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the year in review
A YEAR OF GROWTH — AND BREAKING RECORDS!

100% of our formal students passed their exams for the first time – that’s 1 university graduate, 5 high school graduates, and 9 primary school graduates!

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Dear Friends of Jitegemee,

It’s hard to believe that more than a year has passed since my family and I moved to Machakos to take up our work with Jitegemee. What a year it has been! The campus has been filled with growth, learning and many activities – as well as visits from several friends of Jitegemee from outside Kenya.

BREAKING RECORDS
At the heart of Jitegemee are our students, and what superheroes they have been! Our graduates broke all previous Jitegemee records – a 100% graduation rate from our primary, high school, and college students, and a 97.5% graduation rate from our Vocational students. We’re so excited to see what our students will achieve next!

We hosted an intern from Brandeis University, Lynn Armel who spent six months studying the impact of our Vocational Program. She interviewed almost 100 graduates and found that 93% are working and able to sustain themselves and their families. More than 60% are also paying school fees for a relative or friend, repaying Jitegemee’s investment in their own families and communities.

GROWING THE TEAM & THE PROGRAM
This year, we’ve built up the capacity of our team on the ground in Machakos. We’ve gone from five staff members to nine, which has allowed us to professionalize the work we do and expand our program in exciting new ways, including:

• Working with the Kenyan Ministry of Education and Dr. Beverley Bell, Director of Education Programs at Mt Holyoke College, to formalize and document our Rehabilitation Curriculum so that it can be shared with other programs in Kenya.

• Laying the groundwork to teach secondary school equivalency classes (similar to a GED) so that our vocational students and members of the community can further their formal education while holding down a job.

• Partnering with the Street Business School in Uganda to provide small-business training to the parents/guardians of our students, who sell homemade soap and vegetables from Jitegemee’s garden, and beaded products to improve their household economic situation. In 2018, we hope to more than double the number of parents/guardians benefiting from this program.

ENVISIONING AN AMBITIOUS FUTURE
In 2018, we are also looking forward to launching Jitegemee’s “Hub,” where our students and other members of the community can develop marketable digital skills. In Nairobi, only 30 miles from Machakos, there are many innovation hubs – communal affordable co-working spaces that provide training and support for young people entering professional life. However, there are none in Machakos. We would like to open the first Youth Development Hub and offer young people in Machakos similar opportunities.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL LEADERSHIP
This year focused heavily on increasing the capacity of our board in Kenya, which is taking on a greater role in oversight and program planning. Two new members joined our board. We’re honored to work alongside this dedicated, dynamic group of Kenyan professionals, some of whom have been committed to Jitegemee since day one.

We’re also very excited to announce that we’ve hired a Country Director, Jennifer Katiwa, to oversee the programs and facility. Jennifer has impressive skills in building capacity, having most recently headed a group of schools in Kenya’s largest refugee camp, providing support to more than 7,000 children. Jennifer’s new role will allow me up to spend more time strengthening the organization’s systems in the U.S. and planning for the future.

IF IT WEREN’T FOR YOU
Last but not least, a huge thank you to all of you who make our work at Jitegemee possible. In 2017, you all gave generously and kept our children learning and thriving. The well-known African proverb says, “It takes a village to raise a child,” and we are so deeply grateful all of you are part of our village.
2017 exceeded all our expectations.

We are bursting with pride as a result of our students and their outstanding academic achievements in 2017! Through hard work and dedication, they’ve broken all previous records at Jitegemee with their end-of-year examination results – and exceeded our expectations. Congratulations to them all!
97.5% Vocational students passed their 2017 Trade Exam.

40 out of 41 Vocational students passed the Government Trade Exam. This included our first ever cohort of 11 Catering students who all passed their catering exams. Other trade exams taken by our students included welding, hairdressing, plumbing, carpentry, dressmaking, and panel-beating. Our 2017 Vocational class smashed the previous trade exam record of 80% pass rate achieved by the 2016 class. We are so proud and wish all our graduates the very best as they continue their studies or enter the world of work.
We are particularly proud of one of our five high school graduates, Ezekial. Coming from a very humble background, Ezekial’s high school journey wasn’t easy. Being the eldest of three siblings, when his mother fell critically ill, he became her sole caregiver. His mother’s death in early 2015 caused deep distress for Ezekial, and resulted in a persistent problem with stomach ulcers. He was admitted to hospital for several months in 2015, which resulted in him repeating that school year in 2016.

