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THE GRANDMOTHERS AND THE ELDERLY PROJECT



Two Grandmothers and their orphaned grandchildren

The GROW BIOINTENSIVE Agriculture Centre of Kenya (G-BIACK) is implementing a project dubbed the Grand Mothers and the Elderly Project. It focuses on empowering the Grannies to take care of their orphaned grandchildren who have been left behind by their parents mostly due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. We help the grandmothers to establish sustainable, nutritional kitchen gardens, help them purchase school uniforms for the orphans so they can attend school, and provide sewing skills to the children who have already finished school, and other basic life skills.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic in Kenya continues to be a major national challenge. It is estimated that over 1.6 million people have died due to AIDS related illnesses, resulting in over 1.8 million children left orphans. After the deaths of the parents, the majority of these children are left with their grandmothers, but HIV/AIDS has exhausted whatever resources they may once have had, leaving the family very poor. The grandparents are very old to teach them life skills and the emotional and developmental impact on the children is great.

A survey carried out by G-BIACK in 2015 demonstrated a drastic need for interventions to reach out to these families and give them support and empowerment. The data also indicates that adult caregivers, both parents and guardians, have needs of their own that must be addressed in order to improve and prolong their capacity to care for these children.

Lets us partner in this project.

Visit our web site: www.g-black.org. Go to Google maps to see us from above by entering: G-BIACK, Thika, Kenya

Donations of any amount help us to reach out to vulnerable families; contributions may be made through Network for Good on our web site. G-BIACK is a registered NGO in Kenya, and donations made directly to G-BIACK are tax deductible. But to enable G-BIACK to receive the full amount, checks payable to Kilili Self Help Project may be written and sent to 260 Marion Ave., Mill Valley CA 94941 USA—no overhead will be deducted, meaning that 100% of every donation will be sent to G-BIACK for our programmes. Donations are tax deductible.

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