

Dear adoptive parents, friends and supporters of CenterNarovinu,

Thank you for the tremendous support that you have given the children and their families in Kenya, during the difficult times of the Covid pandemic. All of our lives quickly changed and gained a new dimension – it has been a great challenge for all of us. Still, I believe that it had its meaning, that we all got a change to “hear” ourselves... Nevertheless, we are happy to again be able to send you materials from the children in Kenya and to share with you news about the work that we have been doing.

What will you find in the new bulletin? We share there with you the feedback from the fundraisers for the Island of Hope clinic and safety food packages. We introduce more volunteers from Kenya and the Czech Republic and also a new employee

of the Nairobi office, Linda. We bring Island of Hope experience from the students, which have gained education in our school... and Ruth, smiling again.

Please, remember our Fair Trade shop and gifts with a story when planning presents for your loved ones, employees or company partners. Thank you!

We hope you have a peaceful rest of the year and look forward to meeting with you in person at November and December festivals and markets.

On behalf of Center Narovinu

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ADOPTION OF TEACHERS

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Who is in the team of Center Narovinu?

We would like to introduce our volunteers in Kenya and Czech Republic



My name is Alena Tabet. I always say it's like a "tablet" without I, and everyone remembers me. I do not have -ová at my surname because my husband is a foreigner and we spent many years together abroad. In Africa, I supported three children through various organizations, but I always wanted to contribute in other way than just with money. But it was simply not possible from a distance until I came across the NarovinuCenter and the work of a volunteer coordinator.

The best thing about this job is to see how many people have good will. For example, even now during the coronavirus crisis, when we probably all assumed that new adoptions would stop, a new parent was found for one of „my“ girls and a large part of the parents sent extra money for food for children and their families (one parent contributed such a nice amount that we had to make sure it wasn't a mistake). I communicate with adoptive parents during my work. I know the Kenyan part of the story of individual adoptions indirectly from photos, from children's study results or from statements of health care provided, but it is enough for me to feel the certainty that the few hours a week I devote to this work is time well invested. We have just moved home from the hot Gulf to Moravia. I would like to continue teaching English as before, but God knows how it will turn out in the end. Maybe I'll do something completely different. In any case, I stay at the coordinator's job.



Hello, my name is Jana Buláková. I come from Telč, but now I live with my boyfriend in Prague, where I study Latin and classical archaeology. What led me to be inter-

ested in Africa and the NarovinuCenter? Actually, I don't know - I remember when I was a child, I saved money for the church for a collection for African children. When my parents and I decided to adopt two children from Kenya five years ago, I chose the NarovinuCenter. Because the cooperation worked for me, I later decided to contribute a bit to the functioning of the Center as a volunteer coordinator. And so, for the third year in a row, I have been "supervising" part of the database of adopted children and trying to be available to adoptive parents regarding their questions, processing of payments and the like. It is a pleasure to see how many people are interested in helping those who need it so much. For our children in Kenya, our support makes a significant contribution to a better life, in the most useful ways, by providing education and medical care, and ultimately by giving the feeling that someone far overseas is thinking of them and wishes them the best.



My name is Gilbert Ngome. I am aged 67 years. I have six children, one girl and five boys. I am blessed with 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren, one aged 1 year and the other 3 months old.

I joint Centrum Narovinu like volunteer in 2000 first. I am in charge of 25 kids, some are in secondary school and some are in college. All these come from one tribe known as Warabai who come from the coastal region of Kenya.

In my free time I practice poultry and watt fottball. I thank Mr. Ken our director, the entire Nairobi office, Dana, Simona for having helped me in many wals especially in my volunteer work, and not to forget are my fellow co-ordinators whom we share ideas.

Introducing new support for our Nairobi office

My name is Linda Flora Odongo. Currently working at the Centrum Narovinu office in Nairobi Kenya coordinating the college and University students. My roles include, communicating and giving students updates from there sponsors and the organization, sending them school fees payment confirmations, collecting and sending their termly collections, receiving parcels and dispatching them to the students and other duties in the office.

