



Report

2023



Our Story So Far

16 years ago, GCEC was founded. At that time, our mission was to establish a safe and nurturing preschool for the children of Njathaini village as they prepared to enter primary school. Over the years, it became evident that the single public primary school in the village couldn't accommodate all the children of Njathaini. This realization led to the inception of a primary school to ensure a seamless transition to primary education.

God's faithfulness has allowed GCEC to touch the lives of thousands of children and families in Njathaini. We have witnessed numerous children complete their primary school education and some have gone on to complete high school (with around 80% of them achieving this milestone).

The year 2023 has been a remarkable one for GCEC, marked by new beginnings, growth, and positive changes. Here are some of the year's highlights:

- We are delighted to announce that we have now installed Wi-Fi at our school and acquired sufficient computers, enabling us to integrate digital learning into our curriculum.
- The newly constructed classrooms have been skilfully plastered and fitted with windows, providing our children with more spacious learning environments.
- Our entire school perimeter has been securely fenced with bricks, and a drainage system has been put in place to address flooding issues during rainy seasons.
- The Class 8 pupils, who will be the last to sit for the KCPE examinations in Kenyan history, have successfully completed their primary school education. They all did so well, the top student managed to score 353 marks.



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- Among the first group of children who sat for the KCPE examinations at GCEC (2016), three have completed high school and are now pursuing college diplomas, thanks to the scholarships and sponsorships they received.
- We have introduced workshops for parents to enhance their parenting skills, leading to more involved and caring parents who closely monitor their children's progress and well-being.
- Our staff members have received leadership training to further enhance their capabilities as both professionals and spiritual mentors to the children.
- GCEC has shifted its focus from quantity to quality in admitting children to the school. We are now committed to supporting our students not only through primary school but also through high school and college, recognizing the challenges many face after leaving GCEC due to financial constraints.
- Our students have excelled academically this year, even securing first place in inter-school competitions.



However, 2023 has presented its share of challenges, as it has for many in Kenya. Economic hardships have led to job losses and some families relocating to their villages, affecting the children's daily lives. The inability to meet basic needs, such as food, has made it harder for many students to concentrate in class, and the use of alcohol has increased. This situation prompted our workshops to address these issues. Despite these challenges, we remain grateful for the grace that has allowed us to bridge the gap and continue our work.



Our Goals & Strategy

We look forward to 2024 with excitement and hope. We are in a season of positive change and pivotal moments. Our immediate goals for the upcoming year include:

- Launching a junior secondary school with the first class in 2024.
- Expanding our classroom infrastructure by adding two more classrooms to accommodate at least 60 additional students.
- Incorporating counseling and therapy into the curriculum to help children deal with trauma.
- Repairing and upgrading classroom roofs by changing the iron sheets for better temperature control and to stop the leakage into the classrooms when it rains. The ones we have, have been used for over a decade.
- Implementing permanent flooring solutions for cleaner and more manageable classrooms.
- Providing more textbooks to ensure every child has access during classwork and assignments.



