



GARDEN OF HOPE
FOUNDATION

Stories of Hope

2017 Annual Report



Our Mission

Our mission is to build sustainable communities through developing leaders among the youth in marginalized environments

... have everything
... rest & drive of green
... leads me because quiet
... Children, it is your custom
... your parents, for this is the
... which is the first
... So that we may go with
... my life - long time in the earth



Jane's Story of Transformation

Walking down the dusty street of Kibera slum, you can't help, but notice the joy on everyone's face. This is contrary to what life is like in the Second a largest urban slum in Sub-Sahara Africa. The streets lead to one of the many high schools in Kibera, straight Secondary School. Walking into the compound the noise from the nearby music stores makes it unbearable for one to have a conversation and for teachers to teach. The school's classroom structure is made up of a hall which is divided by a cardboard in to four spaces (Form 1, 2, 3 and 4).

This is where we met Jane three years ago. Jane's parents were struggling to pay her school fees due to the burden of her other siblings. On the other hand, Jane was worried of life after high school. After graduating from high school, She joined the Leadership Development and entrepreneurship Program offered by Garden of hope Foundation. This program equips the youth from marginalized families in Kibera with employment skills. During the program the youth get trained on computer skills, leadership and entrepreneurship for a period of 3 months. Jane went through the course and was able to secure a job at Frontlearn institute. She is now able to join a college of her choice using the money she has saved.



All I wanted was to Graduate from High School!



When we met him 3 years ago he was hurting and did not have the confidence to even share his story, because of the pain he was going through at that time. Coming from a family where both parents were not working meant that they had to live from hand to mouth. He shared with us a time when they were evicted from their house in Kibera and he spent 5 weeks living on the streets with his family. He had to work from 6pm-5am, then report to school from 6:30am-5pm. Kevin, had no choice, but to support his parents in providing for the family.

When he shared his story, the first thing was to ensure that he stays in school. Garden of Hope Foundation paid part of his schools fees. His parents also secured a job and are currently staying in good house. One month ago, Kevin was able to finish his high school exams.

The mentorship program has reached over **600 high school students this year.**

"I didn't believe in myself, but now I do" Kevin Luchiri.

Club members learn and Graduate



Education is critical for success in life. The programs you support through your donations help increase graduation rate, boost regular school attendance and encourage students to create post-secondary school goals.

School attendance for Garden of Hope Foundation club members increased to 60% from 40% last year.

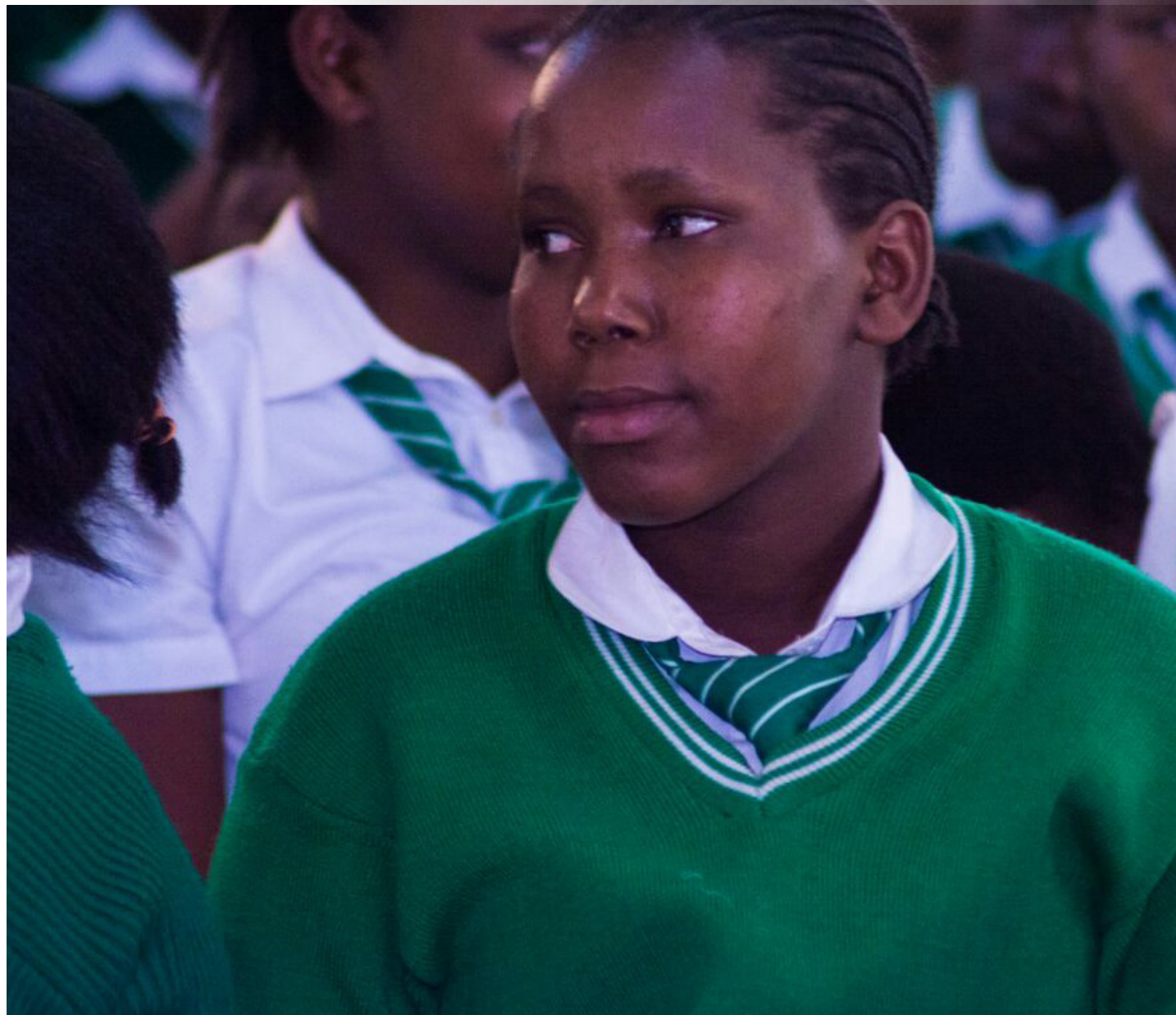
- 90% of our club members expect to go to college or university.
- In 2017, 95% of our club members graduated from High school.

