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Dear friends of G.R.A.C.E.

Thanks to you, 2016 has been a good year for preschoolers in the Home-Based Early Childhood Development Program and the Nanyuki training and demonstration farm. Here are some effects of your generosity.

Home Based Early Childhood Development (HBECD)

- Preschools enrolled 458 children under 5 and 128 (68 girls, 60 boys) are scheduled to graduate to primary school in January 2017.
- 3,200 children benefited from play and recreation after school and on weekends in safe play areas provided and monitored by G.R.A.C.E.
- Ten youth and 15 Community Health Volunteers trained in Participatory Educational Theater (PET) and Community Health Strategy by grants from the Shakespeare Festival's Daedalus Project.
- 3,550 community members reached through 22 theatre performances and 29 story-telling sessions on various themes including maternal and child health; nutrition;

gender based violence; personal hygiene; harmful cultural practices and the importance of ECD.

- Half of the ECD teachers bought land to expand their community ECD centers in 2017.
- Twenty five Caregivers trained as Community Volunteers by the Ministry of Public Health and supported to provide a broad range of health information to their local communities.
- Piped water was installed in 2 additional ECD centers, ensuring the provision of constant and safe drinking water to the children enrolled there.

Naisula Scholars Project

Two of 3 students supported by a single donor are in their final year before University graduation. The third has already graduated.

Nanyuki Demonstration Farm and Training Center

Farm productivity increased by 30% in 2016. Our dairy program has grown since Ellen Bass and friends donated 2 cows to the farm in 2013 with both of them producing healthy kids on the same day!

Community groups trained to make yoghurt and cheese in 2015 continue to receive technical support supervision from Ministry of Agriculture officers.

Comment from a government health officer

Ms. Jackline Marete the Public Health Officer at Chuka District Hospital "The medical camps conducted in collaboration with G.R.A.C.E. Africa have not only improved the health status of children and members of the wider community around the ECD centers, but they have also made our work as government officers easier. This is because we have established links with the most marginalized households in the grassroots. That has enabled us to provide them with sustained education on health, nutrition and the necessary medical services where these are needed".

We are indebted to individual donors for their ongoing generous contributions to our work. We also express our deepest gratitude to the Hurlbut Johnson Charitable Trusts for 10 years of continuous support, and look forward to an even more fruitful 2017. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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