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Celebrating 10 Years of Compassion

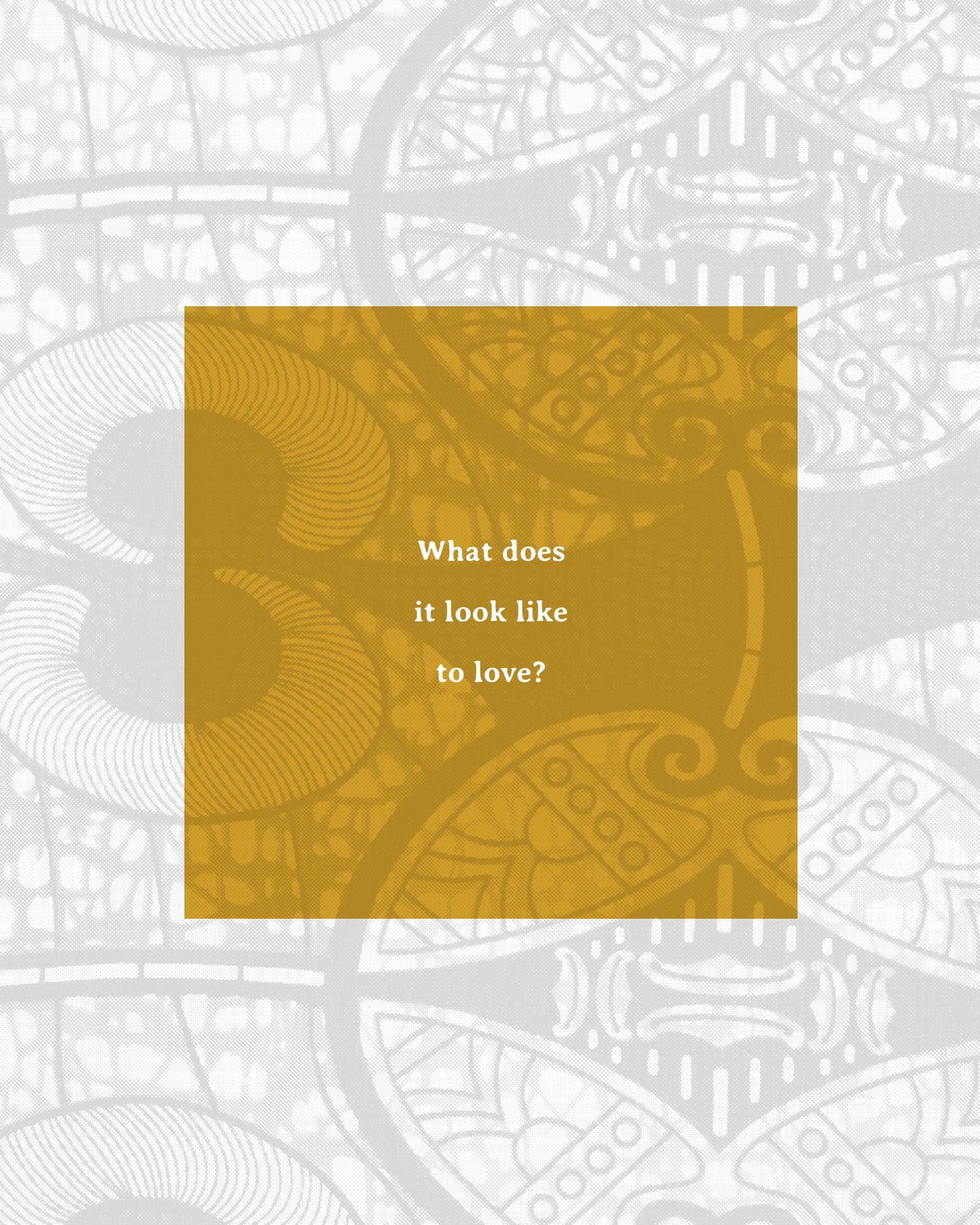
10 years of compassionately honoring life and offering hope in end-of-life care.

Opening the Doors in Eldoret

Living Room's newest care center in Eldoret— a 49 bed, facility that is redefining palliative care in East Africa.

2018 Financial Report

A brief look at the numbers as Living Room continues to grow and learn how to care for its community better.



**What does
it look like
to love?**



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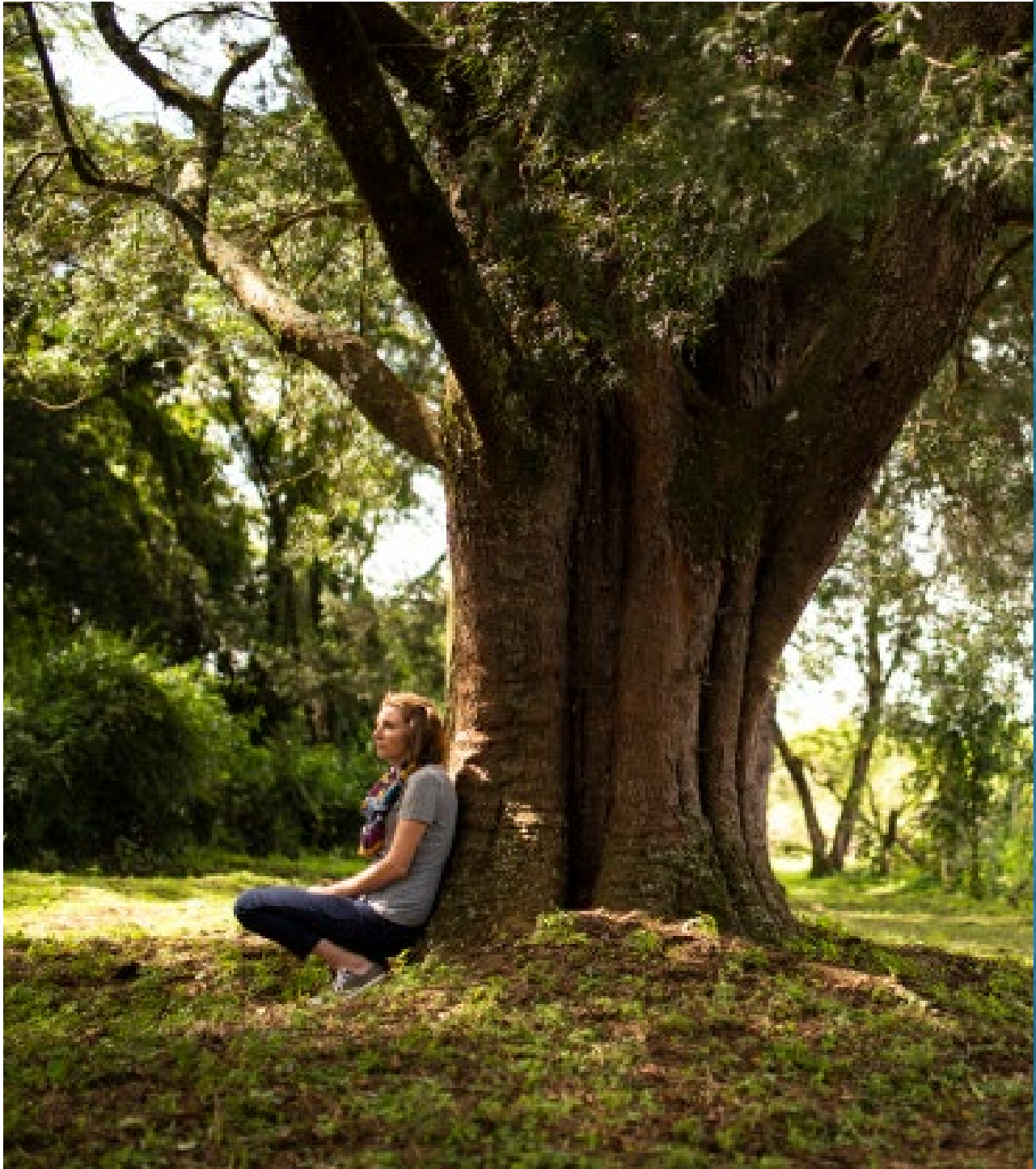
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Dear Friends,