Linda has done a Diploma in ICT where I graduated in 2017. I love technology that's why I chose that course. I like helping out people, I feel so fulfilled when I make someone smile even if what I did was

not so big. I come from a family of six 2 brothers and four sisters and I can mention that I have also been a beneficiary of a scholarship from an NGO like just like Centrum and they paid my University studies so working for Centrum is like me paying back to the community and I am so happy doing this job, it has it's challenges but what matters is that I love doing it.

My future desire is that I have always wanted to see young girls achieve something in their lives despite the challenges and their family background. Yes, they might have made mistakes and messed their lives but that should not be the end of their story. I believe this young girls are able to change their generation when given a chance and that's what I like the most about Centrum because that is their objective, giving a chance to those that the community has sidelined.

Club of Friends of Adoption

From the account of the Club of the adoption friends where people can contribute regularly as well as irregularly under the variable symbol 800 and where we also keep the overpayments from the adoptive parents of those who have finished their education, we supported in the second trimester of 2020 (ending 2nd July 2020) 28 children who lost their adoptive parent. The total amount was 128 000 CZK. We would like to thank all the donators who contributed to the Club of the adoption friends.

You can find the list of children we supported under the link below: <https://www.centrumnarovinu.cz/content/klub-pratel-adopce>

Hana Jodasová



Today, we would like to introduce you the life stories of Pauline and Victor. We are looking for a new adoptive partner for **Victor Olango (ID 41238)** as he would like to finish the secondary school he is studying. He has two more years to go. He tries very hard, he loves English, Swahili and natural sciences – mostly mathematics and physics, but also sports. He lives with his grandmother in clay cottage. He helps her to take care of the household and during holidays and his time

off also to grow beans, corn, millet and Indian millet. He is very grateful he can study which gives him a hope of a better future.

The school fees per trimester are 5.600 Kč/220 EUR.

If you would like to support Victor, please contact the coordinator Lilien Linkova at lilien.linkova@adopceafrika.cz

Unfortunately, the adoptive parent of **Pauline Odira (ID 51722)** quit his adoption in 2018 which is the reason we are looking for a new one to support her. Pauline had very hard time growing up – she is HIV positive since she was born and during her primary school times she suffered many diseases - dysentery, malaria and bacterial meningitis which even forced her to stop her schooling for some time. Luckily, she has health insurance which enables her to go to see doctor and have her treatment paid for.

She got better during the last two year. Pauline lives with her mother and siblings in a clay cottage. Her father died which is why the family has very low income. In 2020, she started her first year of the secondary school at Rusinga Island. Because the costs of her studies at secondary school are higher, the increased support of 5.600 Kč/220 EUR per trimester would be the right amount for her support.

If you would like to support Pauline, please contact the coordinator Michaela Dvořáčková at michaela.dvorackova@adopceafrika.cz



Interesting extra payments

Big thanks to all adoptive parents for their tremendous support for the Kenyan children and their families during the Covid-19 pandemic. From the end of March till the end of July, 311 extra payments have been sent to Kenya, amounting to 1 793 311 Shillings (434 942 Kč and 3440 EUR).

The primary purpose of most of the extra payments was to help during the coronavirus pandemic. Most often, the money was used to buy food and to pay rent. Adoptive parents also sent a few special one-time payments to cover school debts, a driver's license, clothes, fishing net or a birthday present. Some money was sent to help young people that had just finished their studies.

If you want to help "your" child in a similar way, you can also send him/her an extra payment. The money is to be sent to the same bank account where you send school fees. As a variable symbol, you have to put 3 + the number of "your" child (the number from the database of adopted children – for example 341023). The money is then transferred to our Nairobi office where it is taken care of by our Kenyan accountant.



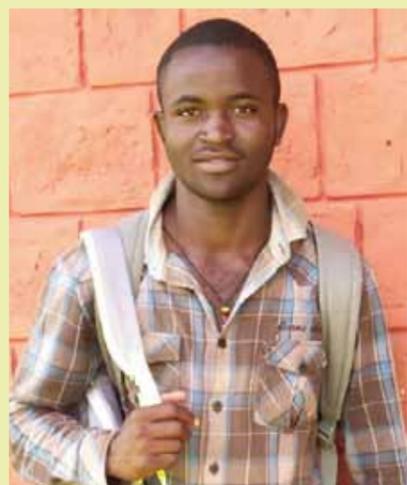
The amount of money is entirely up to you – in this uneasy situation, any help is appreciated.