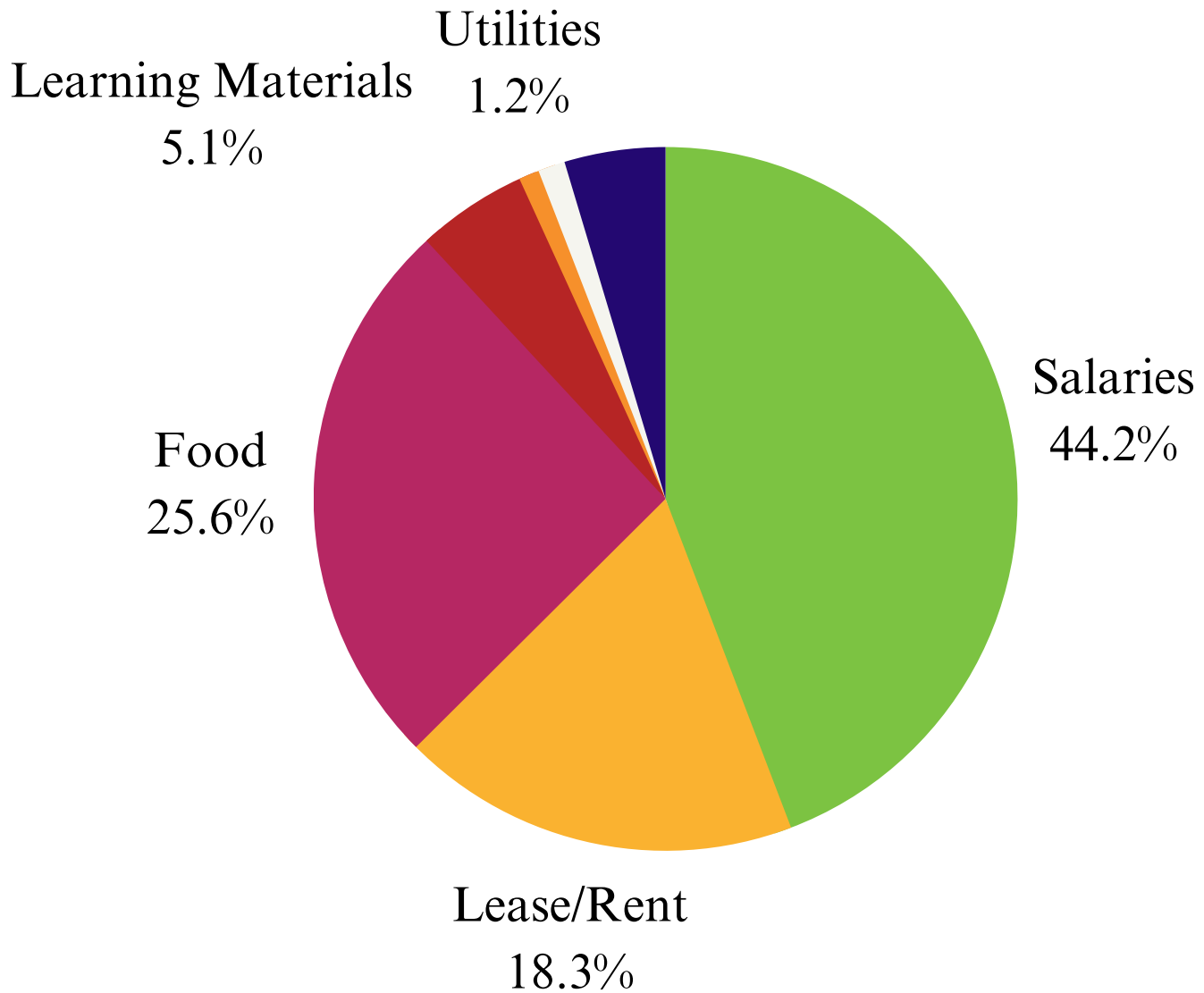
Strategy

Our strategy for the future involve sustaining our operations and achieving financial independence. Since its inception, GCEC has relied on donations, with Crossroads Community Church being our primary donor. Their support has been instrumental in changing the lives of many. Alongside donations, we have devised a new strategy, inspired by organizations like SOS Children's Village. We call it the 1:5 module, where we plan to seek government approval for a parallel program. Under this program, we will enroll children from more abled families, and their school fees will contribute to educating underprivileged children. Our goal is to ensure that, within three years, five needy children benefit from the support of one paying child.



FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

The following presents a detailed breakdown of the donations received and how these funds were allocated throughout the year 2023.



Salaries	\$ 17,819
Lease/Rent	\$ 7,397
Food	\$ 10,310
Learning Material	\$ 2,045
Licenses & Permits(Paid once a year)	\$ 377
Utilities	\$ 501
Renovations and Improvements	\$ 1,870

\$40,319

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Financial Summary 2023

You may notice that our financial report resembles that of a learning institution. Unlike many organizations whose structure allows families or individuals to benefit directly in monetary terms, GCEC's is distinct. Our approach to reaching the children and families is by operating a school where they can attend and receive a holistic learning experience to help them build the future they dream of. We employ qualified teachers, procure resources, hire supporting staff, and more.

We hope this addresses any questions you may have regarding how the funds allocated toward our mission are spent. We want to assure you of our commitment to the holistic development and education of the children and families we serve. Your support is instrumental in making this possible, and we are profoundly grateful for your trust in our mission.

2024 Financial Goals

Our hope for 2024 is to reach 300 children through preschool and primary school and sponsor at least 10 children through their high school education, including the 8 children who just completed their primary education this year at GCEC.

To achieve these goals, we require monthly donations of \$3,900 and an additional \$1,500 through the 1:5 module project.

TOTAL: \$5,400 per month

Our **one-time** financial needs for 2024 include:

1. \$3,250 to purchase a school van.
2. \$2,300 to fix the floors and roofs of the classrooms.
3. \$9,210 for the construction of more classrooms.
4. \$870 to purchase textbooks.



The children who sat for the KCPE Examination 2023



How can you become part of our 2024 plan?

There are a number of ways you can contribute towards our work in Njathaini. They include;

1. Giving a monthly donation.
2. Giving a one-time donation to a project you would like to be a part of (from those listed above).
3. Sponsor a child through their high school or college education.

How does this work? you select a child you would like to sponsor, then we send over the school fees structure for the term/semester. Once we receive the support, we pay the fees and send you the payslip. We also send the report and progress from their school to keep you updated.

4. Offer your expertise such as counselling workshops etc to the parents and children.



Acknowledgements

As we continue to fulfill God's calling in Njathaini through GCEC, we recognize that none of this would be possible without the incredible support and prayers of individuals like you. Your love, prayers, and financial contributions have played a pivotal role in all our achievements, the lives we've transformed, and the lives we are yet to change.

Thank you for your unwavering support, and we eagerly anticipate another year of making a profound difference in the lives of the children and families in Njathaini.

With heartfelt gratitude,

GCEC Kenya Team



We thank you for your continued support in our programs.

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