Ten years ago, I said ‘yes’ to a dream that was filling my mind, heart and soul of creating a place of refuge and hope for those in our community who were needlessly suffering. This vision was growing before Living Room officially began through the care of our neighbors. There were two toddlers who were orphans living with HIV/AIDS and on the verge of starvation. Felix and Flovia were their names, and love compelled us to try. Our version of “intensive care” was poured deeply into both of the children.

Their story has been told before. Months into their care, Felix’s condition suddenly worsened, and he passed away very quickly. Flovia, on the other hand, came back to life, literally before our very eyes. We equally grieved Felix’s death as we also celebrated the gift of Flovia’s life.

I knew it then as I still know it now: **Living Room’s work is not about whether a guest lives or dies, it is all about loving.**

Several years ago, my friend and mentor, Dr. Joe Mamlin, told me that if we ever got around to writing a book about the lessons we have learned from our work in Kenya (and beyond), the title should be: *Only Love Matters*. The first chapter could read: *Only Love Matters*. The second chapter and each subsequent one would follow suit: *Only Love Matters*.

Ten years into Living Room’s journey, I find myself humbled and amazed by where the path has taken us. It has not been an easy road by any means but one that has been transformative and life-giving to so many. A magnificent team of Kenyans has developed, creating a beautiful community of compassion who daily take care of our guests and their loved ones, providing holistic care in Jesus’ name.

Loving the person right in front of us has led to thousands of guests and families being served. Each man, woman and child has come with their unique story – all made in the image of God. For many, Living Room has been a place of refuge for their final days on this earth. It has been our team’s great privilege to hold them and their stories, to serve as a bridge between this world and that which is still to come. For others, **Living Room has remarkably been a place where their life and health have been restored.**

As we celebrate 10 years of service, we also know there is much work still to be done. As I write this letter, we have just launched Living Room’s Kimbilio Care Center in Eldoret. This second campus is allowing Living Room to strategically partner with the larger health-care system to model compassionate patient care that we believe will improve the quality of life for so many within Kenya. We are also dreaming to implement an education and leadership center that will allow Living Room’s palliative care programs to be replicated throughout East Africa and beyond.

All of these dreams becoming a reality are in thanks to God; and in thanks to your love and generous support of Living Room. We feel incredibly blessed to have such a strong team of partners from all over the world who have stood with us on this journey, believing that this work of loving is sacred and worth whatever it costs.

With love and thanks,



Juli McGowan Boit, International Director



We are Living Room

Honoring life. Offering hope.



Vision

Create a community of compassion for some of the world's most vulnerable adults and children in need of hospice care.



Belief

Every person is created in the image of God. More than treating a disease, we care for a person holistically.



Ministry

Extend quality physical, psychological, and spiritual care to patients and their families.



Mission

To provide dignity and quality of life to people in Kenya affected by life-threatening illnesses through holistic care and education.



Mission Goals



PATIENT CARE

Increase access & affordability of palliative care services to adults and children in Kenya.



PARTNERSHIP

Strengthen our services and reach through local and international partners.



SYSTEMIC TRANSFORMATION

Demonstrate a model of compassionate care as well as education & research.



FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Develop income generating businesses in line with Living Room's mission to increase financial sustainability.

LIVING ROOM

Overview

Living Room is a hospice and palliative care organization in Western Kenya with two inpatient facilities and a home-based care program. We exist to offer holistic care to men, women and children suffering from life-threatening illnesses, which includes pain and symptom management, nutrition, physical therapy, and psychological and spiritual support. We hold a deep belief that every person is made in the image of God and therefore deserves the very best care, regardless of age, race, tribe, religion, education level or ability to pay.

The activities of Living Room are guided by our desire to relieve suffering, offer hope, and honor the lives of those patients entrusted to us; but we also aim to impact the healthcare system in East Africa by providing palliative care education and training for caregivers and healthcare providers. We are working with the Ministry of Health in Kenya and other key stakeholders to strengthen the palliative care services in other facilities and demonstrate a model of excellence.

Undergirding our care programs is a commitment to financial sustainability. Our funeral home complements and enhances our services to the families of our patients as well as the people in surrounding communities. We value partnerships both locally and internationally, and seek to involve others in this sacred work of showing love through compassionate care.



