

Annual Report

2015



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On behalf of Canada-Mathare Education Trust, I am pleased to present our 2015 Annual Report. This is CMETrust's ninth annual report.

Our secondary and post-secondary programs are thriving. In 2015, CMETrust supported 60 secondary school scholars and five post-secondary scholars. Five secondary graduates also completed the KCITI computer skills course from June to August—more on this below. Many of our 60 alumni have formed a community-based organization in Kenya. In December, the alumni group hosted CMETrust's third-annual walk-a-thon in Mathare.



Three CMETrust scholars earned “direct entry” to post-secondary schools in Kenya; they excelled in their national exams. This means that they have access to government support for their tuition. CMETrust will support living expenses during their studies. This year marks the most direct entry students we have ever had. It also includes our first female direct entry scholars!

In March we welcomed a third Kenyan Field Representative to our team. Monica Nyaga supports our post-secondary scholars and provides guidance to our alumni. CMETrust co-founders Titus Kuria and Benedict Kiage continue to coordinate our secondary scholar program. They also plan and execute school-break activities. These sessions often feature guest speakers. For example, counselors from Médecins Sans Frontières presented on sexual and gender-based violence. Scholars also complete community service projects during these breaks. Monica, Titus, and Benedict's talent, teamwork, and dedication remains fundamental to our success and allows CMETrust to advance education, one child at a time.

Over the last few years, CMETrust observed an information technology skills gap among our scholars. Computer skills have become essential. In May, CMETrust partnered with the Kenya Christian Industrial Training Institute (KCITI). KCITI now offers a Computer Skills Training Program to our secondary scholars upon graduation. As I wrote above, five scholars completed this course last summer.

In August, Canadian High Commissioner David Angell and Danielle Morrissette honoured CMETrust with their visit to Mathare. Danielle represented the Canadian Association of Kenya, one of many community organizations to generously support CMETrust in 2015.

We are nearing a special anniversary; 2016 will mark CMETrust's tenth year! Past President Victoria Sheppard, Communications Manager Leah Stuart-Sheppard, and their team have already begun work on a plan to celebrate CMETrust's past and secure its future. If you would like to volunteer with the campaign, please write to volunteer@cmetrust.org.

CMETrust represents an ambitious project. We face our share of opportunities and challenges. I am especially grateful to my colleagues on our Board, whose passion is infectious. Since 2006,

the cost to fund each secondary scholar has increased from about 600 CAD to 1,000 CAD. We remain steadfast that supporting students in Mathare who would not otherwise be able to continue their studies is a worthy undertaking. We strive to be efficient, innovative, and thoughtful in our approach to delivering and funding programs. We are incredibly grateful for the amazing support of so many volunteers and donors in Kenya and in Canada.

Thank you!

Jonathan Yantzi
President
Canada-Mathare Education Trust

2015 Toronto Chapter Report

Our Achievements in 2015:

- In 2015, the Toronto chapter focused its efforts on organizing two events run by a small but committed group of volunteers
- We held our 4th Annual Laughs for Learning Comedy Show on February 25, 2015, raising a total of \$1,209 through ticket sales and a raffle
- Building on the success of our 2014 pub night, the chapter hosted our first-ever Trivia Night event at O'Grady's Pub which raised \$965. The event had a fantastic turnout of over 60 people.

Financial breakdown of events:

Event	Date	Revenue
Laughs for Learning Comedy Show	February 25, 2015	\$1,209
Trivia Night	June 25, 2015	\$965

Where we're headed in 2016:

- In 2016, the Toronto chapter will once again run its signature events: our Laughs for Learning Comedy Show, clothing swap and pub trivia night
- The Toronto chapter will continue to explore other fundraising channels including workplace giving, and provide support for the 10th Anniversary Capital Campaign

Prepared by Courtney Mollenhauer, Toronto Chair

CMETrust PSS, Post K.C.S.E ICT Training & Alumni report

PSS report

It has been an exciting period working with these scholars who are pursuing their different careers in different universities. The PSS family increased in number. We enrolled three more scholars to the program. It was our first time as an organization to have girls who have direct entry to the university. This has really inspired the secondary school scholars especially girls. They are in their first year, second semester in different universities across the country.

It has been a great year where I have seen these young boys and girls grow. We have one scholar who has completed campus and he will graduate in December. Two more are finishing this August. The remaining five scholars are still pursuing their education.

So far, I have seen improvement in issue of accountability. I'm really grateful to the board, PSS committee and my colleagues who have supported me to ensure we run this program effectively and efficiently.

Post K.C.S.E ICT Training at KCITI College

This is the new program introduced in June last year. It is a partnership between KCITI College and CMETrust organization. We were able to enroll six form four leavers to the program and they completed the course after two and half months. The training was very impactful; it has enabled two scholars who didn't get direct entry to the university to gain ICT skills which they are using to maneuver and secure that was the pilot and the first phase.

