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A STREET CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION CENTRE IN NAKURU



Boys Picked From the Streets



Sheltered & Educated by SCANN



**Now Graduates
(Simon Kigera)**

SCANN – A CHANNEL TO GREATNESS TURNING STREET BOYS INTO UNIVERSITY GRADUATES – HOW??

What is SCANN?

SCANN which stands for Street Children's Assistance Network of Nakuru is a charitable organization primarily founded with one major objective; to rehabilitate the needy, destitute Street Children in our society.

SCANN is registered under the Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development.

SCANN is situated in Nakuru along Shadrack Kimalal Road, Opposite Kisulisuli Primary School.

In 1998, a few caring people who recognized the plight for the Street Children in the society teamed up with reputable charitable organizations of Nakuru to start this worthy project. As a result SCANN was established.

RECRUITING PROCESS

One of the challenges that SCANN officials have to face is that of identifying and picking up these children from the streets. This is normally done in the

middle of the night when these children are found sleeping underneath Kiosks, on shop verandahs, some inside sacks to keep them warm, some sniffing glue to keep off their hunger pangs.



Brian Omollo, Paul Kariuki & Erick Omondi on their arrival at SCANN following their recent approval for admission.

Once the children are taken in at the center, they are immediately put into the rehabilitation process. This involves case histories being taken, medical checkups, educational assessment, treatment where necessary for any illness or detoxification and counseling. During the rehabilitation process, the children attend classes at the center whereby their Educational foundation is laid down in preparation for them to join government primary schools.

SCANN's ROLE

Currently, SCANN provides Food, Shelter, Clothing, Healthcare and most important Education to 151 former street children aged between 5 and 25 years. SCANN also provides Educational requirements to 5 more needy children externally.

At present, SCANN has 17 Children in various Universities and 24 boys in Colleges of Higher Education, while 50 Boys are in Secondary Schools, 45 boys are pursuing primary education and the remaining mostly very young Children attend classes at SCANN Centre.

The Center has a capacity of 150 Children. The Center has been operating at full capacity for the last 8 years.

EDUCATION K.C.S.E. 2011

In the year 2011 four of our SCANN Boys managed to meet our minimum requirements for joining University in their KCSE exams (Form Four). They are now enrolled in various Universities. All the four students were given New Laptop Computers to help excel in their courses. Computers were also given to all other University students.



From left:-

Stanley Ndichu scored an A- (minus)
Erastus Makanga scored B (plain)
Micah Njoroge scored B- (minus)

Bernard Kibet (in black suit below) is also a first year student at Kenyatta University pursuing Bachelor of Law. Bernard managed to score a B- in his KCSE last year (2011).

A Recent photo for some of our University Students.



From left:-

Simon Gathuru - Kenyatta University
 George Njuguna- Kenyatta University
 Moses Mudavadi - Moi University
 Bernard Kibet - Kenyatta University
 Micah Njoroge - Kenyatta University
 James Muchiri - Kenyatta University

"The Children of Tomorrow Can Only Be What We Make of Them Today"

SCANN CHILD OF THE YEAR 2011



Peter Karanja – Best child of year 2011 receives a Trophy from SCANN Chairman. The trophy has his name engraved on it.

Peter emerged to be the best child in his KCPE (Grade 8) in 2010 Exams at Kisulisiuli Primary School. He scored 379 marks out of 500.

SCANN CHILD OF THE YEAR 2012



David Karanja – Best child of the year 2012 receives a Trophy from SCANN Chairman. The trophy has his name engraved on it.

The following Children were the best performers in their schools and

respective classes in year 2012. They all received a gift vouchers as a small token to appreciate their hard work.



SCANN Chairman with the best performing students at SCANN in year 2012

Their performance in the year was ranked as follows from the left:-

- Josphat Kariuki – 3rd best
- Benjamin Rocky – 2nd best
- David Karanja – 1st (Best Child)
- Patrick Muigai – most improved performance in the year.

SCANN END OF YEAR 2012 PARTY HELD ON JAMHURI DAY



SCANN Chairman – Shamsher Gilani lights the 2012 Christmas Tree during the end of year party.