LIVING ROOM CATCHMENT AREA

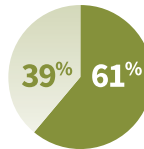
Uasin Gishu County

2,955.3

Sq. Kilometers
(Coverage Area)

894,179

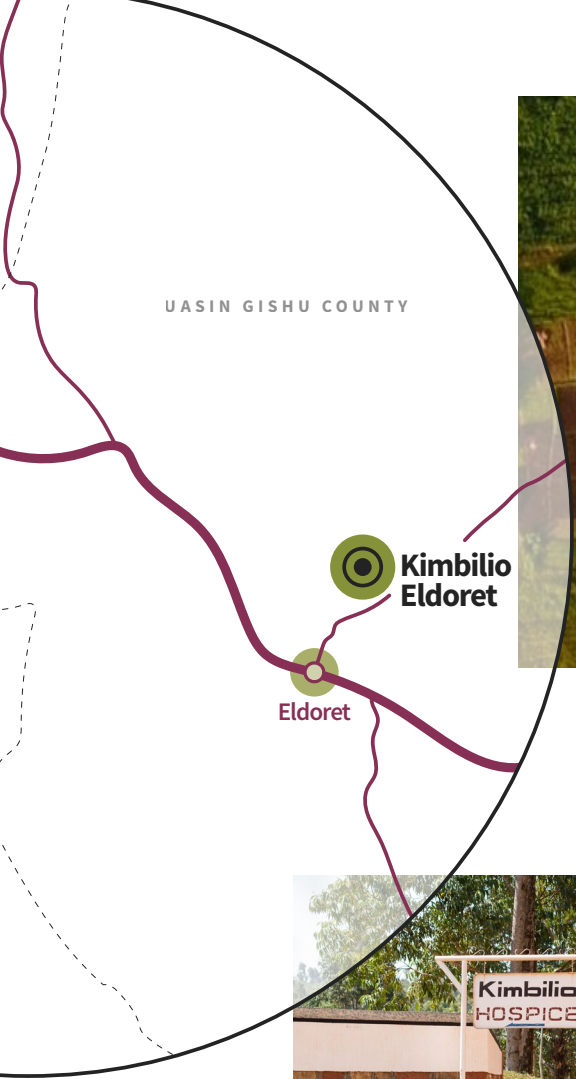
Population
(As of 2009)



Urban | Rural



Governor
Jackson Mandago



0° 35' 11.9" N, 34° 59' 06.3" E



Kimbilio Kipkaren

ESTABLISHED IN 2009

Kimbilio Hospice (Kiswahili for Refuge) is a 26 bed, inpatient hospice that provides quality palliative care services to adults and children living with life-threatening illnesses.

Services:

- Inpatient Hospice
- Community Based Care
- Orphans Support
- Physical Therapy
- Funeral Home



183

Guests in 2018



1,517

Home visits to guests
in community



26

Inpatient beds



51

Employees

CELEBRATING
10 Years
OF
Compassion

"But when he saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them."

Matthew 9:36

Moved with compassion. Moved by God. Moved for God. Moved to God. Moved to the deepest part of our being. Forced to action.

We are grateful that God was and still is moved with compassion. We are grateful for the opportunities He has given us daily to be moved with compassion. They are many—if we only keep our eyes and hearts open.



• 2009

Our team engages in a battle we did not initially set out to fight. What started as an isolated situation of creating a Palliative Care Center, a home of sorts, for two HIV+ orphans gives birth to the dream of Living Room and specifically, Kimbilio Hospice.



• 2012

Our reputation for excellent holistic care grows. As we address the physical, spiritual, emotional and social needs of those suffering, families from ALL parts of Kenya begin to bring their loved ones.



• 2015

Through miracles that only God can do, Living Room purchases 8 acres of land near Eldoret town to expand our services to a second site.



• 2016

Former guest, Eddah, joins the Kimbilio team as a caregiver. Pictured here, she offers love to a little boy whose mother passed away at Kimbilio.



• 2010

Caring for our guests begins in an 8-bed “maternity wing,” rented from a local health clinic. It is a sacred space – a space to learn and explore what hospice and palliative care services could be in Kenya.



• 2011

Moving day...May 7th! Construction of our 26-bed inpatient hospice on 10 acres of land is complete.



• 2013

Filmmakers Kimberly Nunez-North and Travis North, of Passion Projects, create a full-length documentary, *The Space Between*, about Kimbilio Hospice and it is shown worldwide to create awareness about the work in Kenya.



• 2014

Risper Kimaiyo, ambassador for Living Room’s Kimbilio Hospice, wins the Long Beach Marathon. Her determination, humility, and unbelievable speed is a great source of inspiration and support for Living Room.



• 2017

One of our first guests in 2010, Purity is thriving as she benefits from an educational scholarship through our outreach program.



• 2018

After 17 months of construction, the keys of Kimbilio Care Center are handed over to the Kenya Board and we begin to form the team who will carry out the vision at this new site in Eldoret.



Upendo *Love*

JOSHUA MCGOWAN

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4

“I used to be angry all the time; I’m no longer angry,” he matter-of-factly declared to the room filled with visitors who had come from near and far to celebrate the opening of a second Living Room site in early 2019. The visitors consisted of Kenyan and US Living Room board members, along with several representatives from a handful of the churches and organizations who have ongoing partnerships with the Living Room.

Jacob Ananda, a guest of Living Room’s Kimbilio Hospice, from 2011 until 2015, recounted his journey from anger and hopelessness to resiliency and purpose. He was a schoolteacher from Nairobi who was rendered paraplegic when a bullet lodged itself in his spinal column at the hands of thieves who violently broke into his home. Confined to a bed in an overcrowded Nairobi hospital for eight months, Jacob had developed severe bedsores that were terribly infected and difficult to treat. Even more difficult to treat was the emotional despair and hopelessness that so often accompanies those who experience, as Jacob had, a seeming loss of identity and purpose.

Day-by-day, the team of Kimbilio Hospice cared for him. Diligently cleaning his wounds. Turning him regularly in his bed. Bringing him a meal or a cup of chai. Lifting him in and out of his wheelchair. Providing physical therapy and offering tips for increased mobility. Driving him to one of his many consultations and surgeries. Perhaps most significantly, however, they not only provided Jacob a space to mourn, but they mourned with him, sitting with him and loving him. As days of care became weeks, months, and years, a dramatic transformation occurred in Jacob’s life as he received holistic care.

