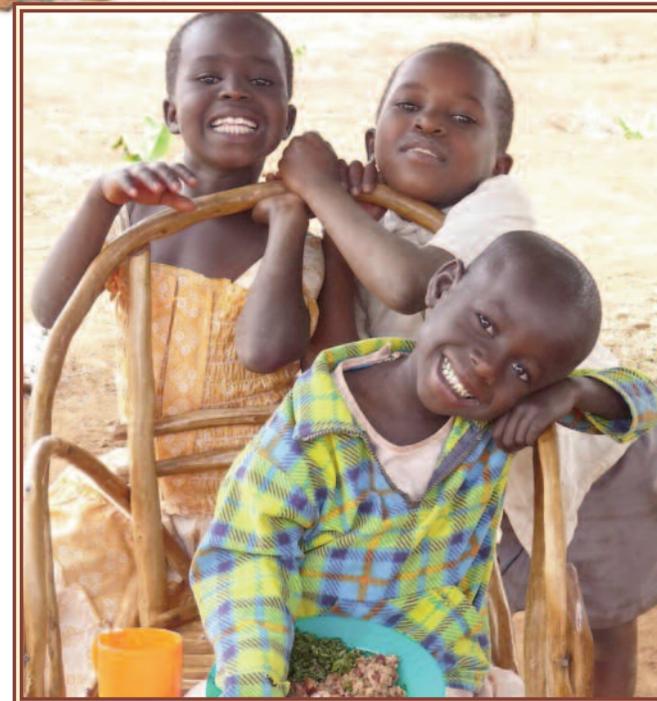
MCP recognizes the importance of community in the African tradition. Owing to the impact of the AIDS pandemic in a country where over half of the population lives on less than \$1 a day, today many families and most communities at large are unable to meet the basic needs of vulnerable children. Yet the importance of their role in doing so continues to grow. To ensure that the children maintain the vital link to their community, MCP's kids live with guardian families in their homes. This is done by providing care and support through seven core strategies including:

- Nutritional support
- Educational support
- Vocational training
- Shelter improvements
- Health care
- Child advocacy
- Psycho-social support
- Guardian economic empowerment



Expanding Our Reach

MCP has been serving the nutritional, educational, psycho-social and medical needs of vulnerable children in Makindu for over 15 years. With the ongoing support of individual donors and a renewable grant from USAID, MCP continues to provide essential services to over 1,600 orphaned and destitute children in and around Makindu, Kenya.



Accomplishments

We are proud of the many young adult alumnae that upon leaving MCP have gone on to pursue university and technical education, as well as to become productive members of the community! In addition to the accomplishments of these MCP alumnae, the program has:

- Built a community water reservoir tank and system which provides potable water to over 20,000 villagers
- Started an HIV/AIDS voluntary counseling and testing facility/youth center
- Initiated multiple income generating activities
- Provided capacity development and training to our guardian families
- Collaborated in the development of the first micro-lending bank
- Funded school and community hospital improvement projects
- Conducted free community seminars on health, women and children's advocacy, agriculture, legal issues, alternative technologies, among other subjects
- Developed stronger links to the community to encourage participation and support from all segments

