



**Stahili
Foundation**

ANNUAL REPORT

2013





Dear friends,

2013 has been an exciting and busy year for Stahili Foundation. Together, we have achieved many milestones for our children and our organization. Our family grew to 25 children and we registered Stahili Foundation as a non-profit organization in The Netherlands and Canada.

As a new organization, we strive for transparency, accountability and productivity. This first Annual Report is an important part of this goal, allowing us to share our recent successes as well as review our financial expenditure and strategic goals.

Thank you for your support for our children. We could not do this without you.

Asante Sana,

Michelle Oliel *Laura K. Walker* *Hannah Ackerman*

Michelle Oliel, Laura Walker, and Hannah Ackerman



Stahili Foundation is a volunteer-driven non-profit organization that rescues and supports child victims of forced labour, exploitation, abuse and neglect in rural Kenya. Stahili takes its name from the Swahili word for 'deserve'. We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to achieve their potential through education, one of the most effective tools to break the cycle of poverty and fight the conditions that fuel exploitation.

OUR STORY

Stahili Foundation was established after Laura Walker, Hannah Ackerman, and Michelle Oliel learned that children living at an orphanage, where they once volunteered, were being physically abused, forced to work, neglected, and exploited. A number of children were also kicked out of the orphanage. This was all happening while donors' money – including their own – was being stolen. The three women, along with local Onesmus Muiruri, older brother to the first child rescued by Stahili, set out on a mission to provide the children with a safe and supportive environment to achieve the life they deserve. It started with helping Onesmus' brother leave behind a life of forced labour at the orphanage and grew organically into him working full-time for Stahili to assist the other children.

HOW WE WORK

While most of the children supported by Stahili have endured years of abuse and exploitation in the institutional setting of an orphanage, they actually have loving relatives or members of the community who want to care for them but cannot due to extreme poverty. Stahili Foundation proudly works with families and the community to rescue the children from the orphanage and locate those kicked out. With the permission of the families, we place the children in high-performing boarding schools a few hours away from their villages. While at school, we monitor the children's progress and support all of their physical and emotional needs. During school breaks, Stahili transports the children to their villages to live with their families, and supports them with food and basic necessities.

WHAT WE DO

Stahili Foundation provides child victims with education through post-secondary school. The commitment to providing high quality education for our children, instead of moving them to other orphanages, is central to our philosophy. Orphanages break apart families, are vulnerable to corruption, and operate with little government oversight in Kenya. We are committed to strengthening families and communities by giving direct assistance to relatives and community members, making it possible for them to care for the children they love.

TRANSPARENCY

Transparency is essential to our mission. Stahili is registered in Canada and The Netherlands. It is managed on a volunteer-basis by Laura, Hannah, and Michelle with the support of volunteers around the globe. All funding goes directly to support the children and a small salary for our field manager, Onesmus. We make our annual reports publicly available. Ask us for our most recent annual report!





2013 AT A GLANCE

Stahili has already achieved many milestones with the generous support of partners, donors, sponsors, and volunteers in our first year of operation. Stahili Foundation has:

- Rescued 15 children from the orphanage and located an additional 9 children kicked out of the orphanage, placing them in high-performing boarding schools and support all of their basic needs.
- Successfully located and supported a child who is HIV positive and has been living without his HIV medication.
- Fully funded our programme in 2013 and saved \$10,000 USD for our emergency fund for the children.
- Registered as a non-profit organization in The Netherlands and Canada.
- Recognized as a “Human Rights Innovator” by the American Bar Association International Human Rights Committee.

Developed partnerships and network of professional volunteers in the United States, Canada, Switzerland, and Kosovo.

STRATEGIC GOALS

While Stahili Foundation is proud of its initial successes, there is much more that we would like to plan for and accomplish. As part of this plan, we have carefully assessed what we believe will be the most successful projects for Stahili and, most importantly, Stahili's children.

Without compromising our ability to pay for all of our current children through post-secondary school, we are committed to the following projects and fundraising goals within the next few years:

Short-term Goals

Find new sponsors and accept new children under Project Mwangi as children graduate or we secure funding through post-secondary school.

Purchase a vehicle and ensure that funds are available for petrol, maintenance, insurance, and repairs. A vehicle will decrease travel time for home visits and decrease costs, time, and difficulty in purchasing and transporting supplies.

Medium-Term Goals

Purchase land to build a small office/community center for Stahili. This space will serve as a place for records and supplies storage, volunteer/donor visits, and community engagement etc. We anticipate this land being used initially only by the children for tutoring sessions and other educational programs run by Stahili during school breaks. We would envisage this property to include emergency dormi-

tory in case a child's guardian is no longer able to care for him or her.

Community Projects – Stahili Foundation would like to expand and run a number of community programs in the coming years on its future property. The majority of the programs we anticipate running are geared at education. For instance, such education programs are anticipated to include topics such as:

- Responsible guardianship and the issue of forced labour, especially for girls, in the community
- Farming and nutrition to give families and the community the tools they need to gain food independence.
- Water, sanitation, and hygiene promotion (WASH) and its importance to prevent disease in the community
- Computer skills
- HIV awareness and prevention training

Long-term goals

Build a school – the Stahili Leadership Academy: We envisage a simple structure with the focus being on interactive learning and leadership skills. This project is anticipated to be scaled over a period of 5-6 years; starting with 1 or 2 grades and increasing the levels offered as those children rise to the next grade.





BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash: \$10,519.73

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities: Nil

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS FOR 2013

REVENUE

Child Sponsorships: \$10,206.73

General Donations: \$4697.50

Special Events: \$3,507.50

Interest Income: \$1.71

Uncategorized Income: \$1.95

Total Revenue: \$18,129.39

EXPENDITURES

Tuition and Board: \$3343.87

Medical, transport, food, and
school supplies: \$3820.39

Field Worker Salary: \$219.42

Bank Service Charges: \$510.97

Currency Conversion Fee: \$1.01

Total expenditure: \$7895.66

Net profit: \$10,519.73

*Some sponsorship fees for Term 1 of 2014 were collected in December 2013 but re-mitted to the school in January 2014. One sponsor also paid sponsorship fees in advance for the entire year.