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### **DEAR READERS.**

I feel very appreciative and proud of all support and help we received from our Lööf Foundation friends and community in Mariestad, who came together to assist us in our goal of raising the last of the funds needed for finishing the Kenswed Hospital. I am filled with gratefulness this year in seeing the proof that when we all come together, anything can be achieved.

To be able to see the finished Kenswed Hospital with my own eyes when we visited at the end of July was an unreal feeling. I got to see my 18 year long dream come true before me. I was thrilled that we had already treated 304 patients just in the first six weeks of being open. I was especially impressed by our eight members of staff who are very committed, warm hearted and share the same mission as us in helping those less forunate. I left the Kenswed Hospital in total confidence and trust that our staff will be able to run the Kenswed Hospital to the highest of standards.

In June it was great to return to the Young Forest where we have previously visited and supported them. It was great that we could provide the children with workshops surrounding the topics of self-love, self-awareness and gender equality. The children were open to new ideas and ways of thinking. We were so happy to welcome four new children to Home of Hope. It feels great to know that Home of Hope is running so well and to give more children a chance for a brighter future!

Warm regards,

Sophie Lööf

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**SWEDEN** 

# MÅNS ZELMERLÖW & CAROLA HÄGGKVIST PERFORM AT OUR CHARITY CONCERT IN MARIESTAD

On March 30, we held a charity concert where Måns Zelmerlöw, Carola Häggkvist and DJ's Sebastian Tadros and Nira Hindocha took time to come and perform for us. Our goal was to raise the remaining SEK 283 500:- needed to finish the building of the Kenswed Hospital. To our amazement we were able to raise an astounding SEK 287 600:-, with a big thank you to the artists for playing, all of the wonderful guests who attended and all of the generous people who donated and contributed to us!



We began the night out with guests walking the red carpet. After the red carpet they were led into the big concert hall of Jubileumsteatern in Mariestad. The concert started with DJ Nira Hindocha who opened the night for us. Next DJ Sebastian Tadros came on stage and got the crowd excited and dancing. Måns Zelmerlöw came on stage and gave an electrifying performance, while Carola graced us with her prescence on stage and closed the night with beautiful songs!

























































# **KENSWED HOSPITAL NOW UP AND RUNNING**

In cooperation with Zelmerlöw & Björkman Foundation and Reilers, we have worked together since 2017 to build the Kenswed Hospital. As of July it has been up and running. We traveled there at the end of July to see it open with our own eyes. We were thrilled, overjoyed, excited and happy to see it operating. Sophie's 18 year long dream of opening a maternity and health clinic has finally come true and we could not be happier!





Observation room and delivery ward

When arriving at the Kenswed Hospital, we were amazed by how well equipped it already was. We brought needed items from Sweden and they told us they were missing a few items, that we happily supported them with.

- Washing machine
- Printer
- Heaters
- Cleaning supplies
- Blankets and sheets
- Office supplies
- Cords, plugs and fridge guard



Together with all purchased material for the Kenswed Hospital





Sorting through all items brought from Sweden





Standing by emergency crash cart

Ulrtrasound machine brought from Sweden

- Opened since July, 2019.
- Eight members of staff employed.
- 304 patients treated in the first 6 weeks of being open.
- The laboratory can provide quick tests for malaria, HIV, hepatitis B and pregnancy.
- Provides different health workshops to the public, such as family planning.
- Majority of medical equipment and office furniture were shipped from Sweden.
- Can administer prescriptions and medicine from pharmacy inside the Kenswed Hospital.

# **PRESENTING THE 8 MEMBERS OF STAFF**





**Clinical Officer** Joyceline Wanjiru Mwangi



Alice Muthoni



**Nurse** Jackline Mbithe Kilonzi



**Laboratory Technician** Esther Wanjiku Mahugu



Margaret Sassini



**Receptionist** Mboya Samuel Odhiambo



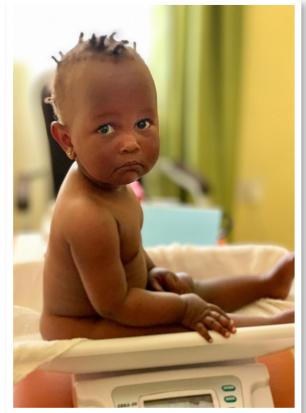
Ruth Wangui



**Security** Charles Nderitu

We were so impressed after meeting our eight members of staff. Each of them are well educated and share the same vision as us in helping those less fortunate. They all have warm hearts and are very dedicated to their patients. Each of the staff members have an incredible and close bond with one another. With this close connectivity they share, it really showed in their care for their patients, which we were very happy to see!







