



Wings of Support: ready for 2026

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A Message from our Chairperson



As the year draws to a close, we bring you the final edition of WOSwijs for 2025, which has been a truly productive year for us. We have completed a great number of projects and have allocated the full budget for 2025. We've also welcomed new sponsors, who are genuinely enthusiastic about Wings of Support and our approach. Sponsors are especially drawn to the long-term relationships we build with local organisations, as well as the fact that we visit them regularly.

Nevertheless, reaching every KLM colleague with our story remains a challenge. Our ambition is for everyone at KLM to know who we are and what we do — and while we are making progress, there is still some way to go.

There is, however, very encouraging news. The KLM Board of Directors has formally recognised Wings of Support as their preferred NGO partner. We hope this important milestone will inspire department heads across KLM to share our work with their teams and help spread awareness of our mission.

A promising first step was taken during a recent flight to Nairobi as part of the Aviation Challenge, a competition between airlines to fly as sustainably and environmentally friendly as possible. During this journey, the EVP Sustainability joined us, and together we visited the Big 5 Centre, accompanied by our project coordinator and the deputy chair of our communications committee. Seeing firsthand the difficult circumstances in which many children in Africa grow up — and the difference our support can make — creates an impact far stronger than words alone.

We sincerely hope this visit has helped the Board feel even more connected to Wings of Support and inspired them to actively champion our cause. The more KLM colleagues who know about our work, the more support we can offer to children who need it most.

With warm regards,

Annette Groeneveld
Chair, Wings of Support

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Enjoying the 2025 Bushcamp

In October, the Bush Camps welcomed children from schools in Nairobi, such as Macheo and the Boston Children Center. Their enthusiastic reports show just how much they enjoyed the experience.

Macheo Children's organization

"The trip to Eden Camp/Bush Camp was filled with joy, fun, and learning!"

From the moment they arrived, they felt welcome and at home. The first evening was full of fun and teamwork during the games: "Both the children and staff gathered together, sang songs, and shared stories in a lively atmosphere that filled everyone with happiness."



Day two was a true journey of discovery. The children went on a walk to a nearby hill and learned about the '3 Ws': Wonder, Worship and Wisdom. Along the way, they discovered local plants and animals, learned why protecting the environment matters, and were even taught basic first aid for a snake bite. They were fascinated to learn about the special uses of plants, such as natural remedies for toothache and deodorants: 'They found out that Solanum incanum can help with toothaches, the Leleshwa shrub works as a natural deodorant, and the Candelabra aloe soothes itchy skin.' The sounds of birds and nature made the hike even more special.

The highlight of the adventure came on the final day: an exciting boat trip across Lake Naivasha and a visit to Crescent Island, where the children came face to face with local wildlife. 'The excitement continued at Crescent Island, where we walked close to animals like waterbucks and impalas.'



Boston Children Center

On 3 October 2025, an enthusiastic group of 22 children and two carers from Boston Children Centre set off for the annual Bush Camp in Naivasha. 'We arrived in style with vehicle horns blazing, cheers, and a warm welcome from the Wings of Support volunteers at the waiting bay.'

The children enjoyed a wide range of activities. They decorated their backpacks, took part in team games, explored the world of microscopes, and learned about plants and animals during a forest walk. Even a sudden rain shower couldn't spoil the fun. Indoors, puzzles were solved and bingo was played — with everyone winning a prize.

One of the most memorable moments was the campfire and evening celebrations, filled with music, dancing, and performances by both children and volunteers. 'To crown the night was a party like no other. Volunteers provided costumes, music was in abundance. We danced to rhythms of songs.'

The boat trip on Lake Naivasha and the visit to Crescent Island also made a long lasting impression, as the children saw hippos, zebras, and waterbucks up close.





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Three Questions for a Wings of Support Member: Sebastian van Lare

In each edition, we speak with a Wings of Support member about their work within our organisation. This time, we meet Sebastian van Lare. Sebastian is the Treasurer of Wings of Support. He tells us more about what this role involves in our ‘Three Questions for...’

You are the Treasurer at Wings of Support. How did you come into this role, and what does it actually involve?

‘I’ve always felt it’s important to give something back to the world around me which is why I’ve already been Treasurer for two other charities. First, at Little Superheroes, a foundation I set up myself in 2016. Then, after a collaboration with a hospital in Tanzania, I joined the board of a charity connected to that hospital. My position at Wings of Support is my third time as Treasurer. When I first heard about WOS, I immediately felt drawn to take part, as the foundation’s mission is very close to the initiative I once started myself. When the role of Treasurer became available at WOS, I knew right away that I wanted to take on this role.’

