

BREAKING NEWS

WOW TANZANIA APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



The workshop wasn't just about photography; it was also about providing the children with experiences they might not otherwise have. Both days, the children enjoyed delicious meals at our Wow Café, an experience that, for some, was their first time dining at a restaurant. They played games, laughed, and, most importantly, got to be kids for a couple of days.

The workshop was a huge success and has set the template for our future workshops. It showed us the incredible impact that sharing skills and passions can have on these children's lives.

If you have a skill or passion you'd like to share, we encourage you to consider volunteering with us for a short time. By passing on what you know to the next generation, you can make a real difference in these children's lives. You can come for three months or less, and we will take care of your visa, accommodation arrangements, even sightseeing. Bring your skills and influence a generation! For more information about volunteering, please visit our website, <https://wowntanzania.org/volunteer/>.

THIS MONTH WAS ACTION- PACKED!



Dear Wow Tanzania Supporters,

April has been an exciting month for us at Wow Tanzania, and we are thrilled to share some highlights with you. One of the most exciting events this month was the photography workshop conducted by our volunteer, Maeva, a professional photographer and producer from France who has worked with big fashion houses.

Maeva's visit was an incredible opportunity for the children at the SAC to explore the world of photography. With cameras brought all the way from France, Maeva taught the children various photography techniques and skills over two fun-filled days.

The children had a blast learning how to take portraits, nature shots, still life photos, and much more. On the second day, they even got to conduct a full photoshoot! It was heartwarming to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about learning something new.



WOW Tanzania Photo Workshop 2024



Thanks to your generosity, children who might not have had a chance otherwise are now getting opportunities to learn new skills, discover their talents, understand the opportunities available to them, and, most importantly, learn to live and not just survive.

We are immensely grateful for your support, and we invite you to help us spread the word about the good work we are doing. Please share our links and content on social media and with your friends and family. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of these children.

Thank you once again for partnering with us on this incredible journey. <https://linktr.ee/wakefulnessngo>

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WOW'S Community Garden Thrives While Addressing Tanzania's Water Crisis

In the heart of Tanzania, where the need for safe water is acute, the community garden of WOW Tanzania is flourishing, bringing hope and sustenance to families in need.

With the goal of alleviating food scarcity and providing a sustainable source of nutrition, the WOW Tanzania community garden has become a vital lifeline for many. The garden, tended to by dedicated community workers, has been successfully feeding poor single-parent families, widows, and orphans, providing them with fresh produce they would otherwise struggle to afford.

But the garden is more than just a source of food; it's a symbol of resilience and progress. Last year, a well was built to ensure the garden has a reliable water source. This not only supports the growth of more food but also lays the groundwork for the broader safe water initiative.

Our aim is to expand the impact of the garden and the safe water project. With this in mind, we are working tirelessly to secure funding. We have submitted a grant proposal to dig wells for four schools and two communities, affecting thousands of children and their families. Additionally, we plan to provide water filters and install rainwater harvesting tanks. These initiatives are crucial steps towards ensuring that families have access to safe water for drinking, cooking, and irrigating their gardens.

Tanzania's Water and Sanitation Crisis

The urgency of our efforts cannot be overstated. Tanzania is facing a water and sanitation crisis. Out of a population of 65 million people, a staggering 58 million people lack access to safe water.

People, especially women and girls, spend significant amounts of time traveling long distances to collect water. This not only impacts their daily lives but also exacerbates existing challenges such as poverty and food scarcity. Underfunding of government projects, population growth, and extreme weather events due to climate change further compound these challenges.

Now, more than ever, access to safe water at home is critical for families in Tanzania. It is our mission at WOW Tanzania to ensure that every family has access to this basic human right, and initiatives like our community garden and safe water project are vital steps towards achieving this goal.

We are grateful for the support of our donors and partners, without whom none of this would be possible. Together, we can make a difference and transform lives.



Expanding Our Community Garden to Feed More Families in Need

In our WOW Tanzania community garden, we grow a variety of crops including bananas, maize, coco yam, beans, greens, okra, lemongrass, avocado, oranges, guava, and more. This garden is not just about providing food; it's about providing hope and sustenance to families who are otherwise struggling to make ends meet.

As we prepare to welcome 10 more families into our programs, it's clear that we need to expand our garden to ensure we can continue to feed everyone in need. We plan to add carrots, onions, potatoes, green beans, and more fruit trees to our garden to diversify our produce and provide even more nutritious options to those we serve.

Expanding our garden comes with its challenges. We've already invested significantly in getting the garden to where it is today, including purchasing the land it's on. However, with your continued support, we know that we can overcome these challenges and continue to make a real difference in the lives of families who are otherwise starving.

