

The Nest

The Nest is registered as a Charitable Trust.

The program is not affiliated with any organization but depends entirely on private donations from within Kenya and friends abroad. This makes our fundraising very challenging.

We welcome ANY kind of financial support, be it large or small. The funds will be used exclusively for the welfare of the children and their mothers. We also welcome local donations like food, firewood, stationary, utensils, and clothing.

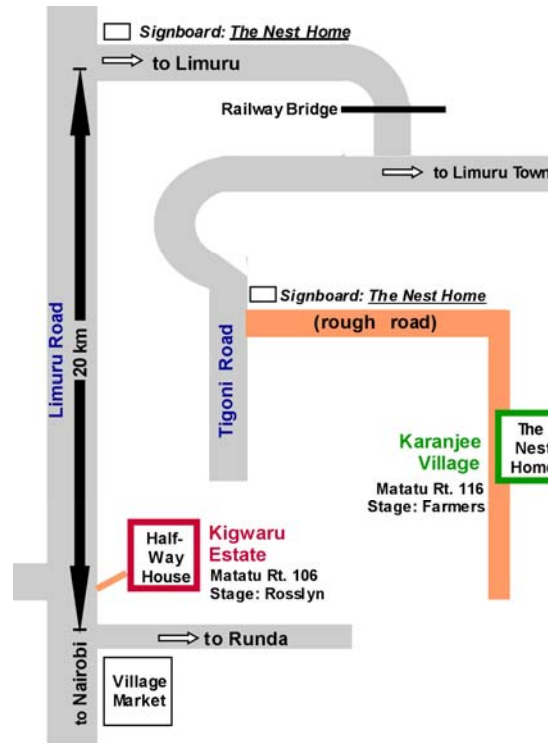


**YOU can make a
difference in the life of a child!**

- Tell others about The Nest!
- Make a one-time, monthly or annual financial gift
- Organize a bazaar/fundraising event at your church, school, club etc. in aid of The Nest
- Sponsor one of our housemothers!
- Help to cater for one child's monthly needs!



Monthly news on our website at www.thenesthome.com



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Limuru, KENYA

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Rescue, Rehabilitation & Re-Integration
of Children in Conflict with the Law &
Children of Imprisoned Mothers



OUR MISSION

Our program reaches out to prevent the children of imprisoned mothers from fighting for survival on the street. The Nest **rescues** affected children and improves their living conditions during the imprisonment of their mothers. We **rehabilitate** and later **reintegrate** them and their released mothers with their extended families and society at large.

We also work to create **public awareness** about the plight of children whose mothers are imprisoned for petty offenses.



All of The Nest's activities are carried out in close cooperation with the officials of Prison Headquarters, Children's Court, and the Children's Department.

The Half-Way House

Our Half-Way House, located in the northern suburbs of Nairobi, provides emergency accommodation for up to 10 mothers with young children upon their release from prison. Here, mothers and children are reunited, often for the first time in years. Along with counseling, spiritual and moral support, and civic education, the women rebuild their self-confidence for reintegration into society.

During imprisonment The Nest offers imprisoned mothers and their babies health care; counseling, support with bureaucratic matters and creates or maintains a bond with their extended families.

Following release, The Nest empowers mothers economically through enrollment in credit schemes, training courses, self-help groups, and by helping the women find employment.

The Children's Home

Children of imprisoned mothers are committed into The Nest's care by the Children's Court. They are housed in our Children's Home, located in Limuru, 20 km northwest of Nairobi. Here, children receive **holistic care** and **formal education** for the time their mothers are imprisoned.



Many children are traumatized after experiencing crime or abuse and the arrest of and separation from their mothers. Counseling, provided in The Nest's **loving environment**, can heal the wounds they suffer in body and soul.

To date, we care for **70 children** - ranging from newborn to 17-yr-olds. In order to maintain the bond between the children and their imprisoned mothers, The Nest ensures the children regularly visit their mothers in prison. We also care for a number of abandoned babies for whom we try to find loving families.



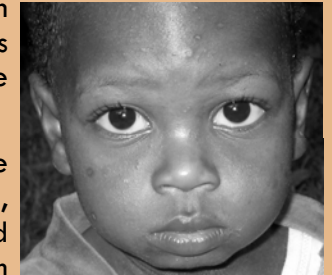
The Children's Home, Limuru

The Half-Way House, Nairobi



Lillian's story

Before Lillian was born, her father abandoned his wife and three children. His wife was six months pregnant with Lillian when he left. Lillian's mother tried to trace him, but in vain.



Left alone with three school-aged children, Lillian's mother started selling vegetables from her small garden on the streets of her hometown.

When Lillian was about one year old, policemen came and arrested her mother on the spot. She was charged and convicted for illegal hawking, and sentenced to six months in prison.



Devastated, Lillian's mother wondered how her children would survive. She was allowed to take Lillian to prison with her, but Lillian got very sick after only three weeks.

At this point, The Nest was able to intervene. Lillian was committed into our care. Our social workers also traced Lillian's abandoned siblings, who were found malnourished and traumatized after the sudden separation from their mother. It took a lot of loving care for Lillian to recover, but when she was reunited with her mother six months later, her mother wept with joy. Since then, The Nest has helped the mother set up a small kiosk which generates enough income to care for her four children.