

KUTANA WEMA

A Hope-Building Project



Jan 20-27, 2024



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Kutana Wema is an opportunity to interact with and learn from street-connected children and outreach workers in Kenya

Join Kutana and Let Wema Make a Difference in you

TRAVEL WITH A PURPOSE

The Wema Centre, in Mombasa, Kenya rescues, rehabilitates and reintegrates street children. The Kutana Wema program offers an opportunity for a cross-cultural knowledge share in your area of expertise, with the children and staff at Wema Centre.

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ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS

Participation in the Kutana Wema program provides access to a diversity of modules to deepen your understanding of cross-cultural challenges in your field of interest. You may opt to engage in multiple modules over the week.

LEADERSHIP & FUNDRAISING



Lucy Yinda, the founder of the Wema Centre, remains actively involved in the organization and collaborates closely with both governmental and non-governmental entities to ensure its continued success. In this module, you'll have the opportunity to share your insights and learn about the opportunities and challenges that women face in leadership roles.

FINANCIAL LITERACY



This module centers on educating individuals about the significance of saving and planning for a secure financial future. The module includes cross-cultural dialogues with local financial experts and an examination of the obstacles to wealth accumulation in Kenya.

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MUSIC & DANCE



Get ready to bust a move and tune into the rhythm of psychosocial rehab for street-connected kids. Join the fun and hop into the choir or dance crew! Jam out to traditional and modern tunes, grooving along with fellow dancers and singers.

STREET OUTREACH



Come along with the amazing Wema Centre superheroes as they hit the streets, reaching out to families in the inner city or dumpsites. You'll be on a mission to deliver bread and milk, but more importantly, you'll be lending a listening ear, sharing stories, and playing games with the families.

PLAY & TALK



Step into the world of kids from WEMA and start bonding through fun - engaging group play and chats. Draw on your life journey to spark mentorship conversations that build a space of honesty and openness. Be a part of creating chances to learn and grow together.

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SOCCER



Football - the sport of champions in Kenya - is played by old and young alike and brings a tremendous amount of joy to the children. Whether you're a coach or player, spread the love of the game and bond with kids and staff alike.

ART



Art is a core activity in Wema Centre's trauma rehab program. It works wonders in helping the children heal and find hope. If you're an art lover, why not join the gang and have a blast creating cool cross-cultural projects. Create something and spread some love!

COOKING & MEAL PREP



The Wema Centre dishes out 150 daily meals, and the kids lend a helping hand in the kitchen. Preparing meals together brings folks from all walks of life closer, creating a vibrant mix of cultures. In this module, you can join cooking classes or jump right into meal prep.

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PROJECT LEADERS

BARBARA BROWN

Barbara Brown is the Clinical Director of Redbird Therapy Centre and Co-Founder of KUTANA Wema. She is a highly esteemed Registered Psychotherapist with 35 years of experience working with marginalized communities for empowerment and social change. Barbara provides pre-session coaching programs that ensure readiness for cross-cultural exchange. She also leads daily integration sessions that ensure a wholesome and fulfilling experience.



FAREEN SAMJI

Fareen Samji is a distinguished community leader born and raised in Mombasa, Kenya. Alongside her family, she is an avid supporter of the WEMA Centre and is driven by her fervor for its mission. She is fluent in Swahili and divides her time between Kenya and Canada. For over two decades, Fareen has spearheaded trips to Kenya and leverages her extensive local knowledge and network to provide ground logistics and support for the program.



If you are interested in participating in this life enhancing program please email Barbara Brown info@redbirdtherapy.ca