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Empowering youth, cultivating excellence



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**DREAM..DREAM..DREAM**

"A dream is a beautiful thing because in it, you can be anything you want, you can be the pilot or even the airplane. It helps you focus on what you want, not what you have," says Paul Kronenberg.

Just a year ago, we were simply dreaming, hoping for a space of our own, a peaceful place outside the city where our youth could grow, learn, and be empowered.

Today, that dream is no longer a wishful thinking. Step by step, it's becoming our reality.

BIRTH OF TWAJALI-KWITU CENTRE

Through the input of various stakeholders, we've officially begun construction of the basic training structures that will allow us to start empowering youth at our new location. For a start, we are setting up two dormitories, staff accommodation, a kitchen, and a multipurpose hall. It might look like a simple centre built of iron sheets, but to us, this isn't just construction, it's the birth of a factory where dreams will be nurtured, talents discovered, and futures rebuilt.



I BELONG. I MATTER. I CAN....

19 BENEFICIARIES TRAINED...

During this training period, 19 beneficiaries successfully completed their journey through the second and third courses of our Twajali Course Menu. These stages of the curriculum focused on nurturing critical thinking, creative action, and providing diverse technical training alongside apprenticeship opportunities.

As part of their hands-on learning, the beneficiaries independently carried out field visits to identify on-the-job training opportunities. This real-world exposure allowed them to gain valuable insight into the professional environment and better understand what to expect during job placement.

In addition, the trainees underwent work readiness training, equipping them with essential skills to manage the transition into the workplace and maintain a healthy work-life balance.

INTERNSHIP AND JOB PLACEMENTS

Out of the 19 trainees who completed their training, 18 have moved on to internships and job opportunities. One of the girls, who is 8 months pregnant, is taking a short break and will return after giving birth.

We're happy to report that three of our trainees, **Brian, Elizabeth, and James** got direct job placements at **Castle Inn Gardens** and **Cloud 9 Restaurant**. The rest have started internships in different hotels and resorts.

During the internship period, we will continue offering mentorship and job placement support. Our goal is that at least 85% of them will have secured meaningful work within the next three months.



"THANKS FOR BEING PART OF MY BLESSING AND EVERY DAY I WILL PRAY THAT GOD WILL CONTINUE OPENING WAYS TO YOU,, AS I ENJOY MY FIRST SALARY I WANTED TO BUY YOU SODA..." SAYS BRIAN.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORT...

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.....FRIENDS OF TWAJALI

On 12th March 2025, Friends of Twajali organized the **KWITU Projects Fund Drive** with the goal of helping us kickstart construction at our new training centre. Thanks to their hard work, and the generosity of all who participated, the event raised funds that are already going into building the first basic training structures on our new land.

This fund drive was a reminder that we are not alone. That this dream is shared.

From all of us at Twajali, **thank you for believing in us, for showing up**, and for being part of the foundation we are building both physically and financially.

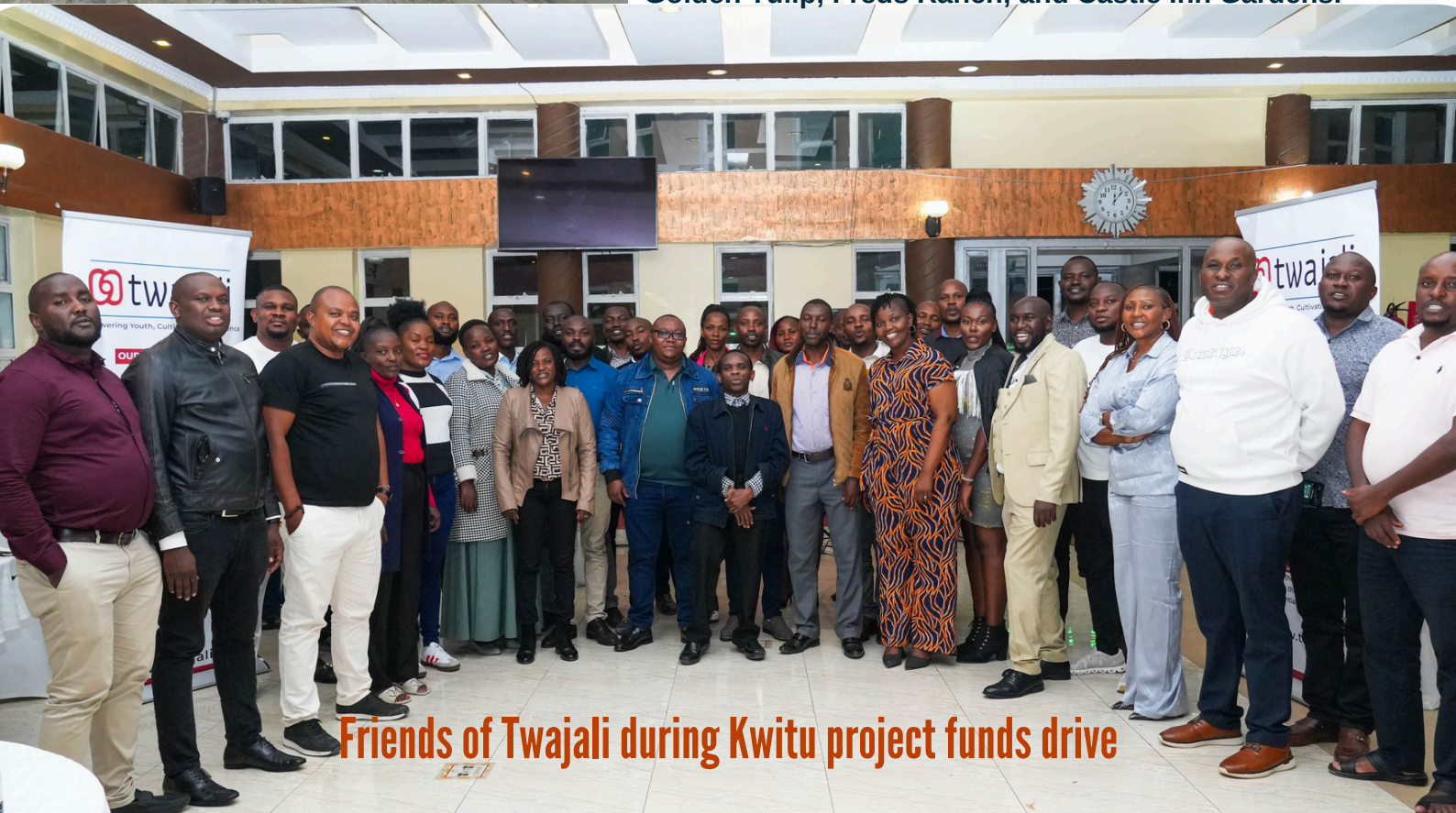


.....ALL THE STAKEHOLDERS

We are especially grateful to the hotels and hospitality partners who have opened their doors to our trainees offering opportunities for on-the-job training, internships, and job placements. 19 trainees from our outgoing batch have had the chance to gain real-world experience and take meaningful steps toward their career goals.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to:

Gallas Gardens, Cheflink, Cloud 9, Enashipai (Enlemataitor Manor) Naivasha, GMC Kitengela, Nkasiri Resort, Enchula Resort, Tumaini Gardens, Golden Tulip, Freds Ranch, and Castle Inn Gardens.



Friends of Twajali during Kwitu project funds drive