

CONSTRUCTION OF TCOLF VOCATIONAL LEARNING CENTRE



Brick by brick, we are closer to providing skills to youths in Kibera Slums. Through the generous support from partners and individuals, the Vocational Learning Centre is taking shape. Construction work is at 65% completion level with plastering, painting, fixtures & fittings works pending. We continue to seek your support to finalize construction and open the Vocational Learning Centre to the community.

Please click on the link below to learn more about the Vocational Learning Centre and ways you can support:

<https://www.globalgiving.org/donate/93841/the-centre-of-love-community/>

MULLEN HIGH SCHOOL SERVICE TRIP



The Centre of Love Foundation was delighted to host a group of students from Mullen High School, Colorado, U.S.A. This was a cultural immersion event where students participated in preparing and serving meals to the children, playing indoor and outdoor games, and learning about the daily lives of the children we serve in partnership with the NGAO Foundation and Friends of Love Kibera Slums (FOLKS).

OLYMPIC PRIMARY & SECONDARY WASH PROJECT HANDOVER



The Centre of Love Foundation achieved a huge milestone by officially handing over the reverse osmosis water filtration project to the school board of Olympic Primary and Secondary School. This project will ensure over 6,000 students have access to clean and safe water. The success of this project was achieved through the championing by the Rotary Club of Littleton and the support of Rotary District 5450.

KICK IT FOR WASH SOCCER TOURNAMENT



Themed “**kick it for WASH**”, the soccer tournament has been one way of encouraging community youths to be at the forefront in promoting water, sanitation, and hygiene. A one-day event was held where six teams, represented by three organizations—The NGAO Foundation, FOLKS, and Maisha Yangu — participated in a day of sports and awareness sessions on WASH.

TCOLF SERVICE TRIP 2025

The Centre of Love Foundation Service Trip allows participants to immerse themselves in the culture and daily life of the communities we serve. The Lasallian spirit of "touching hearts, teaching minds and transforming lives" guided participants as they visited the various WASH initiatives established by the Centre of Love Foundation. Our partners, The NGAO Foundation and Friends of Love Kibera Slums, created an entry point for participants to meet the people we serve in Kibera and Kangemi slums. Participants conducted home visits, prepared and served meals to the children, read along with them, and created friendships. The Service trip gave participants a profound experience, as highlighted by the testimonies below:

I was so excited to be back in Kenya this year with TCOLF. When I was first introduced to the Centre in 2023, I never imagined I would be returning in 2025 as a board member on this service trip. I have been truly impressed by the changes that have taken shape at the Centre over the past two years, especially the expansion of the facilities and services for the community. Seeing the new building nearly complete was inspiring. It amazes me what Patrice, Jeremiah, and Anthony have been able to accomplish, but we also witnessed how everything is held together by the dedicated staff working at the Centre each day and the generous donors back home. I was equally inspired by each of the friends who traveled with us on the trip this year. Everyone brought their individuality and special talents, yet one thing we all shared was having big hearts. This trip was a fantastic memory I'll treasure and one of the best cultural immersion experiences I've ever had. I can't wait to see what the future holds for the Centre of Love Foundation and the community it serves. **Tim Beresnyak**

As a frequent traveler, what stood out for me on The Centre of Love Foundation trip was the sheer number of projects supported by TCOLF, as well as the number of partnerships with other nonprofits. Through the efforts of many individuals and groups, children are being fed, families are receiving clean water, and youth are able to study. The love that is being shared with needy individuals on a daily basis is heartwarming. It was an honor to witness and participate firsthand in spreading that love through hands-on activities. **Cindy Rold**

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I had the honor of traveling to Kenya for my first time in Africa to be a part of the 2025 TCOLF Service Trip. The highlight of my trip was the new friendships made: serving alongside people who I felt I have known a lifetime, as we waited for this moment to cross paths. The heart of my experience was the Joy: the unfiltered joy on the faces of the hundreds of children we played with, read to, hugged, held, fed, loved...from Friends of Love Kibera Slums to the Ngao Foundation, to St. Paul's Children's Home, all under the providing umbrella of The Centre of Love Foundation. A piece of my heart will forever be in Kenya, and therefore I must - and will - return. Asante sana TCOLF and all who are making dreams come to life. **Kristen Payne**

This service trip was special to me because my son James was able to join us. As a recent college graduate, James took time away from his career search to visit Kenya and learn about the culture. We were grateful to help build benches, play with and feed the children. We were honored to learn about the water and electricity processes. We visited many places, and a favorite spot for James was St. Paul's Children's Home. James also made some special connections with Larry and Gus, who became mentors and friends. For myself, a favorite spot was visiting Martha's home as well as see where the school Rays of Light Academy is going to be built. My parents have made a donation to the school and a plaque was made in their honor. I did a prayer of dedication over the land, blessing the future of the school and all the families in the village. It was an honor and privilege to meet Felister, Jeremiah and Jonathon. Those that are boots on the ground making sure things run smoothly. These connections really touched my heart. **Diane London**

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