



CAPABILITY STATEMENT



Leroy~Bones
FOUNDATION

INFORM, INCLUDE, IMPROVE, INVOLVE

WHO WE ARE



Background

Leroy Bones foundation is a not-for-profit charity organization duly registered in 2021 in Kenya. It was founded by Rev. Anthony and Edyth Bones who are parents of a 13-year-old autistic son and four daughters.

This desire came after the challenges we experienced raising our son here in Kenya. After getting a diagnosis at 2 1/2yrs, we could not settle him in a school until he was almost 6yrs. Most schools we approached closed the doors on us. Access to recommended therapies became an uphill task due to the cost involved. Leroy was not able to settle and so going to social places like restaurants, church or playgrounds was next to impossible. We noticed there was lack of awareness from the public. We have so far done our best to assist Leroy gain some level of independence through different interventions.

Our hearts go out to many parents in Kenya from urban slums and rural communities who live under a dollar per day. Statistics show that there are nearly 2m children with disabilities in Kenya. Out of approximately 30,000 schools in Kenya only 2,713 have a special unit and only 751 special schools. Most schools reject the children due to lack of capacity, leaving very minimal options for the parents. Almost 82 % of children are at home not attending school. Therapies are expensive and inaccessible to children in the slums and rural communities. Parents have plunged into depression and need psychosocial support to walk this journey. Adult children lack access to employment opportunities making them dependent for life on their parents.

Jesus says in the book of Luke 18:16 "

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" Jesus excludes no one and so following His example we are advocating for awareness and inclusivity in all aspects of the society for children and youth with Neurodevelopmental disabilities.

WHAT WE DO



INFORM
INCLUDE
IMPROVE
INVOLVE

VISION

A society that is inclusive, receptive, equitable for persons with Neurodevelopmental disabilities.

MISSION

To promote an inclusive, receptive, equitable and empowered society for children, youth and girls living with Neurodevelopmental Disabilities in Kenya

OUR VALUES

EMPOWER

Empathy, Mindful, Passion, Optimism, Win Together, Equity, Respect.

OUR PROGRAMMES

TUSOME PIA

'Tusome Pia' is a swahili word meaning, lets learn too. The program will promote inclusive education and support learners with Neurodevelopmental disabilities access education to realise their full potential. This will be done in collaboration with local private and public schools. Supporting them with setup and training of teachers and care givers. Parents, guardians and caregivers will be champions to ensure sustainability of the program.

EZESHA

'Ezesh' is a swahili word meaning, make it possible. The program will promote access to early diagnosis and intervention, access to affordable therapies for neurodivergent children. Offer psychosocial support to caregivers to enable them care for their children. There will also be socio and economic empowerment for caregivers and adults of neurodevelopmental disabilities. This will be done in conjunction with therapists, neurologists, special needs teachers and other volunteers

VIJANA IMARA

'Vijana Imara' is a swahili word meaning, stable youth. The program will promote youth and young adults social, spiritual, economic and psychological mentorship. This will involve training in digital skills and other vocational skills. Enabling them reach full their potential.

ROADMAP

CURRENT WINS

- Duly registered by the societies Act of Kenya.
- Partnership with Fountain Cloud Spring water company committed to support the foundation with 30% of their net profits. (Owned by The Bones family)
- Partnered with Good Shepherd School to establish learning support unit currently enrolled 5 children with learning disabilities.
- Committed team of expertise advisory board.
- First hand experience by the founders.



- **Establish and equip a Sunday school class for children with disabilities and train volunteers at Good Shepherd Church.**

Budget: **USD 1500**

Timeline: **January-March 2024**

Impact: **Inclusive Sunday Bible school for children with disabilities at Good Shepherd Church.**

IMMEDIATE GOALS 2024

- **Train and capacity build teachers and caregivers on inclusive education.**

Budget: **USD 1000** target 50 teachers and caregivers

Timeline: **January-March 2024**

Impact: **Capacity building for teachers to promote effective inclusive learning set up.**

- **Hold a sensitization and awareness event at Good Shepherd church and sell of fountain water to raise support for the foundation.**

Budget: **USD 1000** Logistics and planning.

