

# TEENAGER HOUSING

FUNDING NEEDED: \$220,000



# EVERY VILLAGE...

## As our village grows...

so do all of the kids in it. We always knew that at some point our adorable little children would grow up, and we are now reaching that point. As any parent knows, growing teenagers present an entirely different set of needs, challenges, emotions, and physical changes. In order to see our vision realized that each child becomes a difference maker in Kenya, we must take the next step. Creating a living environment that fosters a strong sense of autonomy and independence for our teenagers will ensure that they continue to develop as individual leaders.



## Of the current occupants...

in the big boys' and big girls' wings, there are a total of 10 teenagers already (5 boys and 5 girls), ages 13-15, with 4 more to become teens within one year, and 12 more to become teens in the year following that. By the year following that, we will have 3 more boys and 3 more girls become teens. This means that by the end of 2019, we will have 32 teens (16 boys and 16 girls).

As we move children out of the big boys' and big girls' wings, we will create space there to add children in the middle childhood range, which means by 3 years from now, we could actually have more than 32 teens.

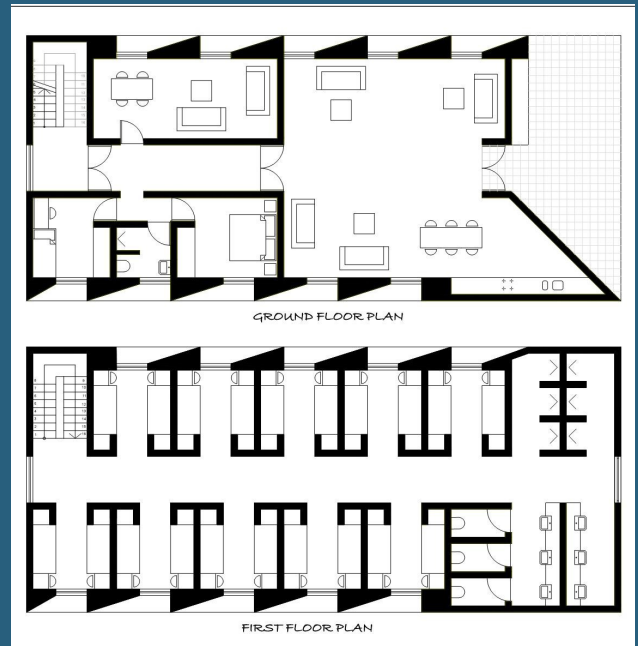


# ...GROWS UP

## We will construct...

separate teenager houses for boys and girls, designed to allow no more than 2 teens to a room, with common living areas for fellowship and games, and a small kitchenette for preparing snacks. The teens will still have their meals in the main dining hall at Naomi's Village.

We want to provide an environment for our older children as they leave their group dorm that promotes individual autonomy and responsibility. This should help to better prepare them for college life and adulthood. We hope to see them move from the more regimented dorm setting into wider social arenas that will strongly influence their development. Our vision is for them to grow in the areas of personal industry and productivity. This new living arrangement will broaden their life experiences and help develop a healthy sense of competence in academic, social, and other domains.



## Exterior Rendering



# BUILDING UP A CHILD...

## What has been done so far...

- 1/3-acre plot of land purchased immediately adjacent to existing NV Children's Home in late 2012 for this future purpose.
- Security fencing erected around perimeter of land in 2013 to annex it to the remaining property.
- \$80,000 in funds raised in 2015, 2016 at Art For Hope benefits held in Dallas.
- Topographical survey of land completed August 2016.
- Architectural plans underway to design two teenager houses, each able to accommodate 20 teens and caretakers. The lead architect is Mark Lecchini, a British expat living in Nairobi who has graciously offered to provide these services pro bono. ( <http://www.marklecchini.com> )
- Provisional sketches are done and the size of each two-story house will be 4300 sq. feet, giving an estimated cost per house of \$150,000 (\$35/per sq. ft.).

## What we have left to do...

- Complete architectural drawings and get council approval of drawings by early 2017
- Finish raising funds to build both houses by end of 2016
- Begin to mobilize crews and materials to site for construction by late Feb 2017
- Groundbreaking early Mar 2017
- Estimated completion date Oct 2017
- Furnishing Nov 2017
- Move-in by Christmas 2017

# ...BY BUILDING THEIR SPACE

## The total cost...

to construct and furnish both teen housing facilities is \$300,000. At this point we have already raised \$80,000 and only have \$220,000 left to go to fully fund the construction of both houses.

## Housing for one teenager... **\$5,500**

including their portion of common areas, is roughly \$5,500. That is roughly two months worth of rent in Uptown Dallas, and while it won't feature a concierge, it will instill a sense of self-worth and autonomy in its occupants.

## Each housing structure... **\$110,000**

will be capable of housing up to 20 teens, who will all become Cornerstone graduates. 20 teens who will then go out into the world, attend college or vocational school, enter into their own ministry and embody that same hope that pulled them from tragedy.

## The amount left to raise... **\$220,000**

for the two teenager houses is not far from what a 2,000 sq ft home in the US would cost. In Kenya you get 4 times the space, and 40 times the chance to help the next great doctor, lawyer or leader of Kenya.

\*See Appendix for a transparent look at Naomi's Village/Cornerstone processes and practices detailing how contributed funds are handled, accounted for, and 100% of donated funds intended for a particular project are used for only that project.