

SIMBAS FOOTPRINTS FOUNDATION



2021 NEWSLETTER





Dear supporters, partners and donors,

sisi ni jamii - we are a community - these words express what we promote every day. We create a common place to play, to learn, to share ideas. The smiles and joy of the children and young adults show us that we are on the right track. This year we celebrated Simbas' 10th anniversary. We are proud of everything we have achieved so far and at the same time we are full of ideas how to continue.

Summing up the year a lot has happened at Simbas: Just to name a few examples - we launched a new dancing class, our Youth Engagement program is prospering, and our women from our Women Entrepreneurship program took a big step towards self-employment. 2021 was a very successful year for our operations and we are excited to share some news about our programs with our great partners, donors and supporters in this newsletter!

We would like to give a special thanks to the Board of Directors and local staff that we are working with every day to build strong bonds with the children of Simbas. We truly appreciate what they are doing for the community. We strongly believe that by empowering local leaders, intrinsic motivation is fostered and people feel truly committed to their own visions, plans and actions.

2021 was a year of strong partnerships for Simbas. We collaborated with institutions such as Femme, UMATI, WASHEMOM, KWIECO and the NGO network in Moshi, for example for the World Women's Day event. We would like to thank all of our partners for being part of our journey! Last but not least we are grateful for any financial support that will enable our team to expand our program work and thereby reach more children and families in our community.

Penye nia pana njia. Where there is a will there is a way.
Sincerely,

Charles Godfrey
(Executive Director Simbas Footprints Tanzania)



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Simbas Footprints Community Center is a locally registered NGO operating in Moshi, a community in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania. Simbas Community Center aims to empower the surrounding areas by providing resources, education and support to children and families. We believe that by empowering children we empower the entire community.



Our vision: a thriving community led by creative locals who foster the unlimited potential of the future generation encouraging them to take control of their own lives and futures.

School Support Program: Our School Support Program supports those families who are unable to pay for their children school fees. In 2019, after consulting local leaders we launched the school support program to help support these families. **Help us support a child's education today!**



PROGRAM UPDATES



SIMBAS CLUB

Our after school program at Simbas community center includes various extracurricular activities such as soccer, Music, Dance, Drama, Arts & Crafts, Library and tutoring hours.

Updates: Simbas has a new dancing class with 24 children who have performed at various events 2021 e.g. at International Women's Day and at our 10th years anniversary. We also introduced a new music studio. Over 30 children regularly participate in our Arts & Crafts program, in which the kids learn how to make bracelets for example. Last but not least we have a new coach for the girls' soccer team and our soccer teams have participated in various leagues and friendly matches.



YOUTHS ENGAGEMENT

To support youth from the community Simbas has created the **Youths Engagement program**. Our goal is to provide young adults between the ages of 15 and 19 with knowledge and skills in small-scale farming and chicken keeping.

Updates: 2021 over 20 youth have participated in our Youths program. The youths' vegetable garden is doing well and the youths have started selling vegetables to the community. All of the profits go back into their project. In addition to that the youths have built a coop for 130 chickens whose eggs and meat they sell to the community. Through the program the youth can learn additional skills such as teamwork and demonstrate their sense of responsibility and commitment.



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GIRLS & WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

Our **Binti Yetu program** is an initiative to educate young girls aged 13 to 18 on topics such as women's rights, puberty and sexuality.

Updates: Our Binti Yetu program runs in 4 schools and reaches more than 250 students in total. Simbas hosted Menstruation Day in May 2021 partnering with Femme international and other NGOs.

Women Entrepreneurship Programm: This training program is for women aged 17-30. It is programmed to teach women the hard skills needed to produce textile and other products, as well as educating them in entrepreneurship skills to increase their employability and self-sustainability.

Updates: This year the women have produced more than 800 sewing products, such as fruit bags and purses, which are sold in Tanzania and abroad. This enhances the women's entrepreneurial skills. Simbas has also introduced English classes for the women.



OUTREACH PROJECT'S

We are involved in a variety of activities in our community such as community events, health Initiative program, tuition assistance, student council, workshops as well as renovation projects such as classrooms.

Updates: Simbas organized events for Women's Day, Menstruation Day and music concerts and we also participated in African Children's Day and the Farmers' Market. Simbas formed an active children's council and reported on our work as an organization on the radio.



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EDUCATION PROGRAMS

English classes: Our English program aims to improve the chances of Tanzanian children to continue their education. English is critical to the students' education because after grade 7 the entire education system switches from Swahili to English.

Updates: In total we support 270 students in three schools with which we cooperate. We apply a participatory approach of learning, encourage critical thinking and also provide pupils with books and teaching aids for the classroom. After school Simbas Community Center provides a library with books at all levels and all the textbooks our students need. We also offer homework help and open study hours.

Teacher trainings: Simbas has continued its teacher development training for public school teachers at all of our partner schools.

Updates: This year we conducted three teacher trainings in three schools, Mienbeni, Njimpya and Masamaria.

Second Chance Scholarships: Simbas provides scholarships to students who are no longer in regular school but have earned a second chance. These scholarships allow them to receive additional education such as schooling or vocational training.

Updates: Sufian passed the admission procedure and started his training as a mechanic at the St. Joseph Vocational Training Center. Mwanaamina started her bachelor studies in law this year. Herbert joined a music school in Bagamoyo for 3 years music production course.