It was great to walk around the clinic and see each room and its purpose. They have a pharmacy where they can administer medicine and prescriptions right away, so patients do not need to spend money on more transportation. Many people in the surrounding area have a difficult time just to pay for the transportation to health care. They also have a laboratory where they can do quick tests for malaria, HIV, hepatitis B and pregnancy.



Pharmacist Margaret administering prescription medicine.







Laboratory with quick tests for HIV, malaria, hepatitis B and pregnancy.



We had a great time at the clinic learning how it functions, meeting the staff and helping to make some of the younger patients feel comfortable and safe at the clinic.









# WAYO WAYO KIBRA SPORTS FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

During our trip to Kenya in July 2019, we revisited the Wayo Wayo Kibra Sports of Development and Peace Project. We supported them with football materials again and our Lööf Foundation friend and former handball player Patrik

Gustafsson from Sweden, held a handball workshop for some of the younger football players. We have previously supported this project in the past during our previous visits to Kenya. Their aim with this project is to educate youth by using sports as a way to address social issues the youth of Kibera slums face.

It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm on the childrens faces as they learned how to play handball from Patrik. They really caught onto how to play very quickly! They even ended the workshop with a game scoring 3-2 for only playing the sport once. A big thank you to Katarina Magnusson for the football material we distributed including footballs, goalie equipment and uniforms. They were very happy to receive new footballs as all of theirs were now very worn out.







# THE YOUNG FOREST









The Young Forest is a family home for youth who come from unstable homes that include alcohol abuse, domestic violence, prostitution and crime. The Young Forest provides love, education, care and guidance to approx. 70 children and young adults. While at the Young Forest we held workshops surrounding the topics of self-love, self-esteem, self-awareness and gender equality.





It was such a pleasure to meet all of the children and get to know them better. They were very open during the workshops and expanded on new ideas. While there we distributed some clothing items we brought from Sweden, towels, slippers and hand knit sweaters donated to us by Elizabet in Sweden. These items were very much appreciated by the children!







# **FOUR NEW CHILDREN AT HOME OF HOPE**



In cooperation with the Home of Hope board in Nepal and the Lööf Foundation board in Sweden, we decided to accept four new children to come and live at Home of Hope. They joined Home of Hope on August 1 and were all given a shower, new pair of clothes, had lunch with all other Home of Hope children and were shown to their own beds.

### **SUPRIYA YONJAN**





She is 6 years old and in grade primary. Her favorite color is red and she is not sure what she would like to do when she grows older yet.

Her father died while her mother was pregnant with her. Her mother left her when she was little. She has lived with her grandmother who is 72 years old. She does farming for a living and does not have enough food or money to support with school.

### **ROHAN THAMI**





Rohan is 11 years old and in grade six. His favorite colors are green and blue. He wants to be a principal or policeman.

Rohan is fully orphan, as his mother died during childbirth to his younger brother. His younger brother got adopted in Kathmandu. His father passed away shortly after his mother when he drowned in a river. He has lived with his grandparents who are too old to support him.

### **KARUNA BHANDARI**





She is 10 years old and in grade six. Her favorite colors are pink and red. She wants to be a nurse when she is older.

Karuna is the younger sister to Karishma. Her mother passed away during the earthquakes in 2015 when the house collapsed on them. Karuna made it out alive, but her mother did not. Their father suffers from mental problems and cannot care for the girls financially as he receives aid from the government.

### KARISHMA BHANDARI





Karishma is 12 years old and in grade seven. Her favorite colors are red and yellow. She hopes to be a teacher when she is older.

Karishma is the older sister to Karuna Bhandari, who also lives at Home of Hope with her.

