



Kawempe Youth Centre Newsletter

MIREMBE FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR VISITS KYC

By Esther Kyazike Ginda, KYC CEO

Donor visits are essential as they are opportunities for strengthened relationships between the donor and the organisation, increased donor and individual support towards programmatic initiatives through in-kind services and donations, increased awareness and understanding of donors' support by witnessing their investment and its impact among other things.

In January 2016, KYC was privileged to host the Board chairman, Dr. Guus Verzellenberg, of Miremba Foundation which has been supporting KYC for over 5 years now. He came along with a group of 31 Dutch people who had come to visit some of the projects that the foundation supports. At the centre, the group had an organization tour to get to know the operations and services, achievements and challenges of KYC. The visitors were entertained through cultural dances by KYC dance group. Their visit was crowned with a tour within the community where KYC works.

Dr. Guus had an opportunity to interact with the board and staff through formal meetings. He had one on one talks with the staff and was highly impressed by their confidence, expertise and team work. At the end of the visit, everyone was fulfilled and happy about the impressions and relationships formed and or strengthened.



The CEO sharing with the visitors about KYC



Some of KYC staff with Dr. Guus

Staff had this to say about the visit; we were excited about so many white visitors especially at the beginning of the year which was a good opening. Sharing with Dr. Guus about our work and wellbeing, the gifts received, lunch shared with the visitors and the commitment for further support was very positive. And that hosting the visitors was opening up opportunities for KYC.

During the discussion with Dr. Guus, emphasis was put on finding ways of sustaining the organization beyond donor support. Work plans for identified projects/ ventures of which strengthening of the KYC dance group was among were developed. The foundation is currently doing an online fundraising for the group to which you are encouraged to support. Please follow the links below to read more about the dance group and KYC.

<http://www.stichtingmiremba.nl/wp/muziek-dans-en-drama-populair-en-effectief/>

<http://www.stichtingmiremba.nl/wp/buitenlandse-gasten-bezoeken-kawempe-kampala/> ♦

In January 2016, KYC was among 7 libraries that featured in IFLA online Newsletter under the topic *Libraries supporting mental, social and physical wellbeing of children and young adults*. See it here: <http://www.ifla.org/node/10141>.

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HEALTH CAMP

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One of KYC's programs is the community outreach program and through it, a number of activities are implemented at the centre and within the community such as health, peace, reading activities among others. On 14th – 15th February 2016, KYC implemented a health camp targeting young people specifically those in KYC dance group. The camp was aimed at defining the word *health* and what it means to have healthy relationships; importance of knowing oneself and to brainstorm about the members' expectations from KYC regarding the dance group. This was also an opportunity for KYC to share its expectations from the members towards the dance group. All the members spent the night at the centre to enable full commitment.

Since 14th February was Valentine's Day, members presented gifts to each other. This activity was meant for members to understand the meaning of healthy relationship for example, giving a gift to someone doesn't mean you have fallen in love with them; a male can give a gift to a male friend and so on. Other fun activities carried out included drumming, dancing, truth or dare games and swallowship (eating). Members also participated in a treasure hunt where the winner went away with a prize.



Rev. Musamali talking to the young people

KYC board member, Reverend Bobson Musamali, who was the chief guest shared a lot about issues concerning health, behaviour, dress code and relationships to mention but a few. This was the first health camp implemented at KYC; we are eagerly waiting for the next. ♦

LIBRARY NEWS: COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

By Amia Catherine, KYC Library Assistant

“Collection Development is the process of systematically building library collections to serve study, teaching, research, recreation and other needs of library users”.

In the 1st quarter of 2016, KYC has so far built her collection through books donated from Biblionef, Moran Publishers (through Mirembe Foundation) and Books for Africa. All the books have been processed; the textbooks have been displayed for use in the stationary library and the rest of the collection which comprises of mostly children's readers will be used in the mobile library which currently serves 26 schools. All these donations were well received and much appreciated. ♦

PARTNERSHIPS: KYC as a polling station

As it is constitutional for Ugandans to vote for their political leaders every 5 years, it was the same case in 2016. The centre, which is one of the polling stations in Kizza zone, opened its doors to the community to participate in the presidential and other elections that took place in February . The centre was a central place for community meetings aimed at mobilizing people to participate in the elections. No cases of violence were reported to which we salute the youth and the entire community. ♦