He began to physically heal and learned to mobilize despite still having difficulty maneuvering around his new limitations. Quite remarkably, however, it is the undeniable change in his countenance that speaks loudest of his improved well-being; there is a light in his eyes that silently but undeniably narrates a story of resiliency and hope, and with his words, he articulates a renewed purpose – to advocate on behalf of those who are differently-abled.

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Linda & Jacob during a class session

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Sitting beside him that day, listening attentively as Jacob shared his story, was 11 year-old Linda, a guest of the Living Room since 2017. An accident with a kerosene lamp in early 2016 had severely burned her legs, after which neglect and improper treatment of her wounds resulted in excruciating, insufferable pain, eventually losing the ability even to straighten her legs or walk. The girl who sat in front of the room, however, was nothing like the image of the sorrow-filled, contracted patient who had arrived at Kimbilio Hospice nearly two years prior.

Jacob's and Linda's journeys contained many parallels. Both arrived at Kimbilio Hospice with extensive wounds that seemed as though they would never heal and a hopelessness so pronounced it was palpable. As a guest of the Living Room, Linda similarly received daily

holistic care and underwent several surgeries. Slowly, pain lessened and wounds healed, and life and hope returned to her eyes. Linda eventually even regained the ability to walk.

Months after arriving at Kimbilio Hospice, Linda shared with one of her caregivers that she was afraid she was falling behind in school. It was decided that Jacob, who had returned home to his wife and sons, would be invited to join the Living Room staff as Linda's private tutor. Jacob, the "kali" (Swahili word for strict) schoolteacher, and Linda, the eager student, formed a deep bond, perhaps forged by similar ventures into deepest despair before discovering hope and purpose.

Jacob recounted, "I asked Linda what she wants to be. She told me, 'I want to be a surgeon.' She will be a surgeon," he declared. "I will see to it that she can become a surgeon."

It is all Grace

CHRISTINA SHAFER

It is all grace. Her shy smile, the light in her eyes, the fire within her and the compassion that flows out - it is all grace.

In 2008, Flovia's story almost ended before it even began. At two and a half years old, no more than 15 pounds, her frail body lay weak on the floor. She was dying. By God's grace, she found herself surrounded by a community who chose to stand in faith and respond, "let's try," even in the face of seemingly insurmountable challenges.

Long days, middle of the night fears, constant attention, many tears and saying yes over and over again to try. She was surrounded by a community that carried her and amplified the still small voice; the voice that breathes life and love into the body and soul. That faithful response, "let's try," became the seed that would grow into the mission and vision of Kimbilio.

Flovia's life - it is all grace! Does she know how tightly woven her story is with the birth of a community that has now given hope to thousands? Does she know that the gift of her life has inspired this community to keep diligently seeking to try? That her story has given thousands of others a chance to re-write their stories - from pain and suffering to life and refuge?

Everything about Flovia, it is the sweetest gift and all grace. More than a decade later she smiles, laughs, runs, works diligently in school (now in 7th grade), welcomes people in, cares for others, has a quiet grace about her and knows deeply that she is loved. Flovia is a true gift not only to those in her circle, but to hundreds and thousands of others. She may never fully grasp just how far reaching the gift of her life truly is and the community and legacy it inspired. A community committed to love deeply, care sincerely and try no matter the odds, no matter the outcome.



Linda in her new school uniform.



Job, 5 year old guest of Living Room

Loving Job

ALLISON TARUS

Five year old Job arrived at Kimbilio Hospice on April 12, 2018. Brought by his father, grandmother and aunt who lovingly cared for him since he was first diagnosed with rhabdomyosarcoma at 1 ½ years old. Job received treatment, after which the cancer no longer appeared in his body; until March 2018 when the scan showed the cancer had recurred and spread – stage 4 with a projected one month to live.

And so God's story in Job's life became part of our story at Kimbilio; and we were once again given the great privilege of loving him. Job was quiet, expressionless, restless, unable to walk and in pain when he first came. After one month of love and care at Kimbilio, we began to see Job's personality as he began to feel better. Talking, laughing, wheeling himself out to the veranda to play with others; we were privileged to see a glimpse of who God created Job to be. Towards the end of June, however, it was obvious the cancer had continued to eat away at Job's body and his suffering began to increase again. Job's body was shutting down. His left leg swollen. His abdomen distended. Clearly in pain. Not enough strength to actually cry but only groan in pain. Our team tried everything to reduce his pain, comfort him in his distress, and ensured that someone was present with him at all times.

On the afternoon of July 26, I walked into Job's room and his grandmother calmly said, "My grandson is fighting for for his life." His breathing had been very labored for two days. My heart was moved as I watched our caregiver, Eddah, turning Job periodically. Making sure his head was in a proper position. Cleaning his stool. Putting balm on his lips to make sure they didn't dry out. Truly an act of love. At one point, Job's grandmother lovingly leaned over him, put her hands gently on his arms, looked in his eyes and softly spoke to him: "Job. Baba (her endearing name for him). Pole (sorry). Pole. Utashinda (you will be victorious)." It was yet another sacred moment at Kimbilio. A few hours later I received word that our Job passed away. Alishinda. Job was victorious. We grieved and deeply felt the pain of his loss, while at the same time, were grateful for the opportunity to love Job until he left this world to be welcomed into the arms of Jesus.



Catching Flavia between classes.

Kimbilio Funeral Home

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Honoring Life

Kimbilio Funeral Home (KFH) serves as an extension of Living Room's mission. The same spirit of compassion and honor for our guests continues after their passing to the families and community. We take time to remember and celebrate one's life as an important part of the grieving process.

KFH was started in an effort to generate income creating greater financial stability in funding the hospice ministry.

After five years of operations, the full amount invested has been returned to the ministry.

In 2018, 20% of Kimbilio Hospice operations were funded through the profits of the funeral home.

KFH serves as an outreach to those attending funerals. On any given day, hundreds of family and community members come to receive their loved ones, giving us the opportunity to share the love of Christ with those suffering from loss.

In 2018, approximately 120,000 people were ministered to through the funeral home.



Life Around Kimbilio

KRISTIN ALBRIGHT

On any given day, if you visit Kimbilio Hospice in Kipkaren, you will find Chumba, a teenager with cerebral palsy, sitting on the veranda. She will greet you with her huge smile. If you sing to her, she'll probably start laughing and try to sing with you too. You'll pass the chaplain carrying his guitar and offering a warm handshake. In the garden, under the bouganvillia, stop and talk to Gabriel (or you can call him Peter if you'd like). He might tell you that his stomach is bothering him and that cancer is a horrible disease, but he's still grateful to God because he has people that care for him and good food.