‘As Treasurer, together with the other Finance Committee members, Berend and Lisanne, I make sure that all payments to our partner organisations around the world are handled properly.’

We also take care of the accounts, and we prepare reports based on these figures for the board and external stakeholders. In addition, we oversee the annual audit and make sure the annual financial statements are drawn up and published.'



Last month, you visited a project in Buenos Aires. What did you do there, and what were your impressions?

'Together with Annick and Fleur, I visited Fundación Concordia Argentina. Wings of Support is funding the electrical system for the construction of a secondary school there. This new floor is being built on top of an existing primary school, so that children can continue their education after primary school, instead of dropping out. By installing the electrics, the school will meet legal requirements and can open for the new school year. I was truly impressed by the scale of the project. In the past, I've supported several nurseries in Sub-Saharan Africa, but the size of a primary school combined with a secondary school was really remarkable. Seeing with my own eyes how many children we are able to reach with just one project has filled me with motivation and inspiration.'

The year is nearly over. What are your hopes for Wings of Support in the coming year?

'First of all, I want to thank everyone for their tremendous efforts. In Buenos Aires, I was able to see for myself just how much our work means. This past year, we have managed to complete many wonderful projects. My hope is that in 202, we can support even more projects and reach even more children in need.'



Wings of Support Golf Open 2026

We would be delighted if you could join us for the Wings of Support Golf Tournament & Charity Auction Dinner! It promises to be a fantastic day filled with friendly competition, good company, and, above all, support for a wonderful cause. This special event will be held on Thursday 7 May at the beautiful De Scherpenbergh Golf Club in Lieren.

Everything has been arranged for you, from an enjoyable round of golf to a lively and heart-warming auction dinner. You can look forward to a delicious lunch, tempting snacks, refreshing drinks, and a wonderful dinner to round off the day.

Tickets are £225 per person. A portion of this, along with all proceeds from the auction dinner, will go directly to Wings of Support, helping us continue to realise inspiring projects for children in need.

Last year's tournament was a huge success, raising an incredible €51,000. We very much hope to match or even beat that amount this year, with your support. Most importantly, we're looking forward to sharing a truly memorable and enjoyable day together.

If you'd like to take part, simply sign up using this link. We really hope to see you there!

Looking back at the last 6 months

In the second half of 2025, we received—and approved—many new project applications! As a result, our budget for the year has now been fully allocated. In this review, we're delighted to introduce the final 16 new projects of the year and share a little more about each of them.



New projects from Q3 and Q4:

1. Fundación Concordia Argentina (Buenos Aires), CasaSan (Buenos Aires)
2. My Shining Star Foundation (Kuala Lumpur)
3. The Dignity Campaign (Kaapstad), Feed the Khaltsha (Cape Town), Biblionef Zuid-Afrika (Cape Town), Sisanda Fundaytion (Cape Town)
4. Tumaini La Maisha (Dar es Salaam), Kigamboni Community Centre (Dar es Salaam)
5. NSBS - National Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Paramaribo)
6. Kabubbu Primary School (Entebbe)
7. Kinyago Ladies (Nairobi), Grapevine Hope Centre (Nairobi)



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- 9. Inside The Same (Dar es Salaam)
- 10. Asociatia Touched Romania (Bucharest)





Fundación Concordia Argentina

Fundación Concordia Argentina began in 2024 as a childcare centre and primary school. In order to give children the opportunity to continue their education after primary school, the organisation is now eager to expand. Thanks to a donation from Wings of Support, work on this expansion is well underway. Electricity is currently being installed on the new floor of the school, and we hope everything will be ready early next year so that classes can start in March for the new school year!

CasaSan (Buenos Aires)

CasaSan was founded by the remarkable Mercedes, a courageous woman with an inspiring story. After losing her son to drugs in the Boca neighbourhood of Buenos Aires, she decided that things had to change. She set up CasaSan: a safe space where children can learn, grow, and simply enjoy being children. There are now two busy locations in Boca, and work is underway on a third, in the heart of the most vulnerable part of the area. CasaSan relies entirely on donations and already reaches around 500 children, offering cooking lessons, homework support, and computer training, among other activities. Last summer, Wings of Support helped furnish the new location, so even more children will have a safe place to go. It's a heartwarming initiative that is literally opening doors for young people.



2 My Shining Star Foundation (Kuala Lumpur)

My Shining Star Foundation is dedicated to supporting vulnerable children in Malaysia. Through creative and practical programmes, they help teenagers aged 10 to 17 build a brighter future. They offer workshops such as art and journalling, where children can express themselves and discover their talents. The journalling programme has been a great success from the very beginning. The children write or draw about their feelings, often in English, which helps to boost both their self-confidence and their language skills. This year, Wings of Support is providing the funding to ensure that the 12-week programme can continue for 40 teenagers.