Alexandra Yaklyushyna

How do students of Island of Hope evaluate their school, which is different from regular schools in Kenya?

In the last printed, February bulletin, we have you presented the stories of Brian, David and Jackquen, who graduated Island of Hope High School and shared their own experience with the education system in Kenya. In this bulletin we present two more stories...

My name is Robert Okongo and when I was six, in 2006, I joined the Humanist Organization at the nursery school. In that year, the school still had few structures but I remember I studied in a room good enough to be called a classroom. There, we were engaged with a lot of activity work which was meant to help us master our English Language that we were learning then, amongst them many activities was my favorite, that is story reading and narrations.



2007 marked the end of my schooling at the nursery. I joined the primary school at grade one in the year 2008. The mention of that year brings close the memory of the teaching staff we had then. Of interest is Mr. Obondo who was the Head teacher. He was one man who found it super difficult to internalize the school policy of Non-violence. Even though it was clear that it is offensive to cane, in one or two occasions when he was out of his tempers he would give the pupils two or three strokes of cane for any mistake they had made.

In 2009, something good happened, Mr. Obondo himself called an assembly at odd class hours. I was in grade 2 then. I remember, as usual he was carrying a cane on his right hand and the bell on his left. From the look of our faces, he would obviously know that we were worried and curious to know what had happened that made him to call for an assembly at the midst of class hours. Finally, it was his time to kick off the fear from us. He told us that he called for an assembly to let us know that he has changed and that he's carried the cane so that we as a school can bury caning and keep violence out of existence in our school. And he did it well! He called the head student to whom he handed the cane to and instructed him to go and dump it in the latrine as a sign of end of violence. And truly, that day officially marked the end of physical violence in our school! And that was good news! News worth taking home. I'm sure everyone walked home with news.

When this news reached the parents, it was received with a lot of resistance; how would that be possible? It had never happened! Or do the school intend to spoil our children? Many parents questioned themselves. I'm not sure if they got answers but one thing I know is that some of my classmates were transferred to other schools due to the spread of this fact into the ears of their parents. To some of the parents such as my

own, it was an opportunity to give it a try- teaching with no violence!

This take of abolishing caning by our school in the midst of the society which associated success with violence made us the enemy of the people. That was the time that we the pupils of that school were perceived to be indisciplined. Even as we trekked back home from school. We could be mocked by strangers we met and condemned for we were for no genuine reason known to be indisciplined. To the maximum of their thinking capacity, they knew that children would only be disciplined when they are corrected by beating!

2013 was a year to prove wrong the society. It was the year in which the first lot of the primary school sat their national examination. Out in the community, silence took the better part of most people. They were full of curiosity to hear what would be the outcome. Most probably, they were expecting a fail! But later on when the results finally came, we got a breathing space. The first lot did well and got a mean 301 out of 500. This was mean good enough to silence the community for a while. Amongst the about twenty schools in the island, our school emerged the best!

In 2015, my class sat the national examination. We as well passed. But our year was quite special. In that year, the construction of the secondary school was in progress, meanwhile, we were to form the first lot of the secondary school in the coming year.

In 2016 I joined Humanist Secondary school, forming part of the first lot. A lot of things were done differently here. And as you have known from the above article, the illiteracy in the people of our community makes them very rigid. Rigid in the sense that they find it so hard to accept a change, whether positive or negative.

The freedom that rang in our school was unacceptable in the society. As a result we were faced with a lot of challenges during the period of 4 years of high school. Our school for example; allowed the use of electronic devices such as phones at school with some restrictions, gave the students the freedom to choose on any decent attire of their own choice instead of putting on school uniform that was in some schools charged at high unaffordable prices, allowed students to leave the school when there is need and come back at a stated time, furthermore, our school created a non-violent environment for everyone such that there was no fear between the teacher and the students and as a result one would air out their opinions without fear of being judged or punished.