Under medication, a strict nutritional schedule, along with lots of psychosocial support from Jitegemee, Ezekiel finally graduated from Mwaani Boys High School at the end of 2017. He intends to study engineering, and with excellent grades in Physics and Mathematics, Jitegemee will support him to achieve this dream.
“Today is the first day I am celebrating an event in my entire life. I have never celebrated any event in my life; not even a birthday,” John Kiluma told Jitegemee staff at his graduation from Cooperative University of Kenya on 1 December, 2017.

John joined Jitegemee in 2009 when he was in Class 8, and it was soon clear he was a hard-working, bright student. He progressed to Machakos Boys High School and after achieving excellent results in his K.C.S.E. (GED-equivalent) exams, he progressed to Cooperative University of Kenya to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce (BComm). John passed his BComm with a 2nd Class Upper Division – an excellent final grade.

John grew up in Machakos and is the second of four children. His parents have never had formal employment and are very proud of their son’s achievement. John plans to form either an audit or financial consultancy firm. We are so proud of his achievement and wish him well as he enters professional life.
“I went to Jitegemee and met Teacher Elizabeth. She gave me a cup of tea and counseled me. She told me not to go back to the streets, but instead to join Jitegemee. I kept going to Jitegemee every day. They would give me a meal and talk with me. Because I was now getting food at Jitegemee, I could go home and live in peace with my family; I no longer had to fight my family for food.”

That’s how Catherine’s story begins. It all changed when some children she met on the streets of Machakos told her about Jitegemee – they said Jitegemee would give her food and help her with her education.

“After I graduated I remained at my mentor’s shop for additional training and networking. I was not being paid regularly, but my mentor would give me tokens of appreciation. In 2014, I was employed as a manager at my mentor’s place. Now that I am making a steady salary, I have a better way of life.”

And Catherine is paying it forward. She is the Treasurer of Jitegemee’s Alumni Committee, and for the past few years trained current Jitegemee students in dressmaking, including Faith and Christine, two of our 2017 Vocational graduates. Catherine also continues to further her studies and is currently enrolled in classes to get her high school (KCSE) certificate.

“I know it sounds harsh, but if I had not joined Jitegemee, I would probably be dead due to the difficulties I faced on the street. Jitegemee has brought me from nothing to something. God bless Jitegemee and give it strength to support other children.”

“Theatre is coming home...”

JITEGEMEE SAVED ME – CATHERINE NTHENYA, VOCATIONAL GRADUATE

“I had finished primary school in 2007, but my mother couldn’t afford to send me to secondary school. Or even buy food. At twelve years old, I left home because there was no food or peace at home. I would sit outside the supermarket begging for money.”
Research shows Jitegemee graduates are self-sustaining. Lynn Armel, a Master’s candidate in international sustainable development at Brandeis University in Boston, MA, joined Jitegemee staff in Machakos for a six-month research internship. Lynn and Jitegemee staff interviewed almost 100 Jitegemee Vocational alumni, and her research revealed a lot about Jitegemee’s ongoing impact.
Jitegemee has provided vocational education to 422 street and vulnerable children in Machakos, Kenya, over the past 14 years. Our Vocational Rehabilitation Program begins with a 6-month rehabilitation course, where students are able to learn social and life skills in a safe and supportive environment that fosters growth, dependability, and the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency. Students then go on to do 12 months of training and mentorship with a tradesperson in the community, where they gain skills in their selected trade.

During these 12 months, the students continue to take lunch at Jitegemee on a daily basis. They also meet with Jitegemee teachers on a weekly basis to review and provide feedback on what they have been learning. At the end of the 12-month trade training, Jitegemee teachers evaluate the students and enter those who are ready for the Government Trade Examination (Level III), a nationally-recognized entry-level trade qualification.

