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BCC Africa Inc is a registered Australian charity supporting the work of Bethlehem Community Centre (BCC) since 2008. BCC provides a home and education for orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya.

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BCC manager Cyrus with students at Soweto..

From the BCC AGM: Annual Report 2025- 2026

The year began with a volunteer trip in July-August 2025. The 11 volunteers spent time at both Bethlehem Community Centre homes in Soweto (Nairobi) and in the country at Mwea. In the Soweto classrooms, volunteers assisted with colouring-in, singing and reading for primary children and maths, geography, Sudoku and craft for secondary children. At Mwea, activities with the children included reading, craft and sports. Also at Mwea a new orchard was planted with oranges and mangoes generously donated by two of the volunteers, and library books were donated by the Bruny Island Community Library as the start of an ongoing relationship which will include future book donations.
All the children were given new school shoes, bedding toiletries and toys. The volunteer visit also included hosting the alumni conference where current and past scholarship holders gather for friendship and sharing important life skills.

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Left: Mango trees planted at Mwea by volunteers in 2025 are being cared for by the children and are flourishing one year later.

Above: Mwea students with the library books donated by Bruny Island Community Library as part of an ongoing relationship.

BCC Africa funds school fees for primary and high school students at Soweto and Mwea, and occasionally urgent needs. This year there was an urgent request to drill at new water bore at Soweto. The existing bore had failed due to drought and the home and school was without water. BCC funded half the cost of the new bore.

BCC Africa also provides scholarships for students to pursue tertiary education and career training. Current scholarship holders are studying for careers including computer science, agriculture, catering, electrical engineering and fashion design. One of the scholarship conditions is visiting the BCC schools to support the students and encourage them in their study.

Our funding comes from regular monthly donors, those who make an annual or one-off donation and fund raising events. Recent successful fund raising events have included open gardens, gate keeping at the Taste of the Huon, and a quiz night.



Right: Oliver Egesa, Chair of BCC Alumni

"I joined BCC 2005 and am grateful I have been able to complete my studies in Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Currently working as a nurse trainer and a masters student in Business Administration Healthcare Management Option. I am ever grateful to the entire team for putting a smile where there's no hope and we pray that may God continue blessing you."