During the 2012 Jamhuri day Holiday, the Board of Trustees organized the end of year party at SCANN. The Children sang Christmas carols, performed Acrobatics and Karate, played Games

and had lots of fun. A special meal was served to all our SCANN Children, and gifts were presented to each Child.

SCANN ALUMNI

We are pleased to report that over 70 former street boys have so far been rehabilitated, sheltered and educated at SCANN and now have employment and lead independent, productive lives of their own. A number of these boys have graduated from various Universities and Colleges of higher learning.

ACROBATIC ALUMNI



Francis Odongo, Moses Opiyo, and Vincent Kipyegon performing in Holland.

Moses and Francis were enrolled at SCANN in the year 2000. They are twin brothers and great friends.

Following their interest in Acrobatics, the twins and Vincent were among Six SCANN boys who were Sponsored to China for Acrobatic Training for a period of One Year. The Chinese Government paid for the entire trip. As soon as they were fully trained SCANN released them to pursue their career as Professional Acrobats. Currently they perform both nationally and internationally.

In early 2012 they performed in Holland after which they went to Qatar where they also performed. In early October 2012, they travelled to Tanzania where they performed and as soon as they were back in Kenya, they again received an invitation to go back to Qatar in October 2012.

In September 2012, Moses, Edwina and Francis held a party at SCANN to celebrate the Wedding between Moses Opiyo & Edwina Bruford. Moses was married to Edwina in a civil wedding at the Registrar of Marriages office on 14th

September 2012. Edwina is a young English lady while Moses is our SCANN Alumni.



Moses and Edwina receive their Marriage Certificate from the Registrar of Marriages

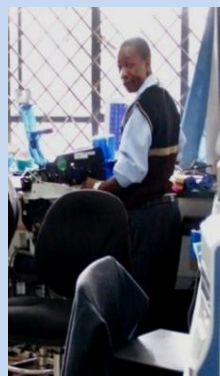


Moses and Edwina during their party at SCANN to celebrate their Wedding (with Shamsher and Avni)

DAVID GITONGA



David during his graduation and at his place of work at Compulynx Ltd Nairobi.



David is the firstborn in a family of three. His father passed away when David was young, leaving the children in the care of their mother.

David sat for his KCPE in 2003 and attained 382 marks out of 500. David got admission in one of the best schools

in Nakuru – Menengai High School but the mother could not afford to take care of him or pay his School fees.

David approached SCANN officials for assistance and due to his good performance and his family's poor background; he was admitted to SCANN in 2004.

SCANN became his guardian providing him with Clothing, Shelter, Food, Healthcare and Education. SCANN also paid for his Educational and all other expenses while at the University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree – Second Class Honors. Through the assistance of SCANN Chairman – Shamsher, David secured employment at Compulynx Ltd Nairobi. While in his employment, David expressed his appreciation to SCANN as follows:-

“I wish to sincerely express my appreciation for this far SCANN has brought me. I wish to say thank you very much for all that you have done for me. Having found a true and real home at SCANN, being provided with everything, now Educated upto University and earning a good living on my own, I feel I am a champion. I have adequate life lessons taught to me through SCANN. Thanks to all my sponsors, SCANN Board of Trustees and all Teachers at SCANN. I feel greatly indebted to the SCANN community. May God bless you all. I feel proud being a graduate, having a Bachelor of Science Degree – Second Class Honors in Computer Science from Kabarak University – Sincere Thanks to SCANN.

I am in my new Job as an ICT specialist at Compulynx Kenya Limited in Nairobi. My goal still remains and I know that in the near future, I will be able to pursue a Post Graduate Degree. This is highly motivated by my outstanding performance in my undergraduate level. I am therefore working hard to attain this goal and I believe God will help me through. Once again may God bless all my Sponsors, SCANN Board Members and the entire SCANN family.

Thank you Chairman and the SCANN Board of Trustees. Once again God Bless you”.

TRIBUTES:-

MRS. PAULINE JOSLYN



**The Late Mrs. Pauline Joslyn
SCANN Board Member
Died: 17th August 2012**

Mrs. Pauline Joslyn was a dedicated Member of the SCANN Board of Trustee since its inception – 15 years ago!