This training has enabled the form four leavers to be busy, gain ICT skills and be close to the organization and active in the alumni.

CMETrust Alumni

It is a very interesting group which measure our success as an organization. It has a diverse, interesting population with different skills, aspirations, and personalities etc. They are very passionate about our organization and giving back to the community. They have been restructuring and consolidating the group. So far we have 54 alumni and they have participated in most of the alumni activities.

The team started off by putting new leadership in place. So far the team has completed five mentorship sessions with different schools (both primary and secondary) in Mathare. They have also done one community outreach program in Good Samaritan Children's home. Finally the team spearheaded the preparation of 2015 CMETrust Annual Walk-a-thon which was very successful.

They have tremendous achievements. They include the following:

- Reliable cooperative leadership team
- Active social media pages
- Clear calendar of activities
- Quarterly alumni meeting
- Partnerships with different organizations

Currently the team is working on the Mathare in Focus project.

The main challenge has been commitment. Most of them are in school, while others are working. Also, some are not in Nairobi and that prevents them from participating actively. The team is working on a strategy on how to engage everyone and retain alumni in the group and CMETrust organization.

Compiled by Monica Nyaga, Kenyan Field Representative

CMETrust Kenya Field Representatives Report April 2015 – March 2016

The past year has been the best year so far for CMETrust. It has seen us achieve record level of new scholars, hosted a very important guest, received our first local donation as well as gained recognition as one of the organizations doing an amazing job in the community.

Below are some of the key highlights of 2015. Enjoy!

Activities

1st Term Holiday Program 13.04.2015 – 18.04.2015

The April program saw a cocktail of topics addressed by our very diverse and gifted facilitators. Dickson Otieno, a motivational speaker, led a unique session - titled "Removing a log in your eye" – that centred around identifying challenges that scholars face and how to overcome them. Kenyatta University student Vivian Atieno specialising in counselling psychology talked about "Attitude" and how it determines one success or otherwise.

Memory Orode, Humanity First's founder, led a session on efficient utilization of the resources at hand. She characterised her program with quizzes and games to get the scholars active and working as a community.

Personal financial advisor at Old Mutual and long-term friend of the organization Arot Iramisi shared her personal journey and how she finally ended in her career - something she had never ever imagined would happen.

The highlight of this term's holiday program was the workshop led by Liter of Light (Brazil and Kenya) organization with support from Amani Institute scholars. The program saw our scholars trained on how to quickly assemble solar-powered lights. The lights were later used in the streets of Mathare.

2nd Term Holiday Program 10.08.2015 – 15.08.2015

August was a very unique month in the existence of our organization. The long-week activities started with training on women and children rights. The session was led by Valentine Wangala, a social worker with Kenya Women and Children Wellness Centre.

John Kiarie, a big supporter of CMETrust stopped by to give a powerful session on why it's important for the scholars to give back to the community. He used his personal stories that were simple to relate and follow.

For the very first time, our scholars had a chance to enter into the world of the deaf community thanks to Silvia Muturi; a professional interpreter and a champion for the deaf. On top of

learning the various challenges the deaf community face in everyday life, she also gave basic training on sign language.

August also saw us host the Canadian High Commissioner to Kenya HE David Angell. He was accompanied by a Canadian Association of Kenya board member Danielle Morrissette who handed out a donation of 360,000 Kshs to go towards supporting the work of our organization. This day was a great vindication of our work in Mathare and can only serve as a motivation to keep on pushing this agenda of helping young people access education.

A very humble and patient man, the High Commissioner promised to come back when we invite him again. We hope to collaborate with the embassy and the association in the days to come.

3rd Term Holiday Program 30.11.2015 – 06.12.2015

The last holiday program for 2015 happened to address different needs of our scholars as proposed back in August by some of the scholars. We kicked off the week with a session dubbed “My Drive in Life”. The session led by our long-time friend and family counselling expert all the way from the Netherlands, Wendy de Macker, encouraged the scholars to look deep into their life experiences and use them to propel not only themselves forward but the larger community as well.

PaaMoja Initiative facilitators Nashon Luvohwa and Jesse Jacktone followed the following day with a workshop on “Conflict Management”. The duo who also happen to be CMETrust alumni, gave steps on how to deal with different kinds of conflicts when they arise.

Susan Cheron, a Rotarian from Milimani Club in Nairobi, was joined by her colleague to have a girl-talk and boy-talk respectively. This was a suggestion from Monica Nyaga who thought it would help the scholars talk more openly to people their own gender about issues that affect them.