After all the three years full of challenges, 2019 the final year came. Even though we found some other ways of silencing the community, we didn't achieve silencing them completely. The theme of discussion was "let's see how they will perform in the final exam" meanwhile we still had a lot to do. The Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education examination finally came. The exam duration was exactly one month of 28 days. In the first day of the paper, the supervisor who sent by the government to man the examination failed to show up, reason being he perceived us as indisciplined students who would mess and make him lose his job. This sent worries to us,



because, failing to have the supervisor would mean not doing the paper and would call for a repeat of secondary school. But one 30 minutes later after the time the exams were scheduled to start, a different supervisor was brought; He was short and looked cruel, he threatened to make us miss the results if we gave him had time. Fortunately, after two days of interaction, he learnt that we were the most disciplined students he had ever seen. So we successfully did the exams.

The exams were marked and the results compiled for a duration of two weeks. The results were then released. Our school emerged the second best in the island, leading in; Computer, Geography and Physics in the whole sub county. Myself I scored a B+ grade, forming part of the four students who achieved the university Grade. And today, I'm looking forward to join the university to pursue a degree in Data Science. I'm surfing online daily to check for the possibilities of getting the best university abroad!! still live to appreciate the school and serve as an example for those joining and those who intend to join the school.

My name is Onyango Sherry Sharon. I have been a student in humanist school both primary and secondary for thirteen years since class one in 2008 to form four in 2019. My school was the best school I have ever known as compared to the school I was before joining Humanist. That is Kageno and Kamasengre schools. I stayed with my grand-



ma and truly I can say we had a lot of problem concerning both daily living and finance to pay my school fee. My life changed when humanist organization came into my life. I found full adoption and not only was I brought to learn in humanist but also to stay in the orphanage. Here I met a new family. In orphanage we were provided with everything i.e. all the human wants: beddings, clothes and boarding items which were a very great help since my grandmother could not afford such items. The meals were very delicious.

My primary life was very enjoyable. Back then in the former schools we used to be taught some subject in my mother's language but when I came to Humanist things were different and after a period of one year I was able to speak fluent English and even communicate easily with my friends. My first examination I did in class one, I found myself at the bottom tail among forty three pupils. But after some years of learning I

found myself among the top best students in our class. Humanist provided me with learning materials such as books, pens and many things that my family couldn't afford. This made my learning easier and comfortable. Humanist made me realize my hidden talent in drama and music. I was able to go to different places and perform drama and music. At class six I managed to win a certificate as the best actress in Homa-bay County. From all the experience you can now see that my school was not just a learning institution but also helped us identify our hidden talents. In 2015 I sat for my K.C.P.E exams and I was among the best students scoring 327 marks.

After my secondary K.C.P.E exams I decided to join humanist secondary school in 2016. The love of my school made it easier for me to spend four years of my education without any difficulties. Although we had a lot of challenges since the school lacked uniforms at first and the villagers used to talk ill about our school but I never lose hope. I knew what I was up to in this school. Our school was a non-violence environment and we were also given freedom with responsibility. We could express ourselves to our teachers and fellow students without picking up fights. Humanist made me forget my village mentality that a child must be bitten for him/her to understand everything.

Thanks go to my teachers and humanist organization for making me get really what I truly deserve in K.C.S.E 2019 and attained a grade of C+ with 50 points. When I was still a student I used to model and this helped me because after secondary school I went for the completion of Miss Rusinga and emerged the victory. I was really happy to be crown as the Miss. Rusinga 2019/2029. To those who are currently learning in humanist and also those who are planning to join humanist school both primary and secondary, I wish you all the best and I would like to tell you that you have made the best decision. Humanist will help you achieve your dreams as it has helped me

Thanks a lot Ken, Joash, Dan and my teachers for their great job.



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Thank you for your financial contributions to the collections

Collection „rescue food packages“

Until August 5, the amount of CZK 140,808 was collected within the collection. A total of 1635 children were supported. The food packages also supported 21 teachers at the partner school Ngando Preparatory School and 9 volunteer coordinators who found themselves in need and without any financial support. Total purchases: 10,900 kg of baking flour (Chapati flour), 39,240 kg of corn flour (Ugaliflour), 54,000 kg of corn (Ugali), 5,450 kg of rice, 6,650 l of cooking oil. It is a staple food for many Kenyan households. The purchases were made in 10 slums in Nairobi, Mombasa and Kisumu. Also in more than 17 smaller towns and 46 villages throughout Kenya. We are glad that together with the Nairobi office and the volunteers in Kenya we managed to react immediately and realize the collection. Buying food was really the most important help we could give to children and families in Kenya during the pandemic.



