#### Year 2015

# Mathare Foundation

Empowering children and youth to be responsible citizen



#### ABOUT US

Mathare Foundation is a community-based organization registered with the Kenyan Government. The organization main purpose is to train and create opportunities for children and youths in photography, performing arts, football and enhance their leadership skills. It was established to help disadvantaged children nurture their talents and make them engage in productive initiatives. Mathare Foundation currently has 60 committed and passionate trainees. They are very active and they always want to learn new things in photography, performing arts and football.

**Our vision** is to be a reputable organization in assisting children and youths in slum in media trainings, performing arts and sports so that we promote world peace and enhance improved livelihood for children and youth in Mathare slum.

**Our mission** to train and create opportunities for children and youth in media, performing arts, sports and leadership skills so that they become responsible citizens in their respective societies

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# Canon Middle East partners with Mathare Foundation

Canon Middle East supported Mathare Foundation Photo Exhibition dubbed Silent Stories. The exhibition took place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2014. We had theory and practical photography classes for young boys and girls from Mathare slums aged between 10 to 16 years old. The training lasted for 3 months then we had the photo exhibition.

The partnership was vital for Mathare Foundation since young unsung talented photographers got a platform to showcase their photos during the exhibition. We were able to receive 30 point and shoot digital cameras from Canon Middle East to continue with the photography trainings.

Eric Omwanda the co founder and Project Manager says that He is very thankful for the support offered by Canon Middle East and that the future of young people lies on other young minds.

James Ndung'u was impressed by the parnership and he is looking forward for more engagement like this one.

James Otieno ,the photography trainer of Mathare Foundation was 1<sup>st</sup> Runners Up in the Canon Kenya Photography Awards 2015, creative category.



# Canon



# Awesome Foundation & Mathare Foundation

Mathare Foundation photography project dubbed Silent Stories received a grant of \$1000 equivalent to Kes 100,000 to purchase equipments for photography training. Awesome Foundation gives \$1000 monthly to exciting projects in Nairobi.

Mathare Foundation received this grant in July 2014

Dean Robinson of Awesome Foundation said that he was amazed with the way Mathare Foundation is growing at a fast rate.

# Wings of Support Partners with Mathare Foundation

Wings of Support is a private initiative of KLM

It consist of KLM airlines staffs. The organization purpose is to supports children in countries that KLM flies to. Mathare Foundation has been in talks with Wings of Support since 2013. It has been a very good experience and learning process for Mathare Foundation. Reason being

Wings of Support advised us to ensure we have an operating base so that we become more legitimate. After more engagement with them we were able to receive a funding of Kes 299,631 in December 2014 to purchase office and training equipments.

The equipments have assisted the young talents so much. This has been a dream come true for the organization. "Initially we did not have equipments for training but nowadays we have the" says Mary Wanjiku one of trainees.

As we come to the end of the year we are humble to say a Big Thank you to Wing of Support.

## Slum Kids Festival +254 Project



Mathare Foundation children using equipments donated by

Wings of Support.

*Slum Kids Festival* +254 is a joint project implemented by the Slum Sanaa Arts Center and Mathare Foundation. It will was two days event to celebrate and nurture the talent of slum children on the 11<sup>th</sup> of and 1<sup>st</sup> of May April 2015.

## Project Goal

Develop and nurture the children talents in performing arts, football and photography in Mathare slums to reduce their chances of engaging in alcoholism, drug abuse crime, prostitution, early marriages and pregnancies.



## AFRICALIA BELGUM AND MATHARE FOUNDATION

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Africalia is a Belgium organization that supports arts and culture organizations in 8 African countries. Kenya being one of the beneficiaries.

Mathare Foundation was invited to one of Africalia strategic meetings on the 22-24 of September 2015. The meeting was characterized with workshop on fundraising and Africalia Strategic Plan for the period of 2017-2021.

We hope that our relationship with Africalia will continue

So that we create a s symbiotic partnership. It was very inspiring to

Know how Africalia operates. We had time to interact with Bjorn Maes (Program Manager) and Fredrick (Program Director) from Africalia.

### WRITE JUNIOR PREVIOUS WORKSHOP



Write Junior Club is a 6 weeks project designed to assist children in Mathare slums cope with the negative influences that they encounter in their daily lives. The training is sp by Vizazi a Dutch organization.



# Co Founder Awarded CYWA.



Eric Omwanda- Co Founder & Project Coordinator of Mathare Foundation was nominated among 14 Finalists in the Commonwealth Youth Worker Award.

I want to dedicate this award to the Mathare Foundation, the people of Mathare and my parents. This is a step in the right direction for the organization and myself.

I am certain that the structures that I have set together with my team we will propel Mathare Foundation to higher heights.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### 2013:

Organize Mathare Talanta Photo Exhibition Partnered with Duara Foundation

#### 2014:

Won Awesome Foundation July Grant Partnered with Canon Middle East, Collaborate with Wings of Support 2015: Organize Slum Kids Festival jointly with Slum Sanaa Arts Center Sharon Alouch and Vivian Akinyi called up to Harambee Starlets James Ndung'u lead girls team to 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in the Mulika Talanta Tournament James Otieno 2<sup>nd</sup> position Creative Category in the Canon Kenya Photography Awards



#### Partnered with Vizazi

### **Special Mention**

Lyda Mallant Naomi Van Stapele Dean Robinson Enan Mwakoti and Rajan Richard Julius Mwelu Youseff Boulkaid & Graeme Loten Bjorn Maes and Fredrick Grace –Anne & Rachel ,Maria Stefanie Hartwig

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Thank you all for your support.