

Hope Athletics

Changing Lives Through Sports



The beginning of change is Hope...

Unfortunately hope is a commodity that is often in short supplies in the slums that dot the landscape in and around Nairobi, Kenya. Hope Athletics is a youth focused program that links participation in sports with leadership training, HIV/AIDS prevention, spiritual development, community service and most importantly...the restoration of "tumaini" (the Swahili word for hope).

When fully launched in 2009 the program will focus on boys and girls under 16 years old, who are at risk of succumbing to the endemic challenges that come from living in absolute poverty and in families that have been devastated by HIV/AIDS. The program will provide after-school support activities; sports training programs as well as sponsor youth organized and run community-building initiatives - such as slum cleanup, feeding programs and micro-loan financed entrepreneurial ventures.

The first step in the launch of Hope Athletics is a two-day football (soccer) tournament being held on December 12th and 13th in Nairobi. At this **Hope Cup 2008** over 1,500 boys and girls from orphanages and youth-homes will come together to play football, laugh and reap the physical and emotional benefits of taking part in a quality sports program. During these two days the children will be treated to first-class facilities, spirit-building messages, transportation, food, entertainment, and competition - all with the goal of planting the seed that will be nurtured by the launch of Hope Athletics in 2009.

As part of the Hope Cup 2008, we would like to provide the participating children with the blessing of athletic uniforms and equipments. Many of these children do not have any material possessions and without support, will have to play without shirts, shoes or proper equipment. Currently, our most pressing need is for new or used youth soccer uniforms or singlets. If you can and would like to partner with the Hope Athletics on Hope Cup 2008, please contact us at:

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