3 The Dignity Campaign (Kaaopstad)

The Dignity Campaign runs training sessions for young people, focusing on themes such as dignity, self-respect, and making positive choices. They also offer a mentoring programme, where experienced mentors from the local community work closely with a group of twelve teenagers throughout the year. Last year, the organisation requested support for their ‘Champion Weekends’. Three of these weekends were held over the course of the year—and with great success! The camps provided a real boost for the young people, helping to create a peer community for girls where they could support each other safely and talk about their problems. They also saw young people become more motivated to finish school, and their self-confidence grew noticeably. The impact of the camps was clearly felt in the participants’ daily lives. This is more than enough reason for us to provide financial support again this year, so that even more young people can benefit from this valuable experience.

Feed the Khaltsha (Cape Town)

Feed the Khaltsha isn't a typical Wings of Support project, but rather a wonderful community vegetable garden behind Sibongile in Khayelitsha. The vegetables are grown organically, with some sold to local restaurants to buy new seeds, and some given directly to the children at Sibongile. The remainder is donated to local NGOs such as Sibongile and to a community soup kitchen. The garden is also a place where local residents can learn about gardening, and soon, workshops for children will be held there too. In the neighbouring building, young people receive computer and practical skills training through Lathitha.org. With a new plot of land from the local council and a fence already in place, there was just one thing missing: an irrigation system. Wings of Support is making this possible. It's a wonderful initiative that helps the community grow—both literally and figuratively!

Biblioneef Zuid-Afrika (Cape Town)

Wings of Support has been working with Biblioneef for years to provide primary schools with quality reading materials. This time, it's St. Mary's Primary School's turn, a school with 277 pupils that receives very little financial support from the government. Together with Biblioneef, The Otto Foundation and Wilde Ganzen, we are donating more than 1,700 brand new books to their library this year. We are also helping to upgrade the library itself, from updating software to contributing towards a librarian, ensuring that the children truly benefit.



Sisanda Fundaytion (Cape Town)

The mission of Sisanda Fundaytion is to help families from disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Cape Town understand the importance of mental health and resilience in children. Sisanda Fundaytion does this by training young Play Ambassadors, who act as positive role models. Through playful activities, children learn to connect with one another and their emotional wellbeing is encouraged. The whole family is involved through the Play@Home programme, which uses play to strengthen family bonds at home. This lays a stronger foundation for children to grow up well, making them less vulnerable to the violence present in the townships where they live. As one single mother who completed the programme with her son shared: "I used to think I had lost my son. The school was tired of him, I was tired too. But now, I see him changing. He smiles more; he hugs me now. We talk. I never thought play could do that."

This year, we began a project to train 30 young people as Play Ambassadors. With the support of Wings of Support, materials have been purchased for the activities, and soon these 30 young people will be able to serve as role models for others.



Tumaini La Maisha (TLM) (Dar es Salaam)

Tumaini La Maisha (TLM) is dedicated to supporting children in Tanzania who are undergoing cancer treatment. Together with Muhimbili National Hospital, the country's largest paediatric oncology centre, they provide high quality care, information for parents, and nutritious meals to help children recover. However, the current kitchen is in urgent need of renovation. Broken cupboards, a leaking sink and poor drainage make it neither easy nor safe to work in. The medical fridge, where essential medicines like chemotherapy are stored, is also badly in need of replacement. Thankfully, this will soon change! Thanks to a contribution from Wings of Support, the kitchen will soon be fully renovated. This will mean children can once again receive safe and healthy meals, and their medicines will be properly stored. A wonderful step forward!

KCC (Kigamboni Community Centre) (Dar es Salaam)

KCC (Kigamboni Community Centre) supports children, young people, and families through a variety of local programmes. They offer free education, assistance, and activities such as music, dance, and art, all with the aim of building a brighter future for everyone they help. KCC has been active since 2007 and, over the years, has already supported more than 15,000 children and young people. Wings of Support has been able to help realise a number of projects at KCC.

Due to circumstances, KCC has had to move to a new, more distant location. While much has already been built at the new site, a secure fence around the school is still needed so that the children can play safely and freely. Thanks to a donation from Wings of Support, this fence will now be built, ensuring the children can once again enjoy playing in safety.