Mrs. Joslyn was always determined to attend SCANN Board Meetings and other SCANN Functions. Our Children were very proud of her and used to call her “Cucu” which means grandma.

She was initially the District Vice President of the East African Women’s League, Nakuru (E.A.W.L.), but later she became the Chairperson for the Nakuru region. She has served the EAWL for over 30 years. EAWL is among the founder clubs of SCANN.

Mrs. Joslyn was also a Director of The Nakuru War Memorial Hospital.

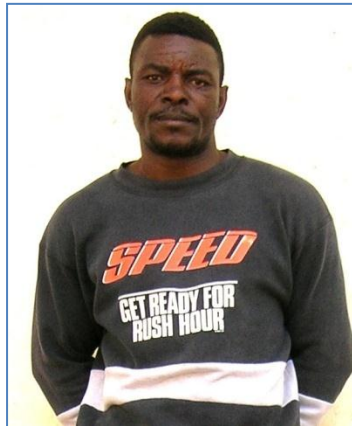
Mrs. Joslyn was a Board Member at Ngala School for the Deaf when Mr. Shamsher Gilani was the Chairman there. She spent her entire life carrying out Community work and she served the less fortunate whole heartedly.

In the year 2009, Mrs. Joslyn received an M.B.E. (Member of British Empire) Award from the Queen of England in recognition of her services to the needy.

The sad demise of Mrs. Joslyn has left a very big gap at SCANN which cannot be

filled. The SCANN Board of Trustees and all at SCANN will deeply miss her, and pray that her soul rests in Eternal peace – Amen.

MR. RASHID NEHEMIAH



**The Late Mr. Rashid Nehemiah
SCANN Acrobatic Trainer
Died: 22nd March 2012**

Mr. Rashid was the SCANN Acrobatic Trainer since its inception until his sudden sad demise on 22nd March 2012. Rashid started as a street child. He used to perform acrobatics on the streets of Nakuru to enable him earn a living. Rashid was a good friend of SCANN Chairman for over 40 years.

He was employed at SCANN as an Acrobatic Trainer in the year 2000 until his sad demise. He laid the very strong foundation of our Acrobatic Team at SCANN.

In addition to all our Acrobatic Teams, Rashid also trained our former SCANN boys Moses Opiyo, Francis Odongo and Vincent Kipyegon who are currently International Professional Acrobatic performers. He also trained Samwel Mwangi who is SCANN’S new Acrobatic Trainer.

Rashid had a genuine love towards the SCANN Children. He counseled and encouraged them to study for a better tomorrow. He also went an extra mile to follow up children who ran away from SCANN back to the streets and ensured that they came back to the centre.

Everyone at SCANN will miss him especially our Acrobatic teams that have

learnt and developed their talents through his training.

All at SCANN pray that his soul rests in Eternal peace.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:-

Corporate Social Responsibility (C.S.R.) – Garbage Collection

Gilani’s Supermarket Ltd planned to participate in C.S.R. by providing services to the society through undertaking a cleaning exercise along Shadrack Kimalel Road starting from SCANN Centre on 20th October 2012. The Garbage was collected by Gilani’s Employees and ferried using Gilani’s Trucks.



Gilani’s Supermarket employees busy collecting Garbage along SCANN road
ASSISTANCE NETWORK OF NAKURU
P.O BOX 14819 NAKURU TEL: 051-2



The event was co-ordinated by Mr. Kelvin Aengwo (HRM) in striped T-shirt and Mrs. Rose Waweru (HRM / Shamsher’s assistant) in Yellow top.

TREE PLANTING



Mr. Abdi Yusuf (PCO) planting a tree

On 28th September 2012, the Rift Valley Provincial Children's Officer – Mr. Abdi Yusuf participated in a tree planting exercise at SCANN.

Mr. Abdi was accompanied by the District Children's Officer, Nakuru – Mrs. Olive Kamau and Mrs. Caroline Meres from Children's Department Nairobi. A total of 25 trees were planted at SCANN.



SCANN Boys participated too!!!