DOES IT WORK?
Over the past 6 months, Lynn and Jitegemee staff were able to track down a large group of our alumni to see how they are doing. The results are in, and the impact of Jitegemee’s Vocational Program on its graduates is quite exciting!

• 93% of alumni reported that they are working and earning!

• 83% of these are working in the trade they studied. This is great compared with Kenya’s national unemployment rate of 39.1%, according to a recent report by United Nations, Human Development Index (HDI) 2017.

• In addition to providing the basics for their families, 61% of our alumni are also paying school fees for a family member or friend.

• And they’re paying it forward to other Jitegemee students. 43% of our graduates are training and mentoring a current Jitegemee student in their trade, or have done so in the recent past.
WHAT ALUMNI ARE SAYING

“I am now self sustainable and this is all because of Jitegemee.”

“Given me the ability to get skills needed in the job market.”

“Jitegemee is so far the foundation of my life.”

“Opened the world for me.”

“It was the starting point for me and my future.”

|HAVE REFERRED OTHER CHILDREN TO JITEGEMEE| 68% |
|MENTOR A CURRENT JITEGEMEE STUDENT| 43% |
|STAYED CONNECTED TO JITEGEMEE| 91% |
|PAYING FOR A FAMILY MEMBER’S EDUCATION| 61% |
stepping up our game
WHAT WE’VE BEEN UP TO IN 2017

FEEDING PROGRAM PROGRAM
In 2017, we served more than 18,000 nutritional meals to our children, averaging between 60 and 80 children every day. We’ve also improved our menu, introducing breakfast and a wider variety of vegetables, grains and fruits. Our feeding program often provides our children’s only meal of the day, and ensures our students regularly attend class.

HEALTH SERVICES
18 students were trained as sexual and reproductive health peer educators, and conducted training workshops with our children and parents/guardians throughout the year. 156 children and 132 parents/guardians participated in our Annual Health Days, where they received a check-up, necessary medications, and referrals to specialists. 69 children were referred to our new program doctor for minor ailments and treatment throughout the year.

ANNUAL FIELD TRIP
55 of our primary school students visited Tsavo West National Park for their Annual Field Trip. They saw elephants, giraffes, zebras, and antelopes, and visited a volcanic site and the famous natural Mzima Springs. For many children, this was their first time seeing wild animals or traveling to a National Game Park. Later in the year, more than 50 Vocational students went hiking in Hell’s Gate National Park, took a boat ride past hippos on Lake Naivasha, and spent a fun-filled night at the Lake Naivasha YMCA.

ART CLASSES
Two local graffiti artists inspired our children with regular art activities, while also brightening our campus. During school breaks, our children painted Jitegemee’s gate and perimeter wall, a mural in the Vocational classroom, and learned to print t-shirts. They also participated in an end-of-year fashion show of garments made from recycled materials.

COMPUTER CLASSES
Over the course of the year, Jitegemee students have become computer literate. Our primary and secondary students learned basic computer skills during the school breaks, while our vocational students took computer classes throughout the six months of their Rehabilitation Program. Three of our high school graduates used their time after graduating to become proficient in HTML coding and Wordpress web design. We also had a generous donation of primary school curriculum-aligned software from Avallain Foundation, which our primary school students used for extra study.
Students add their personal touch to the Jitegemee building.

Graffiti artists lead students in an art project to brighten up the Jitegemee campus’ gate and perimeter wall.
Students travel to Hells Gate National Park.

For many children, this was their first time seeing wild animals or traveling to a National Game Park. Students hiked through the gorge at Hell’s Gate National Park, learning about the area’s rich geography and history.
our strong team
Together we thrive.

We’ve had some significant changes to our team at Jitegemee, and of late, we’ve started calling ourselves the “Strong Team.” We’ve not only gotten stronger this year, our team has also doubled in size in the space of twelve months. After thirteen years of service to Jitegemee, Mike Kimeu, our former Project Director, stepped down at the start of 2017. We thank Mike for his dedication to our students, and wish him well with his next adventure.
In 2017, we hit a significant milestone, one we’ve been dreaming of for a long time – we hired our first Jitegemee graduates to join the staff. Charles Kieti, who was the first Jitegemee college student to graduate, did a one-month internship at Jitegemee. An ICT graduate, Charles joined our school holiday program and taught our students basic computer skills during the April school break. Thank you, Charles!