The annual walk-a-thon then followed that Saturday. This event which saw a huge turnout from different participants was organized by the alumni. The day-long event was characterised by a walk around Mathare themed around the importance of education, live performances from the scholars and other established home-grown talents as well as speeches from distinguished guests including Wilson Masaka, pioneer member of NairoBits School of Digital Design who was also the chief guest.

Finally it was time to meet all the stakeholders of CMETrust Kenya to take stock of the year as well as plan for 2016. The AGM took place on a Sunday afternoon and it addressed the successes and challenges of the organization. New CMETrust-parent guidelines were suggested and adopted by the organization to take effect from January 2016.

Below are some of the key highlights; successes, challenges and goals:

Successes

- Visit by the Canadian High Commissioner
- First local donation by the Canadian Association of Kenya
- Nomination in the first ever Mathare Awards as one of the best performing education organization
- Hosted at Ghetto Radio - the leading station in the Eastlands area of Nairobi – to talk about the organization and impact in Mathare.
- Development of a new secondary scholarship recruitment system
- Implementation of the PSS-KCITI partnership (*see PSS report for more info*)

Challenges

- Lack of a volunteer program

Goals

- Create more local partnerships and publicity
- Celebrate 10th anniversary in style
- Develop a clear volunteer program
- Develop and institutionalize a child protection policy

Conclusion

Every year sees us hit a new high. 2014 – 2015 is not an exception. The visit by the Canadian High Commissioner and the donation from the Canadian Association of Kenya help us to highlight that as an organization we are on the right side of history. Coupled with powerful holiday activities led by amazing facilitators and organizations, a successful walk-a-thon led by our alumni; we have nothing but hope and courage facing 2016-2017.

We would like to thank the Board for unwavering support and wise counsel. We hope to continue with this spirit in the days to come.

We also thank all the volunteers, guest speakers, supporters, chapters, parents, the Mathare community, students and all well-wishers for their continued support.

Love and Light!

Titus Kuria
Kenya Field Representative

Financial Report

Fiscal Year 2015 (January 1 to December 31, 2015)

(All amounts rounded to the nearest dollar)

A. Statement of Operations

(See notes starting on page 2 for further explanation of each item)

Revenue	2014	2015
1. Total tax receipted donations	9,125	54,657
2. Total amount received from other registered charities	18,694	11,190
3. Interest/Investment income	520	351
4. Other revenue from fundraising	9,104	8,993
5. Revenue from merchandise sales	2,499	2,060
 Total Revenue	 39,942	 77,250
 Expenses		
6. Disbursement of funds for scholarships	48,310	57,712
7. Fee for service for Kenyan Field Representatives	3,840	5,438
8. Other disbursements to Kenya	10,390	6,965

9. Printing and promotion	0	0
10. Travel and transportation	1,695	3,264
11. Bank charges	489	463
12. Office supplies and expenses	932	545
13. Fundraising expenses	325	0
14. Merchandise expenses	391	1,174
15. Professional Services	0	2,363
16. Other expenses	818	1,148
Total Expenses	67,190	79,072
17. Surplus/Deficit	-27,249	-1,822
18. Total Assets on December 31, 2014	93,251	91,429

B. Notes

1. Total receipted donations include all receipted portions of ticket sales to fundraising events (where appropriate), and direct donations received through fundraising efforts.

2. Amounts received from other charities includes money from Canada Helps (online donation system), the United Way (Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign).

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Canada Helps	13,260	6,141
United Way	5,434	5,049

3. Interest rate of the ING Savings Account was 0.50% as of December 31, 2015.

4. Other Revenue from Fundraising comes from events held throughout the year, excluding the tax receipted portion of event ticket price where applicable.

5. Revenue from Merchandise sales includes merchandise sales at fundraising events and public outreach events as well as the sale of Mathare in Focus calendars and photo prints.

6. Disbursement of scholarship funds includes:	2014	2015
a. CMETrust Secondary School Scholarships	39,839	48,862
b. Post-Secondary Scholarships	8,471	8,850

(further information about Secondary School scholarships is available on pg. 4).

7. Fee for service for Kenyan Field Representatives totalled \$5438, which is \$1920 for each agent. This fee for service is paid in three instalments throughout the year. A third Kenyan Agent was brought on in March 2015, her fee for service was adjusted to reflect this.

8. Other Disbursements to Kenya include:	2014	2015
School Break Activities	2,116	2,434

School visits	0	243
Office set-up expenses	5,961	0
Office rent and ongoing expenses	2,780	2,528
KCITI Computer Program	0	531
Kenyan Field Representative Training		1,229
Total	10,390	6,965

9. There were no Printing and Promotion expenses in 2015.

10. Travel and Transportation costs are associated with CMETrust Board Members trip to Kenya in December 2014.

11. Bank charges include Monthly fees on our RBC account (\$3.75/month), other bank fees associated with transactions made above the limits set on our community account, a \$45 fee every time we transfer funds to Kenya, and a \$1.50 fee for email money transfers. In September 2015, the RBC account was transferred from a Business/Community Account to an RBC Small Business eAccount with no monthly fee and reduced transaction costs.

