

SPONSOR A STUDENT

Our sponsor a student scheme provides an opportunity to contribute to the vocational education of Kenyan (young) adults with a mental disability. A student can be sponsored for only \$25 a month.

With these donations you contribute to school fees, educational materials, lunches and transportation of 'your' student. If you don't want to contribute to Marianne Center on a monthly basis you can of course also donate just once. The profiles of the students and more information about this sponsor scheme can be found on our website or ask one of the staff of Marianne Center.



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

From City Centre take matatu no.107 to Ndenderu. Alight at Karura shopping centre at the terminus of the matatu. From there follow the Marianne Center signs.

By car, you take A104 (this is Nairobi Nakuru highway) Limuru road. Turn off on the left at Ndenderu junction and drive on about 1km to Karura and turn left on earth road at Karura Center. Pass Wangunyu primary school and Wangunyu Girls High School. Turn right down the road and proceed up to MC.

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Marianne Center



"I am Able"

Training center for (young) adults
with a mental disability

Marianne Center is a vocational training center with the purpose of providing people with a mental disability an opportunity to grow to the best of their abilities through education and community integration. Marianne Center promises them a haven where they can explore their abilities, receive training to improve skills and gain a sense of accomplishment. We invite you to find out more about our organization, join our family of customers and donors, volunteer at our training center and fund raising events, introduce your friends to Marianne Center, and see what extraordinary things people with mental disability can achieve.



OUR MISSION

To empower people with a mental disability and enable them to become more self-reliant, fully integrated and accepted members of the society. Bringing these people back to society will help others in their environment and society at large, to appreciate them instead of seeing them as different.

OUR STUDENTS

We target (young) adults with a mild or moderate mental disability from 16 until 50 years of age.

ACTIVITIES

The (young) adults are trained in basic skills of life and vocational and income-generating activities. At the end of the training their capabilities will be assessed and they will be attached to an employer where they get the possibility to perform basic tasks.



PROGRAMS

Programs we have included in our training center are gardening, personal hygiene, cooking, housekeeping activities, farming, music, arts and diverse handcrafts. Our training center mainly focuses on income-generating activities, where our students practise vocational skills and get familiar with job responsibilities. Because of our income-generating activities like selling milk, eggs, vegetables and chickens, people in the area improve the integration of these mentally disabled people by buying these products. We also incorporated a social workplace at the center, where industrial businesses can outsource their simple routine tasks to our students.

This approach gives these (young) adults access to the education they need, and reduce their vulnerability by increasing their coping mechanisms as well as enabling them to become more self-reliant and gather a place in society.

We believe that it is important that Kenyans get to know more about people with a mental disability in order to bring them back to society. We therefore organize once a year an awareness event in Nairobi where the (young) adults of the center show their talents, like singing, dancing, music and where they display the products they made.

We also have a shop to display and sell the products which are made by the students.

Twice a year we organize an open day at the center. During an open day every one who is interested is welcome to visit and gather information about our activities.

This training center is the first in Kenya to address the training needs of this specific target group. Our activities are supported by a broad group of specialists who ensure high quality education and competent support of the students.