The collection is still on, you can send contributions to the collection account in the Czech Republic in CZK number: 107-6829480277/0100, account in Slovakia in EUR: 4001055909/7500 (IBAN: SK1375000000004001055909, BIC/SWIFT: CEKO-SKBX), account in the Czech Republic in EUR (contributions from abroad, SEPA payment in EUR): 35-3076360217/0100 (IBAN: CZ5001000000353076360217, BIC/SWIFT: KOMBCZPPXXX). **Variable symbol for rescue food packages: 200**

Collection „support of the Island of Hope Clinic“

By August 5, CZK 138,502 had been collected in the collection. In the first phase, the following was implemented: 1) Purchase of chemicals and production of antibacterial soap for hand washing. 2) Purchase of water canisters with a tap, so that it is possible to prepare more places for washing hands not only within the area of the Island of Hope, but also in the village. 3) Purchase of additional oxygen bombs and accessories to help more patients. 4) Purchase of drugs - especially paracetamol, antibiotics and antivirals. 5) Purchase of available protective equipment - masks, disposable gloves, suits and remote thermometers. 6) Purchase of the fabric from which the face masks began to be sewn. In the second phase, the supply of protective and medical equipment from China was realized. There are 1000 pieces of KN95 respirators, 125 pieces of protective shields, 100 pieces of complete protective clothing, 2,000 pieces of surgical masks and 8,000 protective gloves available for the medical staff of the Island of Hope clinic. The entire staff of the clinic is extremely grateful for this equipment, as protective equipment is lacking in all hospitals, cannot be obtained in Kenya, and the government is totally failing at this point.



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The collection for Ruth was successful, the girl is healed



In the collection, which started in January 2020, sufficient funds were collected for the overall treatment of the girl's cancer, including all necessary expenses (stay in Nairobi for the entire duration of the treatment, travel expenses, food, etc.). From February to July, Ruth underwent the entire process of chemotherapy and radiotherapy. At the end of August, we received amazing news from Kenya. Ruth was on the overall examination and the results confirmed that she was healed.

We thank all those who contributed to her treatment, mentally supported her and thought about her. Ruth has a smile on his face again and is looking forward to returning to school.

Cooperation with the Centrum Narovinu

We are a small elementary school in Stolany, 4 km from Chrudim. We have been cooperating with the Centrum Narovinu since the spring of 2019. During the first year, we selected books and art supplies worth CZK 6,000 for this organization and we adopted



a 10-year-old girl, to whom we contribute CZK 7,200 annually for tuition fees. Thanks to the generosity of all teachers and some parents concerned, the girl was able to return to school from 1st January 2020. We have also supported Fair Trade, where 100%



of earnings go back to the children from the Island of Hope in Kenya. A similar Fair Trade Project in our country earned an incredible CZK 14,100. At the end of 2019, our school organized the "Inverted Advent Calendar" event for Kenyan children, which was invented and prepared by one of our fellow educators. This involved drawing upon one student every day and that student received an angel with a message for what small things to bring (eg pencils, crayons...).

In January 2020, we turned to friendly schools and organizations in our area to support our New Year's collection for the Centrum

Narovinu, as well. For the children of the Island of Hope, we finally collected a car full of books, art and teaching aids. Thank you very much to everyone for all your support. It was briefly about our cooperation with the Centrum Narovinu. In return and as proof of trust, they sent us pictures and videos of happy school children using our books, stationery and art supplies sent from us, and last but not least, a certificate too.



Finally, I would like to mention one more personal comment... I know that it is possible to help in our republic, but multicultural education led me to this act. The initial sign came from some African drummers in Congo, followed by the idea that children could learn about a different culture, poverty in these areas and its associated compassion and solidarity. Last but not least, the reason for this cooperation was the deepening of English language and the possibility of correspondence with this adopted girl. For next year, we would like to produce didactic and teaching aids during work activities and art education.

Silvie Letáčková, Primary School Stolany



We are looking for new volunteers

Are you interested in Africa and in development projects supporting education and health care? Can you spare two hours a week and dedicate them to volunteering from home or occasional help at events?

Then you are the one we are looking for. If you are interested, contact us at info@centrumnarovinu.cz and we will send you all the necessary information. Thank you and we look forward to our cooperation!