At SCANN they were assisted by Officer in Charge (Moses Kombo), Zubeida Esmail and some of our SCANN Children.



Zubeida Esmail (SCANN Administrator) planting a tree.

Zubeida has been a very important person in administration work at SCANN centre.

CASE HISTORIES

PETER ERAMRAM (GOGO)



Peter was a boy born of a street mother. The mother who is an orphan used to work as a house-help. Her employer

would torture her and overwork her until she could not cope anymore. She had no relatives to turn to and as a result she ended up becoming a street girl. While on the streets, Peter's mother became pregnant and during her pregnancy she had no special diet but continued scavenging from bins for food like any other street child. As soon as the time came for her to deliver, Peter's mother was assisted by her fellow street children to go to the hospital where Peter was born.

Peter grew knowing no other home apart from the streets where he used to scavenge for food. He was luckily picked from the streets by SCANN officials. Peter is now a happy boy at his new home – SCANN. Peter is now in class two at Jamhuri Primary School. He wants to be a Doctor when he grows up. Last term he managed to get 198/400 marks.

MARCOS MUNGA



Marcos was born of a street girl. His mother is an orphan. She used work as a house-help but due to intimidation from her employer and being denied her little salary, she ended up on the streets and became a street girl.

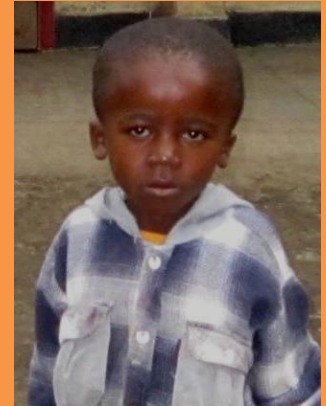
Fate was not on her side since while on the streets she befriended a street boy and she became pregnant and gave birth to Marcos.

Marcos started life on the streets where he used to scavenge for food, sleep on shop verandas and underneath kiosks without a blanket to keep him warm.

Marcos was fortunately picked from the streets by SCANN officials. He is happy to be at SCANN and is a very jovial boy.

Marcos is now in Class two at Jamhuri Primary School. Last term he managed to get 224/400 marks. His ambition is to be a Pilot.

VICTOR OTIENO (EUGENE)



Victor is about 5yrs old. His mother was a single parent and she used to live with her grandfather who was old and mentally sick. Victor was only two weeks old when his mother ran away and left him in the care of his aunt (the younger sister to his mother). The aunt was in class eight and was only 14 years old.

As Victor grew up, life was not easy for him. The aunt would leave him alone during the day when she went to school and he would sit by the road side helplessly. Sometimes Victor slept by the road side. Some of his neighbours used him to take care of their sheep and goats and they would give him food in return.

The family had no source of income and depended entirely on well wishers. As soon as SCANN learnt of Victor's situation his case was approved and Victor was admitted to SCANN. He is our last born child at SCANN and he is presently attending baby class at the Centre.

Every seed must be watered for it to germinate and grow – SCANN Waters through the support of Donors and well wishers. You can also extend your support to these needy, destitute Children.

Yes you can join us to bring change into the society and help the needy

street children. There are still lots of Children out there on the Streets.

Help SCANN extend assistance to them and make their lives better.

SCANN Board of Trustees



Four of our SCANN Board Members with some of our College / University students during the 2012 AGM

The SCANN Board of Trustees consists of the following:-

Chairman – Mr. Shamsheer Gilani

Secretary – Rotarian Edward Wahome

Treasurer – Mrs. Avni Gilani

Hon. Trustee – Mr. Rajinder Puri

Hon. Trustee – Lion Naeem Mughal

The following organizations are also on the SCANN Board of Trustees:-

- Rotary Club of Nakuru
- Lions Club of Nakuru
- E.A. Womens League – Nakuru
- The Salvation Army

The Board of Trustees is the heart of SCANN. Members work voluntarily handling all SCANN issues. All matters are discussed and approved by the Board during the monthly meetings held every second Tuesday of the month. These meetings are open to all interested persons.

