



What an exciting and fun-filled 6 months it has been for Ujamaa Children's Home! Our family grew from 10 kids to 12 kids in July and we feel truly blessed to have our new children at home. Angelina is 3 years old and she came to us from a village near Tanga, which is on the North East Coast of Tanzania. She was living with her grandmother after her parents died and with older siblings who had already moved away from home, she had few options for a future. When she came to our home she didn't speak either Swahili or English, only her tribal language Kisambaa. Angelina is giggly and funny and has a smile that will melt your heart. She is quickly learning to speak Swahili and English and will start attending Nursery School next year. The older children dote on her and love to have their 'little sister' in the home.

Remy also joined our home in July. He was 3 at the time and just celebrated his 4th Birthday in October – the first birthday party he has ever had and boy did he love it!

Remy was living in a very dangerous situation with an unstable mother and he had many health issues that needed immediate attention. We raised funds for him to have 2 surgeries and we are excited to report that he has healed perfectly and is a happy and healthy member of our Ujamaa Family. Remy is cheeky and sweet and an amazing addition to our home. He has needed lots of additional care and we are so grateful to our wonderful Mamas for giving him everything he needs. He is excited to start Nursery School next year and he and Angelina are already best friends... though Remy does tend to boss her around!

It is circumstances like Remy's that make me feel so lucky to do what I do and to be a part of changing lives in such an important and dramatic way. I am also grateful to all our supporters for helping us to achieve this and to create a home like no other. It is incredible to see what can be done in the world when a collection of caring people get together to make a difference.



### Thanks Helpers!



We had a wonderful group of helpers in July this year who cleared land and planted fruit trees at the new building site. We want to get our trees established as early as possible. We already had bananas, mangoes, pears and papaya on the land and now we also have oranges, avocados and other shade trees!

## School

School keeps the kids very busy during term and they were happy to have a break over August. The school system in Tanzania can be quite strict and we are working with the kids to help them to improve but also to enhance their learning with other extra-curricular activities.

Kelvin, Yohana & Annie did so well in school last term they were taken out for a special milkshake to celebrate!

Yohana, Kelvin & Ema continue to excel in sports (though Ema is a bit of a rascal in class and loves to play tricks on his classmates!) Everyone else is doing well but we are looking to get a Tutor to come into the home a couple of times a week to help whoever needs it with their homework and comprehension.

Irene is going well in High School but the course work is very intense. She is working hard and likes the challenge. Irene has even been helping Deborah and Fatuma with their Social Welfare Course studies. What a super star!



Sabina finds the school structure more difficult and we are working with her to find out what is the best path for her moving forward. She has a generous soul and wants to find a way to work to support women's rights. We couldn't be more proud of her! However the academic environment with it's strict guidelines and expectations may not be the place for her to meet her full potential.

This is another reason why I am so proud to do what we do and have your support. We take the time to know our kids as individuals and to find the best way for them to excel in their own way.

## Birthdays!

So many birthdays! Yohana turned 11 in June, Ema also turned 11 in September, Remy had his first ever birthday party in October when he turned 4 and twins, Meshack & Shedrack, turned 7 in October. Parties at Ujamaa are always a mix of cake, balloons, dancing, treats, soda and a lot of laughter. Angelina is already asking when hers will be – luckily she turns 4 in November and will have her first ever party as well. Fun for everyone!



## First Aid

We were happy that our staff were able to be included in a First Aid Course run by The Umoja Centre. We also did some basic training with the kids, which was awesome!

In an area where OH&S is almost non-existent we work hard to make sure that our home is fully equipped for any issue or emergency. In the past, have installed smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and fire blankets and we also pay a monthly fee to have access to emergency services such as ambulance, fire and rescue. Additionally we have emergency procedures in place and run random drills with the kids to make sure everyone knows what do!

## Extra Activities

In the holidays we took the kids out to the Snake Park. They were able to ride camels and also see many different types of reptiles and birds. They learnt a lot and had a great day. It was wonderful to see them encourage each other and also for those who were scared of riding camels or holding a snake, we were able to talk to them about fears and almost all them ended up giving it a go and enjoying the experience. It is through these challenges that we see our kids grow and develop. What a wonderful opportunity! Huge thanks to our visitors from The Bahati Project for taking us out there and enjoying the day with us!

We are always looking for fun new activities and classes for the kids to enjoy. Next year we hope to include more arts and dance for the kids.



