

Newsletter

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Wakisa Alumna Winnie with her Daughter

Dear Friend and Partner in Ministry,

Though the month of June has been with financial constraints which cut across departments it brought the best event in years at Wakisa Ministries. Old Wakisa mums and their sons and daughters came back to Wakisa Ministries as Alumni on the 24th of June courtesy of Hope Venture.

It was a historical event to bring 125 girls and their children together to hold a THANKSGIVING DAY after 18 years of Wakisa Ministries existence!

What a great opportunity for me, for us all to see a DAY like this in our time Thanks to the Hopeventure media team from Nebraska that made this possible! When I saw this group, I realized that your support and our services are not in vain and God is in the midst of all this!!

We are so grateful for your continued support and partnership with the mission of promoting the spiritual, emotional and physical health and well-being of the young mothers and to build a better future.

Wakisa Alumni Thanks giving

On June 24th, 2023, the Wakisa family came together to thank God for the girls who had formerly passed through the organisation and their babies (Wakisa Babies). Reunion filled the air with joy and the girls showed their appreciation to God.

Inspiring success stories detailing the girls' transformation during their time with Wakisa provided encouragement and hope to those still at the centre, that a brighter future is within reach should they choose to pursue it. The reunion left everyone with an uplifting reinforcement that anything is possible if they divert their focus and aim back at school. With God all things are possible.



A letter by Wakisa Child

My name is Patience Dora Ashaba
A daughter to Christine Twinamatsiko
I am 16years old and in Senior Two.

1. First of all, I want to thank God for allowing us all meet here today, it is by His will that we are all here in a big number like this and again thank Him for enabling our grand mum to think of such a great idea of starting up Wakisa home. I also want to thank our grand mum (Mrs. Vivian Kityo) for her kind and lovely heart that she has and that's why may be some of us are living.
2. My mother tells me a lot about Wakisa and one thing I love about her is that she is proud of this home especially when it comes to her trust in the Lord and the good morals that she has, she gives all the praises to God and Wakisa and for sure I also wouldn't be who I am today without my amazing strong mother but still she wouldn't be amazing and strong may be if it wasn't because of you our grand mum. Thank you for starting up a home of hope and kindness. Thank you for the years of love and support towards my mother who means the world to me. I say the world to me because she has been my support system ever since I think I was born; she is all I have in my life. I can't also express in words how we love and are thankful to you grand ma for being my mother's support system too.
3. Thank you grand mum for being an incredible source of love, guidance and inspiration in my mother's life. My mum and I will forever be so grateful, we have a big part of you in our lives and I promise, you will always have a special place in our hearts.

**LONG LIVE MY MAMA CHRISTINE, LONG LIVE GRAND MA VIVIAN, LONG
LIVE WAKISA MINISTRIES.**

I LOVE YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

We were thrilled to see the young who had accomplished education and were working. They somehow raised some funds and bought me a Wall clock as a token to show their appreciation.

It was awesome to see Margaret and her 16-year son Samuel! Margaret lost both her parents to AIDS.

She reminded us that she was born with HIV/AIDS and was on a daily dosage of ARVs She looked well. We thank God that Margaret and her son have been financially supported for the last 14 years by a Godly lady in England. Joyce H has sponsored Samuel through

school to a level where he could learn motor mechanics and supported both to live a better life with a balanced diet and access to the hospital. Both are ever so grateful to Mrs Joyce H. Margaret testified that her family had given up on her and believed she will live for life. Family members feared using the same plate she had used and were ostracized. Well, she came to Wakisa at the age of 18 now 17 years ago she is 35 years now and looks healthy to the glory of God. *"If it was not for Mrs H and Wakisa Ministries, I would have been gone by now ago,"* Margaret said with tears.



Sponsorship

we have 35 girls on the sponsorship program.

5 girls	University
5 girls	Vocational school
5 girls	A Level
15 girls	O Level
5 girls	Primary
7 NEW GIRLS	AGROMAX



Counselling and admissions

At our group counselling sessions this month, while reading the youth aimed high book, the girls learned to emulate their helpers, understand the consequences of their actions, and develop responsibility for physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness, as well as understand the importance of documenting visions and goals at a young age

Admissions	5
Discharge	3

Child Care

This month the girls learned how to bathe a baby and clean the newborn's cord.

Girl	Gender	Baby's Weight
Prossy	girl	3.4kg
Judith	girl	3.4kg
Sudati	boy	3.6kg
Sharon	girl	3.2kg
Tracy	girl	3.3kg



Vocational Skills

Cookery

The girls learned how to make fried cassava, fried rice, egg rolls and cupcakes this month.

Gardening

This month the girls were tending to the tomatoes that were planted last month, they weeded the tomatoes, put sticks on the tomato plants helping them grow well and watered the plants. The tomatoes have started to flower.

Tailoring

The girls have now acquired a skill set, which includes the proper way to use a measuring tape, correctly handling scissors when cutting fabric, and determining body measurements. These newly acquired fundamentals enabled them to start crafting skirts for their children this month.

Art and craft

We received more knitted squares from you to make baby blankets for girls while others made earrings, necklaces and key holders.

Music class

This month, the girls have been learning the fundamentals of music, from musical notation and theory to music terminology. Furthermore, they are becoming familiar with the music notes by reading and singing a few songs.

Computer class

This month, the new girls are learning the fundamentals of using a computer while the rest are perfecting their typing skills and browsing the internet.

Bible class

Lessons are designed to encourage and empower young mothers to be strong, to trust in God's love, and to become the best versions of themselves as mothers through scriptures and stories from the Bible.

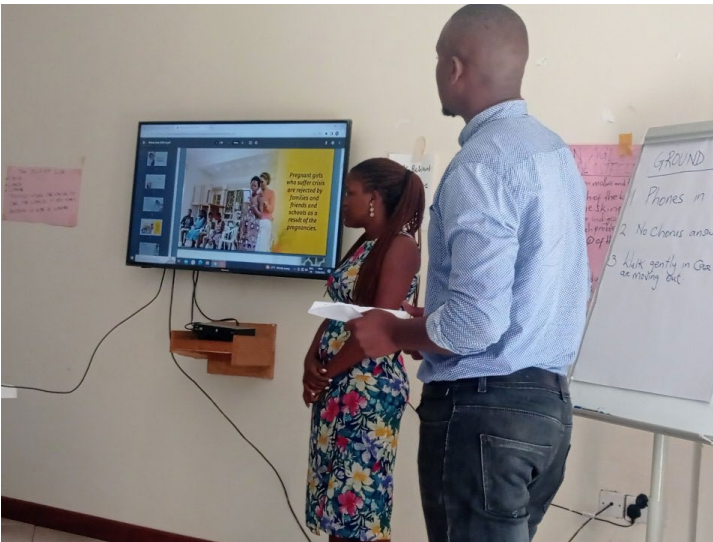


Monitoring and Evaluation workshop

Wakisa Ministries recently hosted a Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop courtesy WorldShare to evaluate the organization's progress and impact, and the data showed that the organization has been successful in helping young mothers and their families in a tangible way.

This included providing spiritual support and vocational skills training that has been beneficial in providing strong spiritual

and social foundations. Challenges were identified, however, including the need for further integration of vocational program elements, extended outreach and publicity, and supportive post-program mentoring schemes for alumni. The takeaway was that Wakisa Ministries has made a difference in the lives of many young mothers, and the metrics reflected this.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS NEVER IN VAIN. We covet your prayers and financial support during this time of financial constraint for the running costs and school fees to get more girls into school.

Thank you

In Christ

Vivian Kityo
Director