One testimony from a mother in our program stands out to us. She shared how she often has to hide from her children when they come home because she can't bear to see them hungry and knows she doesn't have food to feed them. Stories like these drive us to work even harder to expand our garden and reach more families in need. We've also heard troubling stories from the schools we are partnering with to provide safe water. One headmaster told us that out of 1000 students, only 300 can afford to eat school lunch. This means that hundreds of children go all day without eating, and with the water shortage, they often can't even drink during the dry season. These stories underscore the urgent need for our community garden and safe water initiatives. With your support, we can ensure that no child in Tanzania goes hungry or thirsty. Your Continued Support Makes a Difference. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all of you for your continued support. Without your generosity, none of this would be possible. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of these children and their communities.



Co-Founder and Executive Director, Mr. Mike Chomba, proud of our budding bananas



Before



After

Emanuel's Transformation

When we first met Emanuel, the boy in the photo above on the left-hand side, our hearts broke. He was emaciated, dirty, ashamed, and completely beaten down by life. His dire circumstances brought tears to our eyes. As we delved deeper into his story, visiting his school and home, we realized that his situation was even more desperate than we had initially thought. Emanuel's mother had abandoned him, along with his younger sister Aziza and older brother Joseph. Their unemployed father, struggling with alcoholism and neglectful behavior, was unable to provide for them. The people in their village even went so far as to say that the children would not survive their dire circumstances. We knew we had to act urgently. We sent out a call to our sponsors, and we were amazed at how quickly and forcefully you reacted. Since then, we have witnessed the incredible transformation of these children, especially Emanuel. Thanks to their sponsors, Emanuel, Aziza, and Joseph now have a safe and clean home. They have enough food to eat both at home and at school, and they have clean, presentable school uniforms so they no longer feel ashamed. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have helped in the transformation of these children's lives. But our work is far from over. To help more children like Emanuel, Aziza, and Joseph, please share our information and links so that more people can sponsor.

WOW's Sponsor-a-Child Program



TRANSFORMING LIVES: WOW TANZANIA'S SPONSOR-A-CHILD PROGRAM
WE'RE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THE REMARKABLE SUCCESS OF OUR SPONSOR-A-CHILD (SAC) PROGRAM! THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, WE'VE WITNESSED AMAZING TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN. NOW, AS WE EXPAND OUR PROGRAM, WE'RE EXCITED TO WELCOME NEW CHILDREN INTO OUR FAMILY. OUR HOLISTIC APPROACH HAS ENABLED THE CHILDREN IN OUR SAC PROGRAM TO FLOURISH. IN ADDITION TO ACADEMIC SUPPORT, THEY RECEIVE VITAL PROVISIONS SUCH AS FOOD, CLOTHING, HOUSING, HEALTHCARE, AND SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP. AS A RESULT, OLDER CHILDREN ARE EXCELLING IN NATIONAL TESTS, WHILE YOUNGER ONES ARE BECOMING PROFICIENT IN BOTH SWAHILI AND ENGLISH. THROUGH SAC, THESE CHILDREN HAVE FOUND RENEWED HOPE, OVERCOMING PAST CHALLENGES TO BUILD BRIGHTER FUTURES. THE SUCCESS OF OUR PROGRAM UNDERSCORES ITS TRANSFORMATIVE POWER.



BY SPONSORING A CHILD, YOU BECOME AN AGENT OF POSITIVE CHANGE, OFFERING HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY TO THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST. WHEN YOU JOIN OUR PROGRAM, YOU'LL RECEIVE MONTHLY PHOTOS OF YOUR SPONSORED CHILD, OUR SPECIALLY CRAFTED SAC NEWSLETTER, AND PERSONALIZED HANDWRITTEN LETTERS FROM YOUR CHILD. YOU CAN RESPOND AS YOU WISH, BUILDING A LASTING RELATIONSHIP THAT CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES. WE'VE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW THIS PROGRAM TRANSFORMS CHILDREN FROM FEELING HOPELESS, DEPRESSED, AND NEGLECTED TO BEING BRIGHT, HOPEFUL, AND LOVED. IT WORKS! TOGETHER, LET'S GIVE THESE CHILDREN THEIR CHILDHOODS BACK. VISIT WWW.SPONSORACHILD.WOWTANZANIA.ORG TODAY AND BE A PART OF THE JOURNEY TO TRANSFORM LIVES. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON THE FUTURES OF THESE CHILDREN, ENSURING THEY HAVE THE CHANCE TO THRIVE AND REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. JOIN US, AND LET'S CHANGE LIVES TOGETHER.



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