5 NSBS - National Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired (Paramaribo)

In Suriname, NSBS (National Foundation for the Blind and Visually Impaired) is dedicated to supporting the development of children with visual impairments, helping them on their journey towards independence and education. One of the key parts of NSBS is the Louis Braille School, a primary school where the regular curriculum is specially adapted so that both blind and partially sighted children can participate fully. The children follow either braille classes or large print classes, depending on their level of vision. Through braille, they learn to read and write by touch, while the large print classes offer greatly enlarged learning materials for those who still have some sight.

The aim? To equip children with the right skills so that, wherever possible, they can move on to mainstream education. One of the biggest challenges is adapting the teaching materials, which requires special equipment such as a braille printer. Unfortunately, this equipment is expensive, not available locally, and not funded by the government. That's why Wings of Support has been asked to help fund a new braille printer along with a computer. This will allow teaching materials to be printed directly in braille—something absolutely essential for quality braille education and for the future of these children.

Kabubbu Primary School (Entebbe)

Open Air is an organisation that gives local initiatives a helping hand, including Kabubbu School—a small primary school about two hours' drive from Entebbe, Uganda. Over the past few years, the school has been gradually improved whenever funds became available. However, there is still much to be done. For example, the doors have been damaged by termites and are in urgent need of replacement, and there is not enough furniture for the children. The school has a lovely outdoor area where the children can play, but it lacks even simple things like proper football goals.

At the moment, around 35 children attend Kabubbu, but this number is expected to grow. Thanks to a donation from Wings of Support, new chairs and tables have been purchased, new doors have been installed, and the school now has football goals and basketball hoops—giving the children both a better place to learn and more opportunities to play.





Kinyago Ladies (Nairobi)

Sometimes, our project coordinators receive requests for emergency aid. This might be due to a flood, storm, or fire. In September, the Kinyago Ladies in Nairobi reached out for such support. On 22 September, a major fire broke out in the Puwani slum, leaving 126 families supported by the Kinyago Ladies with heavy losses and many injuries. Families lost everything and were left sleeping on the streets. By acting quickly, we were able to provide emergency relief; by the end of September, blankets had been purchased, and new uniforms were provided for children going to school. In addition, together with Wilde Ganzen, we started another project with Kinyago Ladies. Thanks to our joint efforts, various training sessions and days out are now being organised for the community.



Grapevine Hope Centre (Nairobi)

Grapevine Hope Centre is a small school with 152 pupils aged 3 to 14 in the Matopeni slum in Nairobi. Its main focus is to provide primary education, mainly to children from disadvantaged backgrounds. This year, we were asked to help with the purchase of textbooks, teaching and learning materials, reference books, and three computers for digital education for the new school year starting in early 2026. In total, we will provide 988 schoolbooks and four computers, so there will be enough materials and resources for the pupils in the coming school year.



Fenna Tujjune Initiative (Entebbe)

This organisation is dedicated to supporting people with disabilities living in the slums of Uganda. Wings of Support has previously funded physiotherapy for these vulnerable children, which has been a great success—children who once could only lie in a corner are now able to sit, stand, and some can even walk. Because of these wonderful results, we have decided to continue supporting this project for another two years.



Inside The Same (Dar es Salaam)

Inside The Same aims to improve the wellbeing of children with albinism in Tanzania. These children need visual aids to fully take part in lessons. After careful assessment, Inside The Same provides each child with prescription glasses, a magnifier, or a monocular, enabling them to participate on an equal footing. Wings of Support is proud to help make this possible!



Asociatia Touched Romania (Bucharest)

This NGO works to give neglected babies and their mothers a new chance in Romanian society. The furniture at their shelter was in urgent need of replacement, as the old pieces had worn out from heavy use. With our support, new furniture will be provided, helping to create a safer and more comfortable environment for these families.



Agenda 2026

7 May | Wings of Support Open

As mentioned earlier in this edition of WOSwijs, our annual golf tournament will take place on Thursday 7 May 2026. Come and play golf for a good cause!

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And keeping with the golfing theme, Wings of Support will once again be present at the KLM Open with its own stand. This year, the event will take place at The International golf course in Amsterdam.

Vacancies

Would you like to get more involved with Wings of Support? We currently have several open positions. Take a look at our [website](#).



Become a Volunteer or Donor with Wings of Support

Wings of Support is run by unpaid volunteers. Almost all of our team members work within the KLM Group and support Wings of Support alongside their regular jobs. We are always looking for new volunteers — please visit our website for more information.

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The next issue of WOSwijs will be published in spring 2026. If you have any tips or suggestions for the editorial team, or if you'd like to take part in '3 Questions to a WOS Member', let us know via redactie@wingsofsupport.org.

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