The Administrators – Moses Kombo & Zubeida Esmail co-ordinate with the SCANN Board of Trustees on all issues pertaining to the daily running of the centre.

SCANN also holds an Annual General Meeting which is open to all Trustees, member Organizations, Donors, Well Wishers, Friends, our Auditors and

SCANN Children. Audited Accounts are also presented during the AGM – This shows Accountability and Transparency at SCANN. Other reports concerning the centre and performance of our children are also presented.



SCANN STAFF

This is a dedicated team that has contributed greatly towards the success of our children. On the extreme left is Moses Kombo (Officer in Charge) who does all the Administration work at SCANN as per the directions of the Board.

Moses works hand in hand with Mrs. Zubeida Esmail who is the Administrator. This team gives counseling to our Children as well as encouraging them to study; they also take care of their day to day requirements.

House fathers/mother ensure the children are clean, smart, and well dressed while the cooks ensure all children are well fed and they get a balanced diet.

SCANN TEACHERS:-



SCANN Centre Children in class with Teacher Anastacia Atieno

SCANN Centre Classes are for the very young Children and all new comers at

the centre. Anastacia spends most of her time counseling and teaching these young children.

Anastacia holds a Diploma in Early Childhood Development Education.

Computer Department



Computer lesson with teacher Dorothy at SCANN Computer Library

Ms. Dorothy Tarkwen is the SCANN computer teacher. Dorothy holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree. She also has a Masters of Arts in Economic and Development and is a Lecturer by profession

Early this year, Internet services were installed at SCANN. The teacher controls sites visited by our children.

The Computer teacher has a schedule which accommodates all our children for computer lessons. However due to insufficient computers, priority is always given to Secondary School Students and then the primary students follow.



Class Eight Pupils being prepared for their 2012 KCPE Exams by Mr. Ngatia

Mr. Daniel Ngatia is the primary school Tutor/Housefather at SCANN. He has a

Bachelor of Education (Science) degree with Honours from Egerton University. He tutors all our primary school students and is a very diligent person. Daniel also ensures that the boys complete their homework, and excel in School.



Form Four Students being prepared for their KCSE Exams

Mr. Kennedy Awuonda is a secondary school tutor/housefather at SCANN. He has a Bachelor of Education (Arts) Degree from The University of Nairobi. He tutors our secondary school students.

Mr. Kennedy also assists in ensuring that all our Children have birth certificates which is now a requirement before they sit for their National Examinations.

SCANN LIBRARY



Women from Anokhi Ladies Club visited SCANN and they were taken round SCANN Centre.

SCANN KARATE TEAM



Karate Team performing during the SCANN year end Party in December 2012

The Team is coached by Mr. Patrick Kabue who is a Black Belt in Karate and a Fireman by Profession.

SCANN ACROBATIC TEAM



Youngest Acrobatic Team (Group C)
At the peak is Peter Mbuthia who is 7yrs old and in SCANN Centre Top Class. Peter managed to get 441/475 marks in his 3rd Term exams.

**To All Our Donors
Sincere Thanks for Your
Support To SCANN**

SCANN has so far managed to rehabilitate these needy destitute children through the assistance of Donors, Well wishers and Friends.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our most sincere appreciation to everyone who has contributed in any way towards the success of our Street Children Project (SCANN). To name but a few:-

Cedar Foundation:

Cedar Foundation based in Canada has been our major Donor. Cedar foundation has been sponsoring all our children towards all their Educational Expenses. The SCANN Board of trustees and all our SCANN Children wish to express our sincere appreciation to the entire Cedar Foundation – Bob Bentall, Lynda Bentall, Leigh-Ann and Greg Kazolas – Thank you for your mammoth support to SCANN. God Bless you.

We Care 4 – Switzerland

We Care 4 through Natalie Hungerbuhler and her family have supported SCANN for many years. Currently, We Care 4 sponsors 35 SCANN boys. They have also supported us through funding our various projects.

Recently, they have supported us in buying Chairs and Tables, and in buying Bicycles for some of our Boys – this has contributed greatly in saving time for our Boys in travelling to and from Schools.



