



Amazing Grace Center  
KENYA

# 2020 NEWSLETTER

*Youth centers are rarely available in rural Kenya  
yet viewed as a catalyst for change.*



## ABOUT US

The center was birthed in 2016 with the mission to raise healthy, self-motivated and independent young adults to realize their aspirations, lead meaningful and productive lives.

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## PROGRAMS

- Youth Lifeskills Mentorship
- Economic Empowerment
- STEM Education Sponsorship
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- Research



## IMPACT

August to December 2020, we facilitated 10 mentorship sessions three hours each. Consistently retained 20 returning mentees and 8 dedicated volunteers. We reached 100 adolescents aged 10-25 years and young adults that attended community empowerment gathering. We Distributed 20 back to school kits and donated reusable pads to over 10 girls.





I am pleased to note that 2020 was a great success which saw a number of activities and initiatives pick up. The Covid-19 pandemic presented an opportunity for the organization to reach adolescents and young adults who were out of school. We were able to successfully run monthly mentorship sessions and culminated the year with a fun day organized for the very first time.

## Founding Director Message

*By Alice Charity Awinja*

We would not have achieved all these without the sacrifice and commitment of our volunteers and beneficiaries who consistently attended the sessions and scheduled activities.

I take this opportunity to sincerely appreciate our partners and their friends. InspireHER STEM for the development of the project-based mentorship framework and session activity resources as well as fundraising. Visions Global Empowerment funded, designed, and developed our website ([www.AmazingGraceCenter.org](http://www.AmazingGraceCenter.org)) and continues to provide technical, leadership, and financial support. Through the in Kind space donation from Anglican Church, and Maseno Parish, we provided a safe space for our target beneficiaries and activities. Together we have made the first step and we look forward to a successful new year 2021.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Benjamin Franklin noted that “Tell me and I will forget. Teach me and I may remember. Involve me and I will learn.

Our framework uses the Human centered design approach to program development.

This means that, our sessions are designed to first put the youth at the center of developing their own solutions, addressing their most pressing needs, before implementing any new solutions. This creates a sense of responsibility for the program making it innovative and sustainable.



# OUR REACH

We held twice a month sessions and reached 60 girls and boys (12-17 years) and young adults (18-25 years) within Emabungo ward, Luanda Sub-County, Vihiga County.

We provided guidance/talks on sexual health, spiritual growth, goal setting, self-esteem, leadership training, economic empowerment, and community problem-solving.

Youth shared their life goals, challenges dreams, and their hopes for the future.

# WISH LIST

We seek donations for sanitary pads, equipment, and materials for outdoor games like basketball, football, and volleyball.

There was expressed interest in people to invest in youth business ideas to pay school fees. We seek access to youth business funders and monetary support.



# COME AGAIN

The year closed on a very cheerful note through a well-organized fun-day with the financial support from Visions Global Empowerment, InspireHER STEM and Toolittlechildren.

We look forward to having you again for a fruitful 2021.



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