Timeline: **April 2024 (Autism awareness month)**

Impact: **Awareness by the public about the autism and how to promote inclusivity in the society.**

ROADMAP



- **Organise an inclusive fun day for children of all abilities . Offer medical checkups (ears and eyes), diagnosis.**

Budget: **USD 3000** target 100 children

Timeline: August 2024

Impact: Encourage caregivers to bring their children out in the public and not hide them. Encourage early interventions.

- **Plan and conduct a meetup for caregivers from urban slums for psychosocial support and offer caregiver packages for those in need.**

Budget: **USD 3000** target 60 households

Timeline: November 2024

Impact: Offer counselling to parents with a new diagnosis and encourage them to be strong in their journey. Share Christ's love.

- **Establish a model therapy centre to enable access to affordable/free therapy services to children from disadvantaged homes in urban slums (Kibera, Kawangware, Kabiria). Also offer counselling for caregivers through partnership with various therapists and counselling psychologists. Form support groups for caregivers.**
- **The centre will also host the office for administrative purposes.**

Budget: **USD 30,000**. (Rent, equipment, administration, therapies)

Timeline: Sep-Dec 2024

Impact: Offer therapies to children from poor households through partnering with therapists to provide affordable therapies. Share Christ's love with the caregivers.

**IMMEDIATE
GOALS
2024**

ROADMAP

5-10 YEAR GOALS

- Establish and run successfully a model therapy centre offering affordable services to children with neurodiverse disorders from urban slums .
- Plan and implement awareness events in at least half of the 47 counties in Kenya.
- Partner with local private and public schools to establish learning support units to promote inclusive learning for children with neurodevelopmental disabilities in all of the 47 counties in Kenya.
- Offer scholarships for at least one child in all centres we establish for children with neurodevelopmental disabilities.
- Start and run a mentorship program training entrepreneurship, digital skills and lifeskills to youths with neurodevelopmental disabilities and caregivers.
- Train a pool of volunteers in disability care to offer support to the community and be champions for the work.



BARRIERS



- Lack of an established office.
 - Need for more human resource other than the directors.
 - Newly set up and need patience to achieve our mission.
 - Lack of funding
 - The diverse nature of neurodevelopment disabilities.
- How do we narrow down to specific conditions.

“Where there is a will, there is a way”

GALLERY



**Founders and executive directors
Rev Anthony and Mrs. Edyth Bones**



Fountain Cloud water Company launch



Advisory Board committee members

From left standing

1. Ngesa (Banker)
2. Njeri Kirunga (Lawyer)
3. Sanapei (Occupational Therapist)
4. Joel Edaria (Adminstrator/Treasurer to the board)
5. Edyth Bones (Director/secretary to the board)
6. Rev. Anthony Bones (Director/ Board Chairman)

Not in the picture

7. Irene Amadi (Program Manager)
8. Paul Machira (Children’s pastor)



Good Shepherd School , learning support unit by Leroy Bones Foundation



PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2024

ITEM	COST IN USD	TOTAL
Therapy Centre/ Office Rent	\$ 600 PM	\$ 7200 PA
Therapy Centre Equipment, licences	\$ 5000	\$ 5000 one time
Administration for Therapy Centre, counselling services, supplies.	\$ 1500 PM	\$ 18,000
Pay for therapy sessions for children supported by LBF (target 20 children 1 session per week)	\$ 80 pm per child	\$ 19,200
Psychosocial meet up for caregivers and care package	\$ 3000	\$ 3000
Support Good Shepherd church establish a sunday school class for children with disabilities	\$ 1500	\$ 1500
Fun day for children with intellectual disabilities and their siblings	\$ 30 per child	\$ 3000
Sensitisation and awareness event logistics and planning	\$ 1000	\$ 1000
Purchase of ministry van to facilitate transportation for the children.	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET		\$ 107,900

HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED



Together we make a difference!

- **Pray for the work.**
- **Support through giving financial resources.**
- **Become a champion.**
- **Connect us to your network for financial support.**
- **Send teams, to offer therapy, mentorship, psychosocial support.**
- **Assist in registering with the 501 (C) 3 US federal tax exemption**



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