



To create a future for Kenyan Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances by providing a quality education and a safe, nurturing, sustainable home environment that is rooted in community and inspired by compassion.



Front from left: Michael, Jian, Rebecca, Faith, Joy, Mary, Abigail.
Mid from left: Melvin, Gabriel, Wesley, Brightson, Ramsey.
Back row from left – Staff: Erick, Christine, Kevina, Edith, Joshua.

2025 CELEBRATING OUR 5TH ANNIVERSARY!

OKOA TOTO CHILDREN EXCEL IN SCHOOL & HOBBIES

The 12 Okoa Toto children are growing and thriving both at school and at home! This is all thanks to your support to help us provide a nurturing, loving home environment, high-quality education, balanced diet, food, and healthcare.

Here's a snapshot how each child is progressing:

RAMSEY is 16 years old and in grade 9. He is jovial and passionate about education. He enjoys studying science at school and in his free time enjoys soccer.

ABIGAE is 16 years old and in grade 8. She is very interested in home science, which she also studies at school. She is social and a very active girl compared to when she first joined Okoa Toto when she was shy and reserved.

BRIGHTSON is 15 years old in and grade 10. He is attending the prestigious St. Peters Boys High School in Mumias, Kakamega County. This distinguished school is known for its strong educational foundation and wholistic character development. He enjoys studying history and governance, and likes to play volleyball with his friends and classmates.

MELVIN is 15 years old and in grade 7. She enjoys physical education and agriculture which she practices both at home and school.

MARY is 14 years old also in grade 7. She likes studying English literature and language. She is a very polite young girl with lots of love for everyone.

GABRIEL is 14 years old and in grade 5. Prior to joining Okoa Toto, Gabriel had been skipping classes due to the lack of school fees. Now, with his tuition covered, Gabriel can study what he loves, agriculture. His love for agriculture has enabled the school children to benefit from the Okoa Toto vegetable garden, which Gabriel enjoys cultivating during his free time.

JIAN is 13 years old and in grade 6. He is currently a student candidate and next year is joining junior secondary school. His love for the church has supported his interest in Christian education at school. At the Okoa Toto home Jian enjoys leading the prayers before meals.

MICHAEL is 13 years old and in grade 5. He joined Okoa Toto project at age 7 and is glad to have the opportunity to be enrolled in one of the best schools in the area. His love for environmental studies has fostered his interest and enjoyment of the ecosystem. Michael's passion for playing soccer has enabled him to play on the school team.

WESLEY is 12 years old and in grade 5. His love for mathematics and creative arts has enabled him to be recognized at school as one of the best in drawing and painting.

JOY is 12 years old and in grade 7. She enjoys studying music at school and engages in inter-school music competitions. This has supported her ability to compete at the national level which earned her a certificate.

FAITH is 11 years old and in grade 5. At school, she enjoys studying Kiswahili (Swahili language) and she hopes to emerge the best in that subject. During her leisure time she enjoys reading Swahili story books.

RABECCA is 10 years and in grade 4. She is the best in her class when it comes to reading English and storytelling. She has extended the school practice to the Okoa Toto home where she entertains everyone with her sweet stories.



Brightson



Mary & Ramsey



Rabecca & Gabriel



Joy, Abigail & Melvin



Ramsey, Gabriel, Jian, Michael & Wesley



WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER

Okoa Toto welcomes Joan Khaeri to the staff as the new cook. Joan replaces Edith who served Okoa Toto wonderfully for the past five years. Thank you, Edith!

Joan is 38 years old and a mother of four children. Prior to joining Okoa Toto, Joan served in catering management at a hotel in Nairobi, and managed her own catering business in Lumakanda. The children and staff are delighted to have delicious meals each day prepared by a highly trained professional! Welcome Joan!



Joy, Mary, Melvin, Ramsey, Joan & Abigael

BOARD MEMBERS FAREWELL & WELCOME

Welcome to new Okoa Toto Board Member Laura Faust! We're thrilled to have her join us as she brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion for our mission. Check out her bio below!

As we welcome Laura, with heartfelt gratitude we say goodbye to Patsy Bjorling who has faithfully served on our Board of Director's since 2021, providing invaluable support and wisdom during her time on the Board! We are grateful she will remain with us as a Sponsor, and we know we can always turn to her for her insights and advice going forward.

Asante Sana Patsy!

In Laura's Own Words....

My experience in the field of elementary education, spanning 35 years in both teaching and administration, has fostered a deep-seated commitment to enhancing the lives of children. My global travels have exposed me to diverse perspectives and the myriad of challenges that people face, solidifying my conviction that every child deserves a life filled with security, happiness, and fulfillment, irrespective of their circumstances.



The Okoa Toto mission resonated deeply with me, sparking an immediate desire to become more involved. The work they are doing is so important, and I want to be a part of the positive impact Okoa Toto is making on the lives of the children, their caregivers, and families. I started as many do, with small, occasional donations. Over time, my interest grew. I took on a sponsorship role for a child living in the house.

I am enthusiastic about supporting Okoa Toto's mission and vision. By supporting Okoa Toto, I hope to play a part in ensuring that the children in their care receive the support they need to thrive. I'm also committed to helping build a future where all children have the knowledge, resources, and opportunities to create a better world for themselves and for generations to come.



Michael, Joy & Melvin



Wesley



Jian & Rabeca

5th Annual WALK, RUN, PEDAL, PADDLE A Fundraiser for Okoa Toto

Sunday, June 8 to June 15, 2025

Starting on International Children's Day, pick a day during the week for yourself or join your spouse, family, friends and go for a walk, run, bike, or go boating to help us raise funds for the children of Okoa Toto!

\$25.00 Registration Fee. (Tax-deductible)

To register, visit www.okoatoto.org

If you would like to share a photo of your activity, please send it to Okoa Toto Board Member Kathy Schmitz at kmitzie@gmail.com.

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