Club supports Girls with Sexual Reproductive Health Skills

- “You cannot cook when menstruating?”
- “What happens if forced into early marriage?”
- “Why do I see changes in my body?”
- “What is Gender Based Violence?”
- “What can I do in case I am raped?”
- “How can I protect myself from danger?”

These are just but a few of the many questions that high school girls battle with. Through the clubs we have managed to tackle these questions and equip the girls with sexual and reproductive health skills and information. Over 500 girls have received monthly supply of sanitary towels in 2017. The program has helped reduce the rate of school absenteeism among girls by 65%.

**“Coming here every week means a lot to me”
Quinter Awuor**



Character and Community Service

Our staff, volunteers and students learn that it is important to serve others. Your donations help us develop young creative leaders who give back to the community. Our key-stone clubs promote leadership and tackle community service projects.

- 90% of club members surveyed described Garden of Hope Foundation club as the best in all the clubs in their school.
- 98% of our club members volunteer in some capacity.
- About 400 youths served in 2017

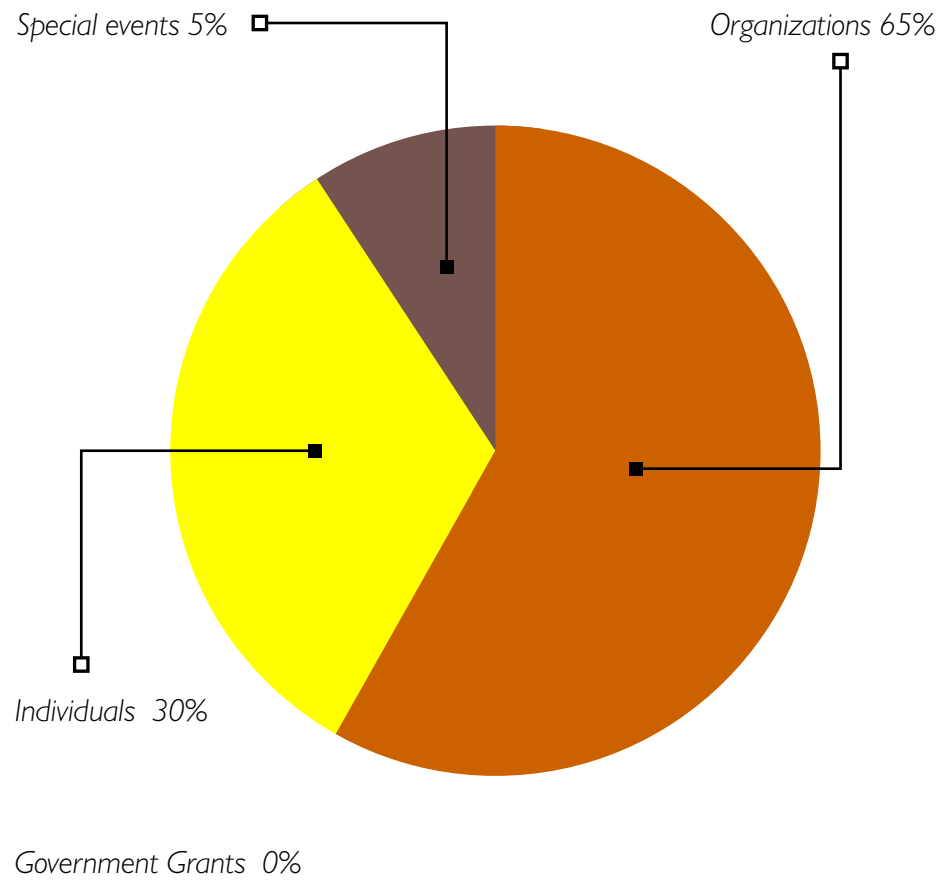
100 number of volunteers in 2017

“If given another opportunity, I would pick Garden of Hope Foundation team again. The dedication of each individual towards the same goal is what impresses me most. Every team player has owned the organization and works hard and tirelessly to mold the programs into perfection”