Behind the hospice building lies a big field, dotted with trees in various stages of growth, planted by “wageni”, the visitors from near and far who have made a memory here. The rows of spinach might be ready for picking by the gardener or cook. And little Seth, who is recovering from tuberculosis, might pull on your sleeve and ask to go see the banana trees laden with bunches.

You see, even though this is a hospice and yes, there is illness and disease, there is also joy and hope to be found. And peace. A deep spirit of peace that reminds all who enter that this is a place of refuge. That's what “Kimbilio” means in Kiswahili – a place to run to; a shelter. Anyone who comes here, whether guest or family member or visitor from near or far, is welcomed into our community of compassion.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

COLOSSIANS 3:23





SPOTLIGHT: Daphne Riedel, *Friend of Living Room*

Some of my most sacred and treasured memories have been formed during my time at Living Room. From the moment I first passed through the gates into Kimbilio Hospice, the presence of God was so palpable. Amidst the pain that inherently accompanies sickness and death, there was beauty, joy, and even life to be found. I saw it in the hands of a caregiver that gently cleansed the wounds of a crying infant. I heard it as I sat in the garden on a Sunday morning surrounded

by guests, family members and caregivers - their songs of lament and praise seemingly floating on the soft breeze that moved through the trees. I felt it as I massaged the limbs of those whose bodies were so frail and yet whose eyes were full of an unexplainable peace. It is here that I truly understood the power of presence and the beautiful yet weighty privilege of being Jesus' hands and feet.







Expanding our reach.



Opening the Doors in Eldoret

Several years ago, Kenya and USA Living Room Board members began to dream about how more people could be reached with compassionate care. The original hospice in Kipkaren is five miles off the paved road and over an hour's drive from Eldoret, the main city in the area, so it can be difficult to reach. In 2015, through a series of divine appointments, an 8-acre parcel of verdant land was found near the city – close enough to be easily accessible, but far enough away to have the peace and quiet we desire for our guests. It was purchased at a generous discount from the owner and the dream began to take shape. Architectural plans were drawn and a contractor was hired. Faithful donors and churches stepped in with support.

In the last two years, nothing short of a miracle has taken place. Living Room's new Kimbilio Care Center has been built - 22,000 square feet, 49 beds - that includes an outpatient clinic, physical therapy room, lab, pharmacy, public wings for men, women and children, and seven private or semi-private rooms. The building creates a crescent around a lush garden with a full-grown canopy of trees where guests will be able to rest and relax. Around back is a children's garden and play area. And in the center lies a beautiful chapel with five stained glass windows and a wood beam ceiling, a sanctuary for prayer.

It won't be long until this new site will be filled with voices and life and love – a new community offering care and support to the suffering in our midst. We are grateful.





49
Beds
(Max Occupancy)

57
New Staff
(As of Mar. 2019)

22,000
Square Feet
(Hospice Footprint)

8
Acres
(Plot Size)

4.23.19
Officially Open





“I am delighted to join you in celebrating 10 years of exemplary service in palliative care to the community. I take this opportunity to thank Kimbilio Hospice for the unique yet demanding role they have taken to offer palliative care to the residents of Uasin Gishu County as well as North Rift and Western Kenya at large. I particularly wish to thank Mrs. Juli McGowan Boit for coming up with such a facility that has offered shelter to many patients.”

His Excellency Jackson Mandago, Governor



Kimbilio Care Center, Eldoret

Celebration

CHRISTINA SHAFER

On the morning of the celebration, cars and buses came one by one as people began to fill the space of the Eldoret site. The people multiplied, as did the awe, smiles, embraces, laughter, tears and joy; a community moved by the vision. An overwhelming gratitude permeated. Gratitude for the many hands, hearts and prayers that laid the foundation. Gratitude for the faith of the founders and the many who continue to come alongside and build upon the vision. All coming together and dedicating a place that weary bodies, heavy hearts and burdened minds might find refuge and life.

Walking through the site, it feels as if the legacy of Kimbilio has already been written into the grounds. Towering ancient trees shade the peaceful garden and play with the light filtering through windows into rooms of future guests. The breeze rustles flowers, makes music in the trees and breathes life into a space where the presence of the Lord is undeniable.

The buildings, rooms, patios and gardens, all capture the peace and safety that are part and parcel of Kimbilio's community. The warm air, sounds of running water and swaying leaves draw you into the quiet place within your soul. The celebration was a moment in time recognizing and anointing this quiet and sacred space. So many holy moments of praise, thanksgiving, joy, and humble gratitude overflowing. God's presence palpable as you are ushered into this sacred inner place and into the hearts of a loving community.

“You can let yourself be held and carried by God, who has become incarnate in the humanity of those who love you in community. The community can let you experience the fact that, beyond your anguish, there are human hands that hold you and show you God's faithful love.”

HENRI NOUWEN



Kimbilio Kipkaren

Turbo

UASIN GISHU COUNTY

NANDI COUNTY

Eldoret



Kimbilio Eldoret



- 1 Chapel
- 2 Kimbilio Care Center
- 3 Patient Cottages
- 4 Food Service
- 5 Laundry Service
- 6 Garage / Workshop
- 7 The Riley Family Garden
- 8 Hostel
- 9 Welcome Center
- 10 Entrance / Security
- 11 Restaurant & Gazebos
- 12 Waste Disposal
- 13 Education Center
- 14 Public Restroom / Security
- 15 Funeral Home
- 16 Borehole



Completed

Future Phase

Future Phases

Each space in the new Kimbilio Care Center in Eldoret has been designed to provide dignity and to improve quality of life for patients and their families. Our dream is to build the following:

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HOSTEL

A comfortable and affordable space for families to stay close to their sick loved ones as well as outpatients in need of chemotherapy and radiation at hospitals in nearby Eldoret town (48 bed capacity).

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WELCOME CENTER

A welcoming space to receive patients and their families for outpatient and inpatient services. This building will also house administrative offices.

