

Local Heroes Annual Report 2020

Local Heroes supports projects in Africa in the fields of education, health care and sports for which it raises funds. The foundation is considered an institution for the general benefit (ANBI) by the Dutch revenue authorities.

The year 2020 was, due to COVID-19, a difficult year for many organizations including Local Heroes. Contacts with schools, business and civil organizations were limited or somewhat hampered due to limited access. COVID-19 also impacted our fundraising and some of the activities were put on the back burner.

Throughout the year the board met four times; all meetings being virtual. The board consists of 6 persons: Willem Donkers, Jeannine de Hoop Scheffer, Arnaud van Oers (treasurer), Carla van Tilburg (secretary), Paulus Verschuren (chair), and Caroline van Thessen who was appointed as a new member of the board.

The website of Local Heroes is now hosted in The Netherlands. All of its content was transferred and the new lay-out is more clear and easily readable. In 2021 the website will find its final form and content. As a consequence of the transition, costs for annual maintenance will be substantially diminished.

Local Heroes is broadening its support to include organizations that fit its mission, goals and delivery. One of these organizations is the junior trainings camp “Lewa’s Children Home”, which is a new project in Kenia. Apart from receiving their school education, the disadvantaged children will be skilled in the field of sports. Local Heroes expects this project to start in 2021. Moreover, Local Heroes has investigated other projects including organizations such as Kibbits4Kids in Kenia and Madamfo in Ghana, that all have been found to be worthy of support. The schools of former Kenyan athlete Sammy Rongo Olengura remain important for Local Heroes and will be receiving Local Heroes’ continuous support, despite their long closure due to the pandemic. In the coming period Local Heroes will focus on new projects that correspond with the goals and mission of the organization.

The 2020 financial report is to be found separately on the website.