

# **ST JOSEPH THE WORKER CENTRE**

EVER THE BEST

## **PROFILE**

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## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

St. Joseph the worker is a strong patron in the bible. He was a good father with a lot of love to his family of Mary and Jesus. Not only he was hard working to his family but also protective to all. The values he had were all positive and this is what made us to name after the centre.

St Joseph the worker centre is found in Kayole Muthaiga slums in eastlands of Nairobi city, Kenya. The centre is operating from rented premises, serves the educational population that spans across different Kenyan communities. It is registered with the Kenya government under the Ministry of Gender Labour, Social Security and Services Reg. No. 39680 (NJI/CBO/9/2016/129)

Due to the increasing poverty levels resulting from endemic and or epidemic diseases more especially HIV/AIDS, malaria and specifically Covid -19, many dependants have been left behind without anyone providing for their needs especially education and food provisions. This resulted to situations where young children of school going age skipping going to school to indulge in unlawful manual work in the dumping site within the slums and unlawful activities in the neighbouring quarry site to buy food subjecting their future into serious dilemma!

St. Joseph the worker centre was conceptualised and established by George/Evans Makori after being sacked from Mother of Mercy Centre by the management of the school in earlier January 2016 because of standing with the German donors who wanted to restructure administration of the school. He tried to get job elsewhere but all was in vain.

Later he received some KShs 22,000 from PAB school via Ulli in April that year. That is the money that rented the single classroom and bought some learning materials and got children within the slums who were not going to school to join the centre.

The centre caters for playgroup, pre primary 1, pre primary 2 and grade 1-5 children {total number of children in school is 52} with 3 teachers and a cook. The aim of St Joseph the worker centre is to participate and contribute in addressing some of the challenges facing these young Kenyans in our own small way with special focus to Kayole Muthaiga slums. Most parents and guardians of our centre who are culturally and politically diverse earn their living by occasionally taking casual engagements in the neighbouring quarry site and local abattoir and most single women they work on the dumping site where they get waste materials from the site to be recycled. While others mostly women undertake general cleaning jobs in the nearby upmarket estates to afford basic necessities for their families. The centre operates under and adheres to the national legislation on education i.e education syllabus (2.6.3.3.3 system) and subscribes to the rules and regulations of the county government education board and the ministry of education. The Ministry of education have given guidelines that all schools have to observe the measures for Covid/19 for it to be operated. These measures are:

1. The school should have plenty of water for washing hands of students
2. The school should be sanitized more frequently
3. All students should wear masks

## **STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS OF THE SCHOOL**

- It is a day school centre.
- It is a policy of the centre to run a feeding program for all pupils owing to favorable economic circumstances.

It runs in 6 rooms, that houses playgroup, pre primary 1, pre primary 2 and grade 1-5 children

## **OUR VISION:**

To be a national champion in advocating for shared responsibility in ensuring social economic equality based on ethics and religious principals.

## **OUR MISSION:**

To provide essential social economic support to the less privileged in the society.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

- To identify disadvantaged children of school going age, to address their educational needs through subsidised basic education.
- Introduce and maintain feeding program for all pupils of the centre to address their nutritional needs as well as act as motivation to attend school.

## **PROJECT PURPOSE:**

To provide the pupils in St Joseph the Worker Centre with subsidised formal education in order to seize an opportunity to better their individual lives and that of their families in future.

## **TARGET BENEFICIARIES:**

- Direct- pupils at the centre.
- Indirect- immediate families of the pupils.
- The communities of Kayole Muthaiga slums.

## **NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED:**

- Educational needs for the pupils.
- Nutritional needs for the pupils.
- Health needs for the pupils

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

The centre endeavours to continue providing for the educational basic needs to the disadvantaged kids of the slum through partnering with local people, groups and well wishers in an effort to improve and give hope to the lives of the less privileged children through concerted efforts and through expansion and inclusivity.

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