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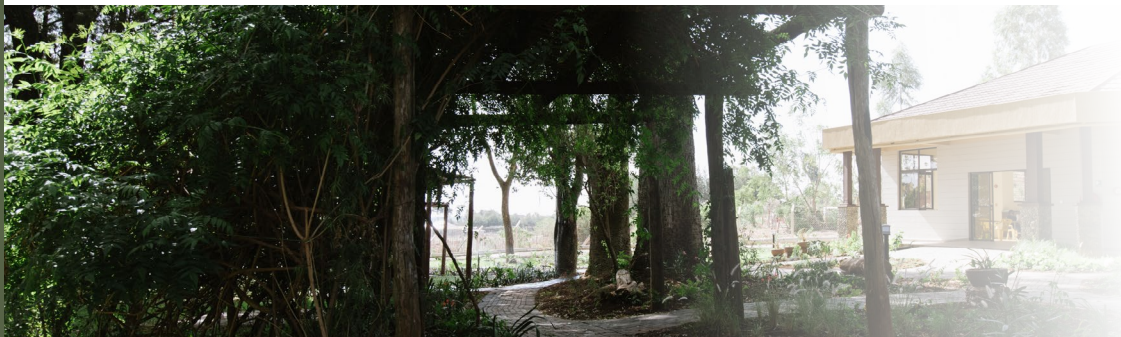
EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP CENTER

Classrooms to provide multi-disciplinary palliative care training and research opportunities to professionals in Kenya and East Africa.

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FUNERAL HOME

Mortuary & funeral services will provide high quality care and practical support for bereaved families.





A Look at the Numbers

In reviewing the financial health of Living Room, three themes emerge. First, a slow and steady growth over the first eight years providing a platform for expansion in the 9th year. Second, great stewardship of resources controlling costs leaving each year with a positive balance. Finally, grateful provision of funds to allow not only ministry to continue uninterrupted since the beginning, but also enabling full cost of the expansion to a new location to be covered before operations.

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

COLOSSIANS 3:23

S P O T L I G H T : Dr. Zipporah Ali, *Kenya Hospices and Palliative Care Association (KEHPCA)*

Congratulations for celebrating 10 years of excellent work of the Kimbilio Hospice, a true place of refuge for many. Kimbilio Hospice has been an excellent pillar of service provision, a learning center and a home to many needy patients. The joy, love, and warmth that is observed in the hospice clients speaks louder than words can ever do. The dedication of the

care providers and the leadership of the hospice team sets very high standards for hospice and palliative care in Kenya. Kimbilio Hospice is a true model of what hospice care should be. Thank you Kimbilio Hospice Team for the wonderful work you are doing; for bringing joy, comfort and life to many. May your work continue to receive blessings from above and all around.

