



Forever Angels Newsletter

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Happy 18th Birthday Forever Angels!



Last week at Forever Angels, we celebrated our 18th birthday. The staff and children all celebrated with a nice meal, cake and soda.





Over the last 18 years, we have achieved so much and are thankful for your support and encouragement enabling us to provide lifesaving support to so many.

In the last 18 years have:

- * Given a safe, loving home to **472** children
- * Assisted in **213** children returning home to their biological families
- * Supported **154** adoptions
- * Set up **356** families with a sustainable business
- * Saved the lives of **691** babies through our Maisha Matters programme in Mwanza
- * Grown Maisha Matters across Tanzania to wonderful partners and between us have provided lifesaving milk to **2,339** orphaned or malnourished babies.

We think these statistics are something to smile and shout about on our 18th birthday !

Maisha Matters Expansion

We are so happy that Maisha Matters has grown again with a new programme opening at AAIDRO, St Elizabeth's Hospital in Arusha. The new team spent 10 days in Mwanza, learning on the job with our wonderful Forever Angels team.



We are excited to partner with a hospital for the first time and in just three weeks, they have already welcomed seven malnourished babies onto their programme. The total number of babies supported through Maisha Matters across Tanzania to date is 2,339! That's 2,339 babies who have been given lifesaving formula milk, whilst living at home with relatives and who never needed to enter an orphanage.

We love sharing our vision with likeminded NGOs and seeing this wonderful programme grow across Tanzania.

Swimming Fun



The toddlers at Forever Angels have had such a fun couple of weeks with two separate swimming trips. We are lucky to live close to some very child friendly swimming pools and alongside the fun, we feel it is important to teach the children to be confident in the water.



Sweet Dotto

This month we also had a very sad and unexpected loss. Our sweet Dotto tragically died in the night, we believe from an underlying heart condition.



This little girl has been through so much in her 14 months of life. She was enrolled on our Maisha Matters for many months, but she was not doing well and Social Welfare placed her at Forever Angels in a very fragile condition. She really struggled to gain weight for many months, but Doctors did not find any reason. Finally, the last couple of months, she has been doing so well - gaining weight, smiling and starting to play.

We are devastated to lose this beautiful little girl, but we take some comfort knowing she was so loved in Chui House at Forever Angels in the final months of her life.

Zawadi - Coming Full Circle

Last month we were thrilled to have Zawadi volunteering with us. Zawadi lived at Forever Angels herself for around five years as a young child. She was adopted when she was 7 and she now lives in America and has just graduated from High School. It was so wonderful to have her back at Forever Angels - now as a volunteer! We love you Zawa!



We are so happy that our volunteer programme is back up and running now. We are particularly keen to have teachers, nurses, photographers, and anyone else who has skills which can help us to develop as an organisation. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to find out more - please email amy@foreverangels.org



Family Homes

The children continue to thrive in their family homes at Forever Angels. After a number of recent adoptions and children returning home, we have just 20 children living at Forever Angels - the smallest number in many years.

Simba House



Chui House



Twiga House



Tembo House



We are so thankful to the wonderful House Mamas who do such a fantastic job of loving these precious children until a permanent family is found.

Thank you so much for your support.

From Amy and all at Forever Angels

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