

Funding

Nyumbani relies completely upon the donations of PEOPLE OF COMPASSION locally and abroad.

NYUMBANI Home's monthly budget calls for a constant appeal for sustaining funds. The organization has accrued a small safety net to fall back on, but it needs frequent replenishment as NYUMBANI continues to expand to meet the needs of HIV infected and affected children and their families. Nyumbani's audited accounts are open to all interested parties, available on our website.

Volunteers from all occupations are welcome at NYUMBANI. This includes the neighbours who come for a visit and chat with the children, local charity groups, local and international university students, as well as professional social workers, nurses, and doctors who lend their services pro-bono.

Reintegration into the community

Nyumbani has a developed Reintegration Program. At first, children are invited for short visits to extended families and friends. Linking of children to families is fostered through Nyumbani family days, family visits by staff, and family reunions. The children's extended families are now beginning to participate in their lives by inviting them to spend extended time with them during school holidays. All our tertiary-trained youth are fully reintegrated.



Nyumbani - a place of hope and dreams for HIV+ children

The care of children infected by HIV and their families may not seem like a profitable enterprise, but as a spiritual and humanitarian endeavor, it is unsurpassable. Since Nyumbani was founded 30 years ago, more than 30,000 HIV infected and affected children have received holistic care ensuring they enjoy their rights as citizens through obtaining legal documents, education, and employment access. In the face of the injustice of stigma and discrimination, Nyumbani endeavors to create awareness in the wider community that HIV is simply a medical condition so that our graduates may enjoy life to the full.

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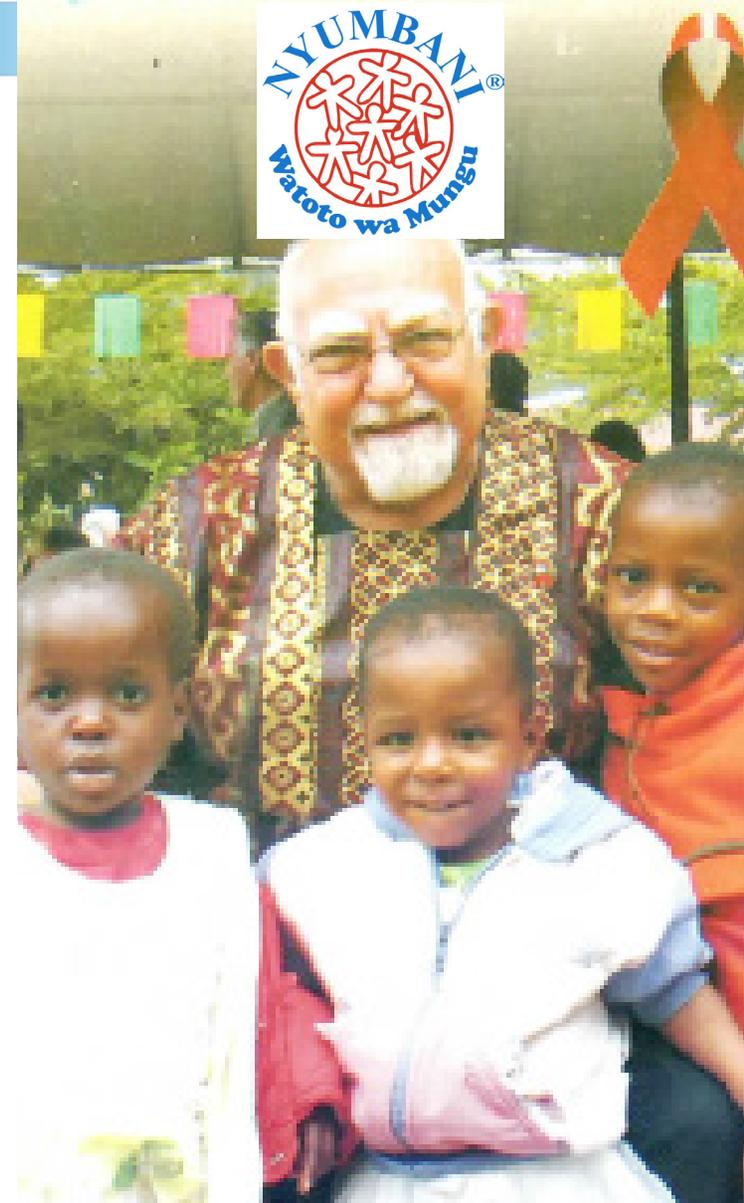


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VISION

“Sustainable communities for children infected and affected by the HIV pandemic inspired by Christian Compassion.”

MISSION

“To provide quality comprehensive care and support to HIV-infected and affected children, families and communities in a sustainable manner.”

OUR VALUES

- Faith in God
- Professionalism
- Compassion
- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Respect

BACKGROUND

NYUMBANI (Swahili for home) is a special home that cares for HIV+ orphans in Kenya. It is the realization of the vision of the late father Fr. ANGELO D’Agostino, SJ, MD, and opened its doors to our first children on 8th September 1992.

The Children of God Relief Institute – Nyumbani is a registered Kenya Charity (Certificate #C72607). A voluntary Board of Directors is responsible for the running of the organization.

In 2010, Nyumbani Home opened a Respite Centre where severely malnourished children are rehabilitated.

Nyumbani Diagnostic Laboratory was established in 1998. It is ISO 15189 Accredited. It offers quality and affordable services and it is open to the public.

Lea Toto Community Outreach was established in 1998 to extend Nyumbani’s holistic care to Nairobi’s informal settlements. Over the years, it served communities in Kangemi, Kawangware, Kibera, Kariobangi, Dandora, Zimmerman, Dagoretti, and Mukuru, providing medical care, nutritional support, and counselling to over 2,200 HIV-positive children and 15,000 family members annually.

Due to funding constraints, Lea Toto closed in February 2024. However, Nyumbani remains committed to supporting children and families affected by HIV/AIDS through its ongoing programs.

The final piece in Fr. Angelo D’Agostino’s vision was realized with the founding of **Nyumbani Village** in 2006, an outreach to the two “left behind” generations of the HIV pandemic: orphans, some of whom are HIV +, and aged, destitute grandparents. At the end of 2012, Nyumbani Village reached its goal of building infrastructure-family homes, 3 educational Institutions, and a medical clinic with a laboratory – to care for 100 families with 1,000 children and 100 grandparents.

Nyumbani Home is registered as a Charitable Children’s Institution (CS NO. 000112) by the Republic of Kenya. It was founded to provide holistic care for HIV+ orphans who have been abandoned. It is located in Nairobi, Karen area. Currently, we are caring for over 92 children. The home is a small village. Each child first lives in a family that resides in one of the cottages headed by a ‘House Mother’. This allows many children to exclaim “My Mum” or “My house” for the first time.

At a later stage, the young persons move to the Youth Centre under the care of male and female mentors in preparation for final re-insertion into the wider community.



Nyumbani gives these most vulnerable children the best available medical, nutritional, psychosocial, and spiritual care.

Medical care

Clinical care including ART. Laboratory monitoring and a nutritious diet to foster growth and development

Psychosocial and spiritual support

Regular counselling, life skills training for adolescents and senior youths, and faith development for all the children. The life skills training through organised seminars and peer counselling groups has helped to build self-awareness and self-esteem among the teenagers as they prepare for life away from Nyumbani.

Education

Education begins on-site in the Nursery School

Those at the Primary level attend local Public Primary Schools within the environs of the home

Secondary School level students are in different Secondary Boarding Schools

Those in Tertiary training attend different colleges and live in hostels outside Nyumbani