Peter Muasya, who graduated in 2016 from the University of Nairobi with a Bachelor’s degree in Economics, joined us in April 2017 as our Finance and Operations Intern. Peter has made a huge contribution to the team, assisting when needed in the finance department, and ensuring our financials are in order and compliant with international standards. Towards the end of 2017, he oversaw the full renovation of our biodigester to become operational. It’s been a treat to see Peter move easily from one of our students, to a strong part of our team, often advising us on how to better improve our programs and services. Delighted with his contribution and level of professionalism, we offered him a full-time position as Operations and Finance Officer at the end of 2017.

Alex Mutiso Zakayo is the Senior Founding Teacher of Jitegemee, and has been with us from day one, supported by his dear late wife, Veronica Nzilani Zakayo. Veronica and Alex married in 1980, and for the past few years, Veronica was working at the Machakos Level 5 Hospital as a patient attendant. In early 2017, Veronica started struggling with some health problems, and was later diagnosed with cancer. She passed away on July 26, leaving behind Alex and their six adult children. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Joshua Muema joined us in April 2017 as Jitegemee’s new Social Worker, taking over management of the Secondary and Post-Secondary programs, as well as the Guidance and Counseling program. Joshua has been an energetic and dedicated team member, and has done a thorough overhaul of these programs.
His first year at Jitegemee has been filled with visits to almost all our students in high school or college, to ensure he knows them and can provide them with the best and most appropriate support. He attests that “joining Jitegemee as the Social Worker was like a dream come true. Being in a position to impact the lives and address the psychological issues facing our children and their families gives me great personal and professional satisfaction. Jitegemee truly is the place to be!”

Elizabeth Nzivo has been with Jitegemee since 2005, starting as our Office Assistant, and quickly joining our teaching staff. She’s been responsible for our Primary School Sponsorship program, as well as the Feeding and Health programs. She also helped launch our Parent Empowerment Program. For years, Elizabeth has been a trusted mentor and persistent advocate for our students, often forfeiting precious time with her own family to ensure our students are safe and healthy. In 2017, we promoted Elizabeth to Programs Manager and she now ably oversees all our programming areas and manages our program staff. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

NEW KENYA BOARD MEMBERS

Peggy Ochola and Martina Amoth joined our Kenya Board in September 2017. Joining our four long-serving board members, Terry Mutuku (Chair), Peter Nduulu, Rasto Omolo, and Benedicter Musau, these two energetic and supportive young professionals are a great addition to our Kenya board.

Peggy Ochola, a Harvard University graduate, is no stranger to Jitegemee, having interned with us several years ago. She now runs her own NGO in Nairobi, Promoting Access to Community Education (PACE), which recruits high school graduates to volunteer in public schools as teaching assistants.

Martina Amoth is also a long-time friend of Jitegemee, and in 2017 donated thousands of dollars worth of educational software to Jitegemee through the company she works for, Avallain Foundation. Martina also holds a doctorate in International Education from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

We are delighted to have not only the ongoing support of our four original Kenyan board members, but also welcome these two new members to the team.
From 2-9 September, a small group of visitors from the United States of America came to Jitegemee. This group included David Woods, a longtime friend of Jitegemee, along with Abby Kral and Catherine Mosca, both board members in the U.S.A. David had this to say about his visit to Kenya, Machakos, and Jitegemee.

I have known Farah Stockman since before she founded Jitegemee. I was a colleague of her mother, Ida Stockman, at Howard University. I served on the U.S.A. Board of Jitegemee for a few years, more than ten years ago. I was unable to visit Machakos in the past when the opportunity arose. So, a few months ago, when I visited Farah and Ida in Cambridge (MA), I heard of the plans for a trip to Machakos. I decided to join the trip, thinking that I was going as an observer of a program that I have supported. I was not prepared for the complete immersion in the Jitegemee program. I was met at the airport by the new Director Verity Norman-Tichawangana and her husband Fungai.