12. Office supplies and other expenses include telephone costs for regular calls from Canada to Kenya, postage, donor relations software, and website fees.

13. There were no fundraising costs in 2014 or 2015 as all fundraising revenue was raised on a cost recovery basis by CMETrust chapters or through third party fundraising efforts.

14. Merchandise expenses include the production of the Mathare in Focus Calendar.

15. Professional Services expenses are fees paid to the lawyer Drache Aptowitz for the incorporation of CMETrust.

16. Other expenditures include: costs associated with the 2015 Annual General Meeting; room rental costs for bi-monthly board meetings; membership fees to Volunteer Toronto, Volunteer Ottawa and the Ontario Council for International Cooperation; and, the registration fee for a board member to participate in a Charity Law training workshop.

17. The surplus/deficit is the amount of revenue minus expenses for the year.

18. Total assets on December 31, 2015 include: \$52,636 in our Tangerine Savings Account, and \$38,793 in our RBC Community/Business Account.

C. Costs per student – Secondary School Scholarships 2015

	Students	School Fees	Personal Effects	Books	TOTAL
New Students	9 New scholars' to Wang'apala Boys	9 x 47,900 = 431,100	9 x 17,500 = 157,500	9 x 5,695 = 51,255	639,855
	11 New scholars' to Makuri Girls	11 x 54,950 = 604,450	11 x 17,500 = 192,500	11 x 5,695 = 62,645	859,595
	20 Students				1,499,450
Returning Students	11 Form 4 Students	11 x 46,900 = 515,900	11 x 6000 = 66,000	Mock: 11 x 1500 = 16,500	598,400
	13 Form 3 Students	13 x 46,900 = 609,700	13 x 6000 = 78,000		687,700
	16 Form 2 Students	16 x 46,900 = 750,400	16 x 600 = 96,000		846,400
	40 Students				2,132,500
TOTAL	60 Students Total				3,631,950

NB: All amounts in Kenya Shillings.

Prepared by Heather Arnold, CMETrust Treasurer

List of 2015 Scholarship Recipients

Secondary School Recipients:

1. Dennis Ochieng
2. Abubakar Abdalah
3. Joash Orimba
4. Stephen Otieno
5. Peter Odhiambo
6. Emmanuel Musya
7. Nakileto Lobalu
8. Wyclife Otieno
9. Alex Rivasia
10. Evans Obhiambo
11. Bavon Rawago
12. Edwinperez Omondi
13. Dominic Adero
14. David Njumwa
15. Dennilson Kuria
16. Calvin Odhiambo
17. Kris Kimani
18. Kelton Rivasia
19. James Njugu
20. James Ngigi
21. Samuel Juma
22. John Kamau
23. Victor Omondi
24. George Odhiambo
25. Trevor Rata
26. Nelson Tomogo
27. Meshack Mwendwa
28. Joseph Gaisuru
29. Jecinta Akoth
30. Roselyn Mukoyani
31. Purity Akinyi
32. Polyann Agutu
33. Laurine Auma
34. Leah Adhiambo
35. Quinter Atieno
36. Marion Adhiambo
37. Santana Nduta
38. Monica Wanja

39. Mary Wanjiku
40. Rose Achieng
41. Alice Kalondu
42. Abigael Jendeka
43. Divian Akinyi
44. Esmeralda Anyango
45. Lynn Mulati
46. Marymegg Atieno
47. Damaris Mawia
48. Emily Wayu
49. Sharon Achieng
50. Ignatius Kailu
51. Joan Aluoch
52. Daniel Ongulo
53. Daniel Shitandi
54. George Odhiambo
55. Domic Otieno
56. Brian Ouma
57. Beatrice Mbone
58. Ernest Baraza
59. Anjela Wanjiku
60. Liztone Warweno

Post-Secondary Student Recipients:

1. Rosemary Mueni
2. Irene Oiro
3. Samson Omondi
4. Victor Ochieng
5. Jonah Oyieyo
6. Ketty Olengalo
7. Daniel Shiraku Akoi
8. Boniface Kitheka Kaliti
9. Ochieng Levy Onyango
10. Odhiambo Dorothy Akoth
11. Kanda Loise Nyambura

KCITI Student Recipients:

1. Synaider Ingasia
2. Odhiambo Dorothy Akoth
3. Kevin Oduor Odhiambo

4. Kanda Loise Nyambura
5. Ochieng Levy Onyango