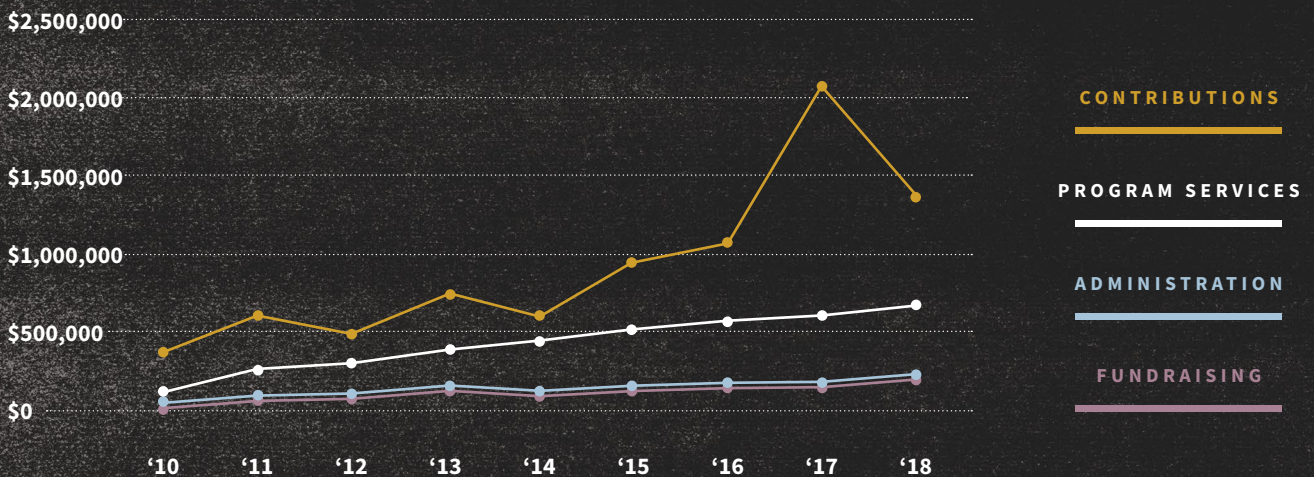


OVERVIEW OF FINANCES

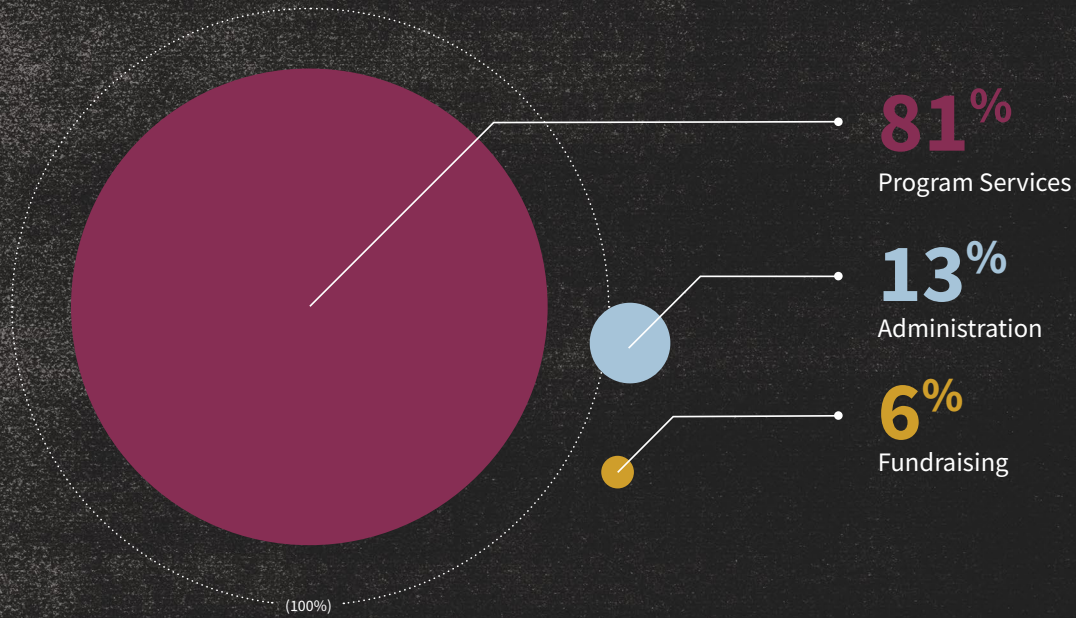
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Contributions	\$ 429,597	\$ 557,165	\$ 492,154	\$ 694,667	\$ 610,333	\$ 911,922	\$ 1,053,162	\$ 2,103,800*	\$ 1,279,399
Program Services	\$ 108,571	\$ 266,283	\$ 286,978	\$ 401,796	\$ 450,512	\$ 502,976	\$ 554,305	\$ 595,164	\$ 664,849
Administration	\$ 36,979	\$ 39,802	\$ 46,198	\$ 80,739	\$ 81,414	\$ 88,121	\$ 80,255	\$ 91,037	\$ 87,987
Fundraising	\$ 12,805	\$ 11,495	\$ 12,375	\$ 58,851	\$ 45,239	\$ 27,908	\$ 25,318	\$ 26,465	\$ 36,160
Total Expenses	\$ 158,355	\$ 317,580	\$ 345,551	\$ 541,386	\$ 577,165	\$ 619,005	\$ 659,878	\$ 712,666	\$ 788,996

* \$1.2 million gift contributed towards the Eldoret expansion project.

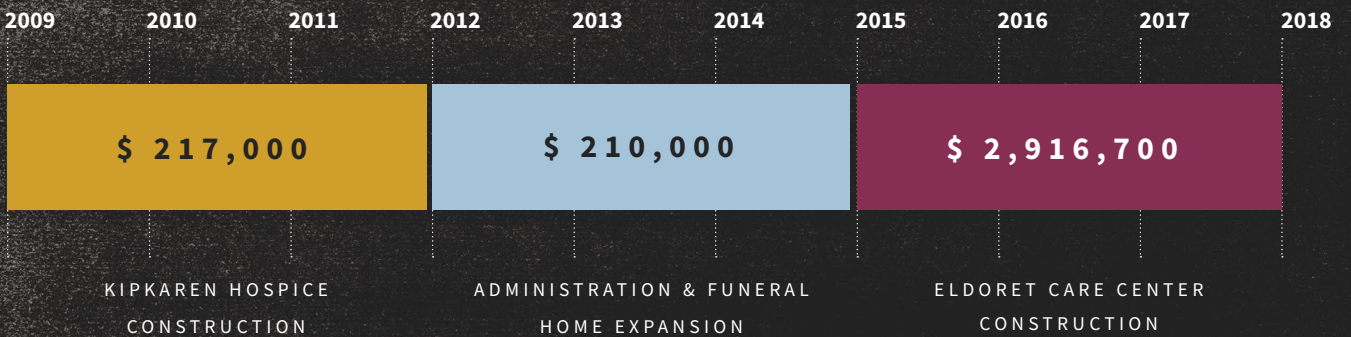
OPERATIONS GROWTH



FUNDS ALLOCATION



CAPITAL INVESTMENTS OVER 10 YEARS





FUNERAL HOME PROFIT

In 2018, 20% of Kimbilio Hospice operations were funded through the profits of Kimbilio Funeral Home.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
INCOME	\$307	\$ 14,198	\$ 24,114	\$ 51,564	\$ 47,868	\$ 58,401	\$ 59,037

SPOTLIGHT : Dennis McGowan, *Executive Director, Living Room*

The success of Living Room can be boiled down to its value of relationship. For nearly 10 years, Living Room has created, nurtured and sustained partnerships with our guests and their families, staff, donors and other key stakeholders. We have an unceasing commitment to excellence, diversity and compassionate care for the purpose of fulfilling our vision of honoring life and offering hope.



Asanteni Sana!

Thank you very much

DAVID TARUS

Today I am reflecting on 10 years of ministry with Living Room International. I want to take this time to thank our staff for their hard work in loving and caring for our guests. Together we have cared for over 1,886 guests in our 26 bed capacity in Kimbilio at our Kipkaren site. Every day, nurses, clinical officers, social workers, chaplains, caregivers, cleaners, cooks, security, along with the vital component of our management team come together to serve guests and family members who come to this place of refuge from all parts of our country, Kenya. I am deeply grateful to our continuous loving partners from USA, UK, New Zealand, AMPATH, Uasin Gishu County government of Kenya, among many others. We have succeeded in our journey of serving our guests through your partnership with us. We are grateful for your gift of prayer and volunteering to come and be part of our organization. We are looking forward for your continued partnership as we have opened our new site in Eldoret town. Please understand that we value you as a great partner. Asanteni sana!



SPOTLIGHT: Everlyne, *Living Room Guest*

A 33 year old guest of Kimbilio Hospice named Everlyne is lying outside on a mattress, under the shade of the vibrant colors displayed from the bougainvillea above. A broken mirror is placed beside her. She picks it up often, checking to see if the dressing covering her face is still in place. To say her tumor is large and disfiguring does not begin to describe the extent of it all. It fills her entire mouth and jaw, displacing her teeth and making it nearly impossible to swallow or speak. Breathing will soon

be her next challenge. Her mind is still intact, and she communicates through her writing. As I kneel down beside her, she writes on my hand the word "ulimi," a Swahili word for tongue. It was burning. And "mzito," the tumor is so heavy. What is the goal at this point, for her and our team? Comfort. We are treating Everlyne's physical, emotional, and spiritual pain. In any way possible, we want her to know she isn't alone. God sees and knows and loves beyond any of our comprehension.