Tables, Chairs and Bicycles donated by We Care 4



Bob & Louise Lemon

Bob & Louise from Rotary Club of Wishart in Australia have over the last few years taken a keen interest in SCANN. They have made substantial personal Donations to SCANN and have been very supportive to SCANN Project.

Thank you Bob & Louise.

Nakumatt Ltd

Nakumatt is a major donor to SCANN. Apart from sponsoring some of our SCANN Children, Nakumatt also gives donations to SCANN.

We wish to thank the entire management of Nakumatt Ltd through Mr. Haku Shah for their continued support towards our SCANN Project.

Gilani's Supermarket & Gilani Butchery

Since the inception of SCANN, the Directors and Families of both these companies have given their Immense support to SCANN through Sponsorships, material Donations, maintenance and all other forms of assistance as and when required at SCANN. Sincere appreciation to Mr. Shamsheer Gilani – Director Gilani's Supermarket Ltd.

Under the leadership of Mr. Gilani who is the SCANN Chairman, the founder and key visionary, SCANN has made great achievements – Thanks Mr. Chairman.

Sincere appreciation to Mr. Rajinder Puri who is the General Manager at Gilani's Supermarket and also a SCANN Trustee for spending many hours each week doing SCANN work and always ensuring that maintenance work is done.

Appreciation to Shamsheer's personal assistant at Gilani's Supermarket Ltd, Rose Waweru for all the SCANN work she does, interviewing all prospective SCANN Children, handling all SCANN correspondence, handling all sponsorship files and other records, and for preparing this Newsletter.

Thank you Rose.

District IDP Committee of Grand Charity & Mau Forest Lodge

SCANN has received substantial support through Sponsorships & general donations from the Masonic Grand Charity – Thank you all.

East Africa Reinsurance Company

We acknowledge the support received by SCANN through Sponsorships over the years – Thank you.

PKF Kenya

Thanks to PKF Kenya for Auditing our Financial Statements over the years on an honorary basis.

Mr. Francis Wachira and Regina

We wish to express our appreciation to Francis and Regina – Frare Joint Ventures, Nakuru for their continued financial support to SCANN over the years.

To Friends of SCANN

To all our well wishers, Sponsors, Donors and Supporters, we express our sincere appreciation for contributing generously towards the success of SCANN – God Bless each one of you.

How can I help support these Needy Street Children?

In order to rehabilitate these needy Children, SCANN needs every kind of support from all sources be it individuals, organizations, companies etc.

These Destitute and Helpless Children have great potential but this cannot be manifested without giving them a chance, loving them and caring for them and taking them off the streets.

Help SCANN to Help these Children. Sponsor a Child, or Pledge your donation toward Education or Food or School Fees or School Uniforms.

Please Contact SCANN through:-
The Chairman, SCANN
P. O. Box 14819 – 20100
Nakuru, Kenya
Email: shamsheer@gilanis.co.ke

SPONSORSHIP/ DONATION DETAILS

With your contribution of **KShs 20,000/- (i.e. 1,700/- per month) or US \$ 300 or £ 200** per year you can sponsor one child for one whole year.

This donation will be utilized towards providing Food, Clothing, Shelter, Education and Healthcare for one child for one year.

You can send your donations to:-

SCANN
P. O. Box 14819 – 20100 Nakuru,
Kenya

To Deposit directly into our SCANN Account, kindly use the following details:-

For KShs & Other Currencies

ACCOUNT NAME: SCANN
BANK: BARCLAYS BANK (K) LTD.
BRANCH: NAKURU EAST
ACCOUNT No. 027-6111450
SORT: 003-027
SWIFT: BARCKENX

For US \$:-

ACCOUNT NAME: SCANN
BANK: BARCLAYS BANK (K) LTD.
BRANCH: NAKURU EAST
SWIFT: BARCKENX
SORT: 03-022
A/C No.: 022-7501243

PREMIUM SPONSORSHIP

We now have a Premium Sponsorship Program whereby the Sponsorship is **Euro 500 or Shs 60,000/- or US \$ 700 or Stg £ 400.**

This Sponsorship pays for all the requirements of a Child for a year.

We presently have Nine Sponsored Children in this Category.