Trizah Pkania Volunteer

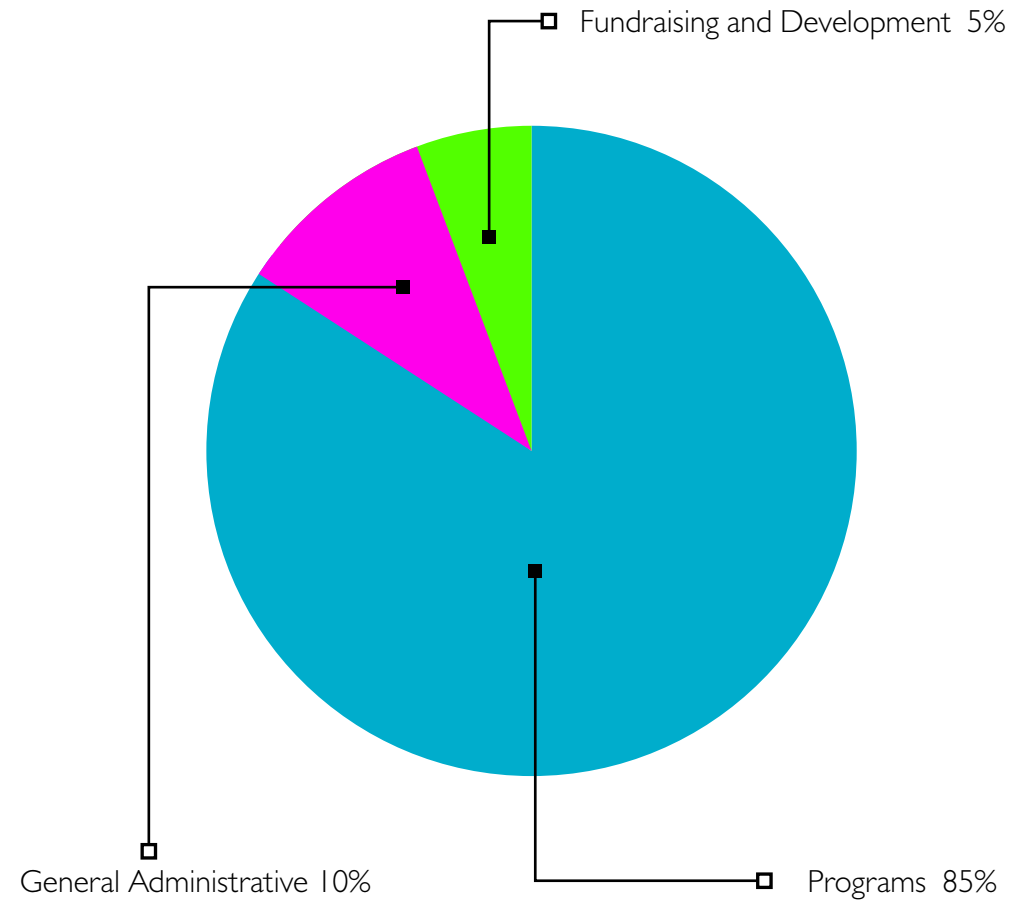


Operating Revenue

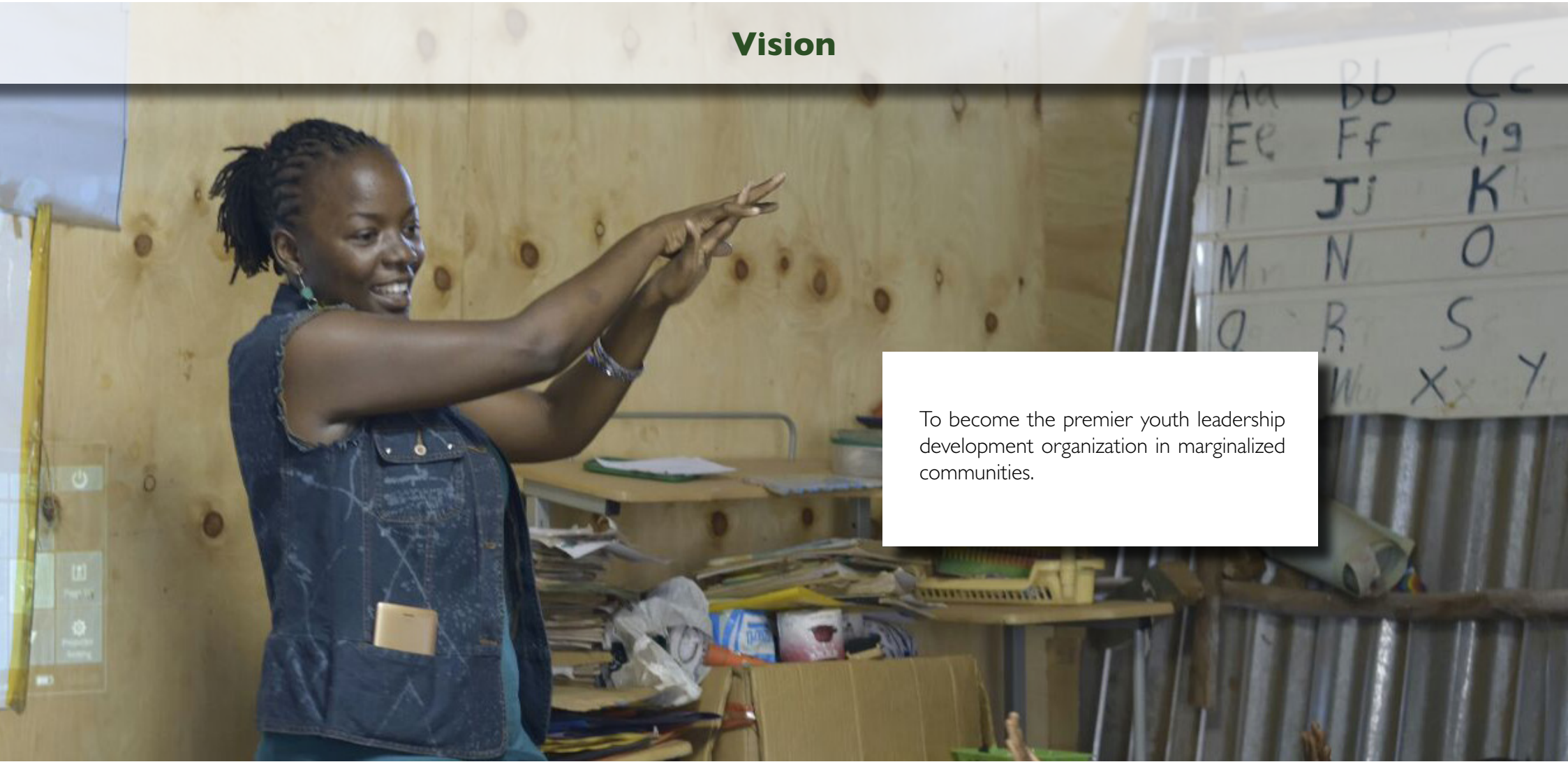


This is a 10% increase from last year

Operating Expenses



Vision



To become the premier youth leadership development organization in marginalized communities.

Thank you for inspiring and enabling great futures.

Foundations and Organization

- Her Passion Ministries
- The Pollination Project
- Christian Community Chapel

Individuals

- Chuck Howe
- Michelle Gray
- Jocelyn North
- Douglas Anderson
- Mr and Mrs Don Christian
- Roula Douglas
- Derson Lopez Jr
- Nathan D.Cruz
- Pina Ruscigno
- Adam and Debra Cohem
- Krista Blalock
- Jamie and Jordan Howe
- Austin and Lacey Fox
- Jorge Rodriguez Cerezo
- Rebecca Yenser
- Burton Brown
- Ruth Sangale
- Nina (Project Period)
- Tanika Thorne
- April Bonczek
- Sarah Hutcheon
- William P. Siciliano
- Mark Roberts
- Sheiletta Jackson
- Amanda Sullivan
- Steve Yencer

Board of Directors

- Ruth Mwangi
- Fiona Ngesa
- Kevin Ouma

We are grateful for the staff and volunteers who have served us selflessly this year.

Floridah Atieno:
Programs Coordinator
Dorca Kibe : Manager
Leadership Development and Entrepreneurship
Beth Omae: Volunteer
Trizah Pkania
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
Mercy Wangechi
Volunteer
Haggai Imbiaka
Mentorship
Victor Odhiambo
Team Leader.

Thanks to Mr victor, madam flo, Trizah and general staff of Garden of Hope for your support to empower the community.

You have taught me and other people how to be responsible youth for change and youths to be looked upon by the community...

Thanks and may God bless you for your work in the community

Message from John Muli





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