When we arrived at the colorful gate of the Jitegemee building, we were greeted by many students singing and dancing. “Karibu!” they cried and we felt the enthusiastic Welcome! Soon we were shaking hands with students and staff. I was not a quiet observer. I was a willing participant in Jitegemee.

My visit was about people. The leadership team planned activities that brought us into contact with students, staff, and parents. We helped make a meal of chapatis in the kitchen with the students. We traveled to Lake Naivasha with the students. We hiked with the students. We shared ideas and meals with the teaching staff, who were always available to guide and stimulate the students.

When two of us talked to the students about the Martin Luther King “dream” speech (shown to the students in a video), it was the staff who interpreted our difficult American English into a more comprehensible Kikamba. It was the staff who helped stimulate the students to articulate their own dreams. And we sat with the parents in the lovely yard of Villa Machakos, where we learned to make saleable products out of beads. We all (students, staff, parents, and visitors) were immersed in the spirit of Jitegemee.

The leadership team (Verity and the staff) have developed a vibrant school spirit with a growing sense of community. The basic needs of the children are provided for, which enables them to be alert students. Students and staff are part of the local Kamba community. Yet there is growing awareness of the need for greater exposure to the world outside of Machakos. Our trip by bus to Lake Naivasha extended the children’s experience. Jitegemee’s director is herself a symbol of the outside world. Her roots are in South Africa and Zimbabwe. She has lived in the United States. It is an ambitious goal to raise student awareness of the outside world. I believe that good communication skills are vital to that awareness. I found “Kenyan English” difficult for my old ears. Some of us spoke of expanding and organizing a library for Jitegemee. Reading and travel expand horizons. Excellence in English will serve the students at home in Kenya and abroad, when they have opportunities to travel.

This observer became a member of the Jitegemee community. I was welcomed and immersed in the energy of Jitegemee.

Asante sana!

- David Woods
Abby Kral visits with students in Machakos.

U.S.A. Board of Directors member and Treasurer, Abby Kral, visited Machakos this year. She spent time with our vocational students, touring their places of work and learning about their trade training.
In 2016, our Vocational Program provided rehabilitation classes to 40 new students. 35 continuing students were attached to mentors in Machakos to pursue trades including carpentry, hairdressing, plumbing, tailoring, welding, and vehicle repair maintenance. We also started a new catering stream in 2016, specifically to provide our girls with more trade options, and 11 students selected that option. 20 of our vocational students passed their Government Grade Test III at the end of 2016.

In 2017, we launched our #JitegemeeDream, an online visual storytelling initiative that will continue in 2018. Working with Zimbabwean photojournalist, Fungai Tichawangana, students took photos, videos, and wrote stories about their lives and their dreams for a brighter future. Muthina Kioko shares her story.
MUTHINA KIOKO

My name is Muthina Kioko, and my #JitegemeeDream is to become a doctor.

I am 14 years old and am in Form One at St. Lawrence Girls School. My favorite subject is Chemistry. Other people find it hard, but I like it very much.

I have three brothers and I am the second born. Our home is in Machakos.

Although my parents work hard, they do not have enough to support the four of us. They do not have enough to pay our school fees. They do not have enough money to buy school uniforms for us, books to read, or textbooks for school.

There were times, in the past, when we’d go to bed without eating anything. I found it difficult to continue with education at my school because I was often very hungry.

Then one day, someone told my mum about jitegemee Children’s Program. March 3, 2015. I still remember that day. I was in Class 7. It was my first day at Jitegemee. I was so nervous and afraid. Other children would greet me and I’d start crying. In time, I learnt how to socialize with the friends I made at Jitegemee.

Jitegemee gave me support for my education. They paid my school fees for primary and now for high school. They also gave me books to read. They also give me a meal every day.

I am so very grateful for Jitegemee for the support and good training they continue to give me.

