

PRE-VALENTINES DINNER 2024



This February 2024, we continued our beloved tradition of hosting the Valentine's Meet and Greet Dinner. Held annually on Valentine's Day, this event focused on raising funds to pay school fees for orphans and vulnerable children and promoting financial inclusion for widows.

However, since Valentine's Day fell on a weekday this year, we hosted the dinner on Friday, February 9th, as a Pre-Valentine's Dinner.

The event took place at Safari Park Hotel & Casino in the Jambo Meeting Room. We actively sought sponsors and partners for this event and were delighted with the participation we received. Companies that partnered with us had the opportunity to display their products and services at designated tables and were mentioned throughout our program. This collaboration helped promote quality education for children and financial inclusion for widows.

We were honored to have Hon. Moses Kuria, the former Cabinet Secretary for Public Service, Delivery, and Performance Management, as our Chief Guest. His presence added significant value to our gathering. The event also marked the successful launch of the Come Together Widows Sacco, an initiative aimed at furthering the financial empowerment of widows.

The dinner brought together more than 300 participants, including widows and widowers from various counties. Attendees enjoyed a memorable evening while contributing to a noble cause. For those who wished to spend the night at Safari Park Hotel, we secured the best rates for accommodation, ensuring a comfortable stay.

This exclusive Annual Meet and Greet Dinner was the only event of its kind in the world, making this Pre-Valentine's Day truly special. We are grateful for the support and participation that helped us empower our community.

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Our 6th Pre-Valentine's Dinner was a deeply blessed event, filled with gratitude to God for His continuous guidance. We were honored to have H.E. Pastor Dorcas Rigathi, the spouse of our Deputy President, as our Chief Guest. Pastor Dorcas shared her personal experiences, having been raised by a widow, which resonated with many attendees. Her presence underscored the transformative power of God, as she now holds one of the highest offices in Kenya.

The event also saw the participation of Mrs. Veronica M. Nduva, Principal Secretary of the State Department for Gender, who has been a steadfast supporter of our organization. Her humility and dedication to serving vulnerable communities were evident. We were also privileged to have our Board Chairperson, Mr. Peter Nyaga, Managing Director of Certified Homes Ltd, whose unwavering support has been invaluable.

Our esteemed guest list included Mrs. Bernadette Loloju, CEO of the Anti-FGM Board, Bishop Simeon Oyugi, who led us in prayer, and Pastor Deno Nguasi, who ensured the event ran smoothly..

The event was sponsored by our partners who included; Certified Homes Ltd, SUNG Timber and Products, Komarock Modern Healthcare, and many others who contributed to the event's success. Special gratitude goes to our diaspora friends and supporters, such as Sally Ngugi, Pedro Miguel, and Jane Kimani, whose presence and contributions were deeply appreciated.

The event was not just a celebration but also a step forward in strengthening our Position Paper to inform future policy for widowed persons.

PRE-VALENTINES DINNER 2022



The 2022 Pre-Valentine's Dinner was a remarkable event that highlighted the ongoing efforts and successes in empowering widows. As the 5th annual dinner since its inception, it was a night of gratitude and celebration, acknowledging the unending grace of Almighty God that has guided our journey. The event brought together participants from various parts of the country, providing them with a platform to share their challenges with Government Representatives and Key Stakeholders.

The dinner was not only a social gathering but a testament to the fruitful initiatives born out of past events. Notably, the 2021 Valentine's Eve Dinner led to the creation of the Thamini Loan Product, specifically designed for widows. This year, the dinner continued to bear fruit with the anticipation of a new Policy to protect widows and widowers, ensuring their rights are formally recognized.

The evening was graced by esteemed guests and partners who have been pivotal in our mission. The Ministry of Public Service & Special Programs, represented by Professor Margaret Kobia and Hon Linah Kilimo, demonstrated unwavering support. Nairobi County Woman Representative, Esther M. Passaris, was commended for her steadfast dedication to addressing the needs of widows and their families.

Kennedy Odede, founder of Shining Hope for Communities, was also in attendance, reflecting on future collaborations.

The event underscored the crucial roles of various organizations such as the Centre for Rights Education and Awareness (CREAW) and FIDA-Kenya in providing psychosocial support and legal assistance. The Anti-FGM Board-Kenya, led by CEO Madam Bernadette Loloju, and the Global Fund for Widows were acknowledged for their significant contributions to economic empowerment.

PRE-VALENTINES DINNER 2021



The Valentine's Eve Annual Meet & Greet Dinner 2021 was a memorable event hosted by Come Together Widows and Orphans Organization (CTWOO) at the Safari Park Hotel Pavilion Room. This special evening brought together widows and friends of CTWOO from various parts of Kenya, creating a warm and supportive environment for bonding, sharing love, and offering mutual encouragement.

We were deeply honored to host Prof. Margaret Kobia, PhD, MGH, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service and Gender, as our Guest of Honor. Her presence added immense value to the evening. During the event, Prof. Kobia announced the introduction of Thamini Mjane, a Special Loan Product for Widows, which was met with great enthusiasm and hope by all attendees. This initiative promises to provide much-needed financial support to widows, helping them to improve their livelihoods and achieve greater independence.

The Valentine's Eve Meet & Greet Dinner 2021 was a heartwarming and inspiring occasion, reflecting the strength and resilience of our community.

PRE-VALENTINES DINNER 2020



In February 2020, our organization hosted a Pre-Valentine's Dinner aimed at supporting orphans and vulnerable children in their pursuit of quality education, aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG 4): Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

The event was a remarkable gathering that brought together various partners and stakeholders committed to the cause. Hon. Rachel Shebesh, the former Woman Representative of Nairobi County, graced the occasion with her presence, adding significant value and support to our mission.

During the dinner, we highlighted our ongoing efforts and achievements in providing educational opportunities for orphans and vulnerable children. The event served as a platform for networking, sharing success stories, and discussing future collaborations to further our goal of achieving SDG 4.

The Pre-Valentine's Dinner not only celebrated the spirit of love and generosity but also reinforced our commitment to making quality education accessible to all children, regardless of their circumstances. Through this event, we strengthened our partnerships and inspired collective action towards a brighter future for the next generation.