## Building

We are moving forward with the building doing lots of smaller jobs to prepare for plastering and flooring. This includes window frames, doorframes, window and door grills, installing plumbing and electrical piping, preparing for solar installation, ceilings and many other small jobs. Once these are all completed we can start with the next big phase.

**We need to raise \$30,000 to do the flooring and plastering – why not add Ujamaa to your Christmas list and help us get our house completed!**



## Upcoming Event



### Ride to the Divide – Charity Bike Ride Melbourne November 8th

We are lucky to be one of the charities involved in this exciting new event on the Bike Riding Calendar in Melbourne. It's set to be an amazing ride (options for 140km or 60km) and offers bike riding enthusiasts an opportunity to try out a new course that has never been done before. Huge thanks to Pas, Tim and the whole team at Airport Toyota for including us in your amazing event!

If you like to ride – sign up now! Or come down and visit us on the day and enjoy our Sausage Sizzle!

For more details go to:  
[www.ridetothedivide.com.au](http://www.ridetothedivide.com.au)

## Community Development

As part of our desire to work in the broader community we have been creating our Community Development Program. We have been able to 'absorb' some other programs in the region and with the support of sponsors and donors we are able to help with Education & Food Programs.

Newlands Orphanage is located in a very small village outside of Moshi. It is home to more than 60 kids and it is where Ema lived before he came to us. Through our program we support their kids in education.

The Meru View Graduate Program supports 35 kids in Primary School in Kwa Pole, a village on the outskirts of Arusha. Yohana was a student in this program before he came to our home and we now support the other children in this program.

## Shopnate

We are excited to let you know about The Ujamaa Foundation Easy Fundraiser through Shopnate which allows you to raise funds for our home while you do your shopping online!

You can get the web app for Chrome, Firefox or Safari and anytime you visit participating retailers online, you will receive a notification on the top of the page requesting you to activate your free donation to us.

Major online retailers include; Expedia, Booking.com, Adairs, Priceline, Peter Alexander, Forever New, Just Jeans, Jeans West and many many more!

It doesn't cost you a cent! The retailers are paying for the donation from their marketing budgets just for you getting the app.

[Download the Easy Fundraiser here](#)

**If you ever do online shopping this is a great way to help us out!**

## Fundraising

Thank you to all the wonderfully creative and dedicated people raising money for our home. Here are some of the highlights:

- The Ujamaa Children's Trust UK raised over \$10,000 towards our building! They also sponsor 3 of our kids and help to cover all the general costs for our home
- Andrews and Wallis Motor Group donated \$10,000 towards our building
- Fee Guthery ran the Melbourne Half Marathon on behalf of The One By One Foundation and raised over \$1200 to go towards general running costs
- The Ujamaa Foundation raised over \$1200 at the Movie Night and also over \$2000 in general donations to help cover the costs of Remy's Surgeries

If you would like to host an event and help us raise funds please do so! I can provide you with brochures and any information that you need.

We are also establishing a fundraising committee so if you would like to be involved please contact us: [ujamaa.children@gmail.com](mailto:ujamaa.children@gmail.com).



*I cannot fully express my gratitude to all of you.*

I am constantly being made aware of how unique and important our home really is. We truly are creating change and saving the lives of these kids, but more than that we are giving them the life skills and support they need to change their own lives. Having all our sponsors and supporters be a part of our journey is so important and I want for you to realise that you are a part of something incredibly special and life changing.

With the constant buzz of life and our societal drive to always be focused on the next thing it is necessary to slow down and take stock of all that has been achieved. For all of our kids, had they not come into our home, it would have meant a life of struggle, most likely with no education and very limited options for the future. For some it would have meant being sold off for work or far worse and others may not have survived at all. What we do, with your help, is vital for the growth and development of Tanzania and it not only gives our kids a life, but also a successful and happy one!

I cannot fully express my gratitude to all of you:

- To our amazing Trustees who are constantly met with ideas and challenges and help me to put my vision into practice
- To our wonderfully kind, generous and hard working staff in Tanzania
- To The Ujamaa Children's Trust UK and The One By One Foundation for independently raising funds for our home and supporting our vision
- To our fantastic corporate sponsors who provide us with some many amazing services such as accounting, design, marketing, website management and key skills training
- And of course to our amazing sponsors and donors!

From myself and our amazing kids, we are forever grateful and excited to continue to grow with you in the future as part of our Ujamaa Family.

**Carley Andrews**  
Director