For more stories and photos like Muthina’s, please visit www.jitegemee.org to follow our #JitegemeeDream series on social media. We also used this storytelling initiative to support our 2017 online fundraising efforts, contributing to more than $14,000 raised online in 2017.
Our 2017 expenditure was $206,252, and we raised a total of $199,034, including in-kind donations. Below is the breakdown of how we spent funds across our program, as is the breakdown of where our donations came from. As Jitegemee continues to grow, in 2018, we look forward to expanding and diversifying our fundraising efforts – both in the USA as well as in Kenya.
2017 TOTAL OPERATIONS EXPENDITURE
$206,252 USD (20,418,948 KSH)

BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORY:

- **School Sponsorship & Support**
  $51,419 USD (5,090,481 KSH)
- **Feeding Program**
  $10,924 USD (1,081,476 KSH)
- **Vocational Program**
  $16,199 USD (1,603,701 KSH)
- **Family Assistance and Healthcare**
  $7,054 USD (698,346 KSH)
- **Computer Program**
  $5,855 USD (579,645 KSH)
- **Kenya Admin**
  $41,042 USD (4,063,158 KSH)
- **US Admin & Support**
  $27,812 USD (2,753,388 KSH)
- **Fundraising & Image**
  $19,998 USD (1,979,802 KSH)
- **Monitoring and Evaluation**
  $5,441 USD (257,500 KSH)
- **Building & Facility Expenses**
  $10,225 USD (1,012,275 KSH)
- **Severance Pay**
  $10,286 USD (1,018,314 KSH)

2017 FUNDRAISING TOTAL
$199,034 USD (19,704,366 KSH)

BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORY:

- **Family Foundations**
  $107,500 USD (10,642,500 KSH)
- **Fundraising Events**
  $34,494 USD (3,414,906 KSH)
- **Online**
  $14,072 USD (1,393,128 KSH)
- **Mailings**
  $14,015 USD (1,387,485 KSH)
- **General**
  $10,869 USD (1,076,031 KSH)
- **In-Kind Donations**
  $18,083 USD (1,790,217 KSH)
- **In-Kind Donations**
  $10,286 USD (1,018,314 KSH)

We wouldn’t be able to support our children without a HUGE amount of help from friends around the world. A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who donated to Jitegemee in 2017. We raised $199,034 this year and also received countless hours of volunteer support from our friends and family.
It takes a village.

A very special thank you goes out to Segal Family Foundation, who awarded Jitegemee an annual grant of $75,000, with an additional $6,500 in smaller grants for further internal capacity building. We also send a particular thanks to our dear friends and family foundations who made donations or grants of over $5,000 in 2017 – the Workman Wacker Family Foundation, the Kaplan Family Foundation, and the Topol Family Foundation, along with David & Charlotte Ackert, Shu Kahn & Kevin Lang, Kathleen McCaffery, and Michelle Brooks. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed in some way to our fundraising parties, held in Boston, New York City, and Washington, D.C., which helped us raise almost $35,000. Special thanks go to our board members who hosted these events, along with support from Charlotte Ackert who again underwrote the cost of our NYC fundraiser. A very heartfelt thank you as well to Abim Thomas, Derrick Jackson, Dr. David Shafer of Shafer Plastic Surgery and Laser Center, L Barbour, certified yoga consultant, Asya Ollis, Sonya Kharas of The League of Kitchens, Cathy Mosca, Kyalo Maingi, Light of Hope Ministries (Machakos), Fungai Tichawangana, Mark Palmer, and Laura Ewan for their generous contributions of time and effort.
Thank you to our generous donors of $5,000 or more:

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The Avallain Foundation
Machakos County Municipality
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The Red Sox Foundation
“I am so very grateful for Jitegemee for the support and good training they continue to give me.”

– Muthina Kioko
DONATE

We are trying to raise $265,000 in 2018 to continue extending our support to vulnerable young people like Muthina. We continue to grow the program and are working hard to stabilize, diversify and expand our sources of income.

You can join us in these efforts by donating today, or anytime throughout the year, using any of the following options.

ONLINE BY CREDIT CARD:
www.jitegemee.org
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one strong team
THE JITEGEMEE FAMILY

Last year, as we grew and strengthened our team, we started calling ourselves the STRONG TEAM. Our goal is to be strong and provide the best support possible to our children. A BIG thank you to this STRONG TEAM in Machakos for the exceptional hard work in 2017!

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