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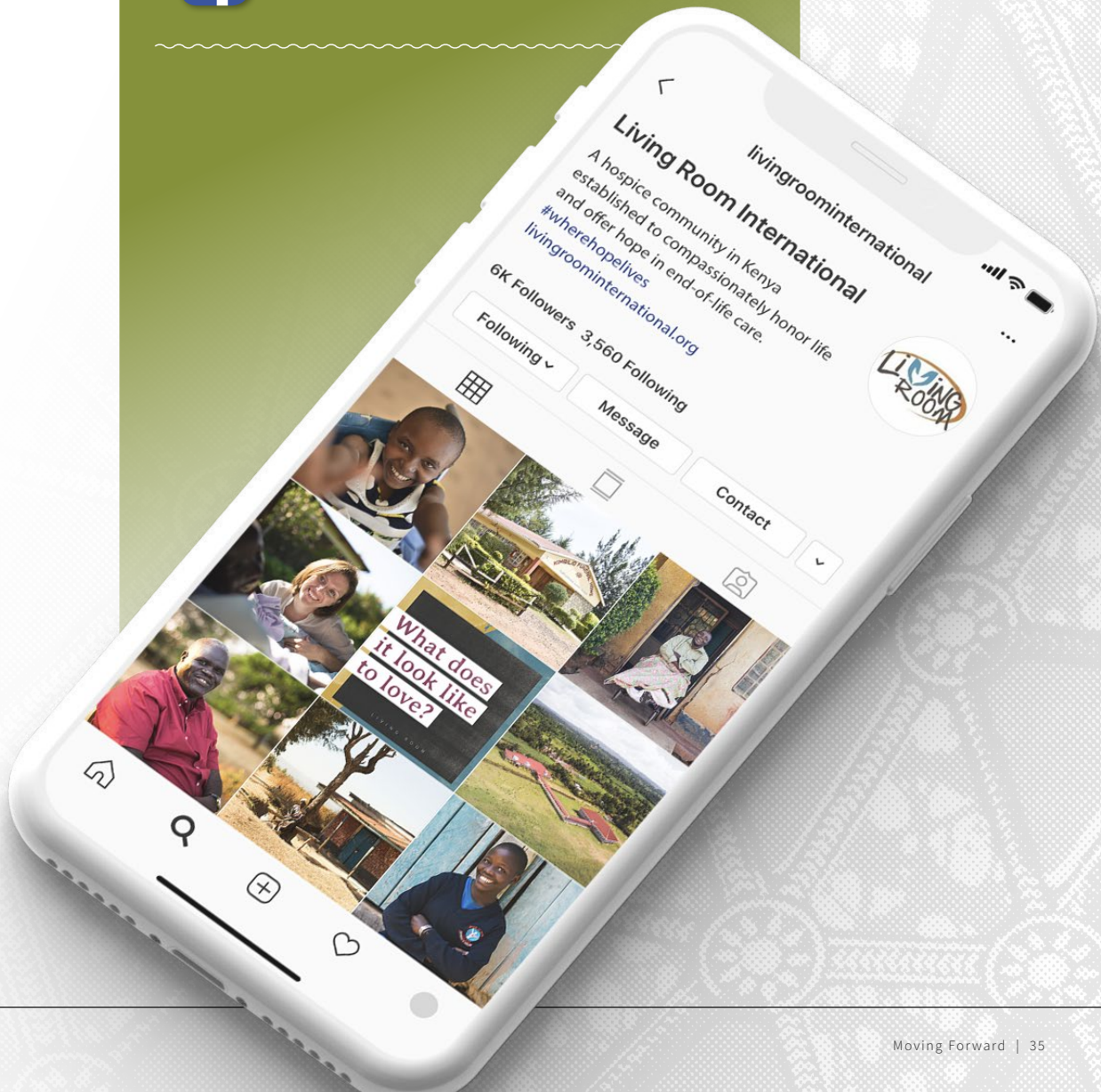
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Who we are...

Team

Our team is unified by our commitment to honoring life and offering hope to our guests and their loved ones. We are comprised of caring individuals with a passion to see the vision of Living Room be achieved in every aspect of the organization.

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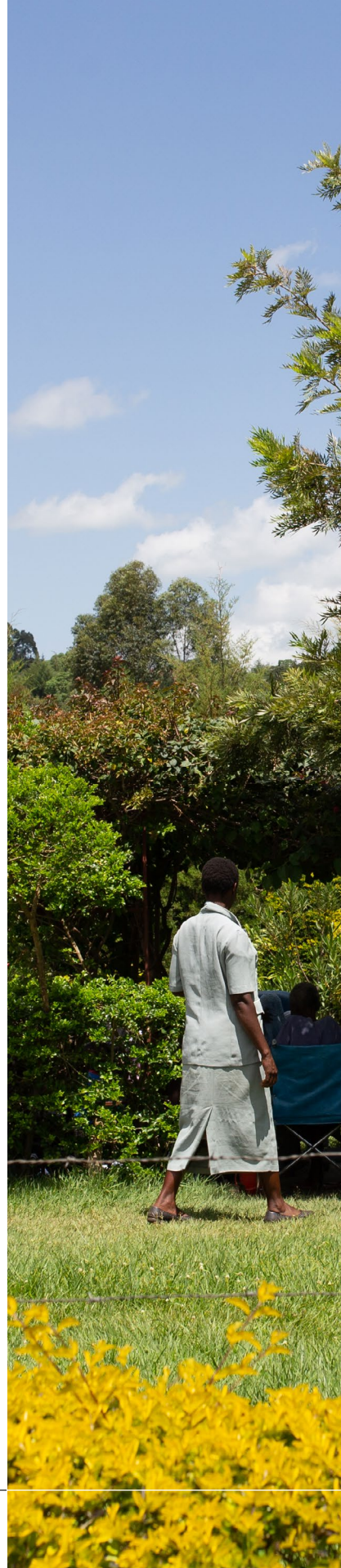
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YOU MATTER!

Your role is crucial in telling the Living Room story and helping shape the future of Kenyan healthcare.



SHARE OUR VISION

Give others the opportunity to partner with Living Room.



EXPERIENCE KENYA

There are opportunities for individuals and teams to come and serve with us. Contact us for more information.



PARTNER FINANCIALLY

Living Room is committed to being transparent and accountable with the financial resources in which we are entrusted. A gift of any size will help change lives.



*“You summon us to life in the midst of death,
peace in the midst of violence, praise in the midst
of despair, filled once again with your unruly
Spirit, may we answer your summons, and be a
part of the movement of life.”*

WALTER BRUEGGEMAN

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