

The Tumaini Teddy Project

for Kenyan Orphans

In the coffee growing hills of Kenya is a town called Nyeri, outside of which is a **children's home** called Tumaini. Tumaini is home to **176 orphans**, some of whom are HIV positive, most of whom have already lived through more than many adults can imagine.



The kind and dedicated people who run Tumaini do all they can to improve the children's lives, but it is all they can do to keep food in their mouths and clothes on their backs. The children are happy to have shoes; **toys are a luxury** most have never enjoyed.

We all know the comfort a hug from a teddy bear can bring to a child. The Tumaini Teddy Project collects **hand-knit teddy bears** to gift to each child at Tumaini. **Please knit a teddy bear** for one of these children. We will not give any child a bear until **every child can have one**.

Knit a teddy bear...

- Buy the yarn
- Knit or crochet a bear (see instructions included)
- Deliver the bear and \$3 for shipping to your designated collector
- There are 176 kids...REPEAT!

For more information, call Rene Fiore at 630.576.5067 or email at tumaini.teddys@gmail.com

The Schedule of a Tumaini Child

5:15AM Wake up; hand wash laundry and self in cold water; pack bags and get dressed for school

6:00AM Eat breakfast in the dining hall; corn meal porridge

6:30AM Begin school day

1:00PM Eat lunch at the orphanage with 100 additional local children; stewed beans, potatoes and greens

4:00PM End school day; return to the orphanage for evening duties: washing bathrooms, scrubbing floors, cleaning dormitories...

5:00PM Meet for tea

6:00PM Eat dinner in the dining hall; serve or clean at your assigned table; stewed beans, potatoes and greens

7:00PM Watch the international news on the communal TV in the dining hall

7:30PM Do homework in study hall

10:00PM Lights out; go to bed



176 children

3 full-time staff



Ages 7 - 23



Despite hard lives, the children are some of the happiest you will ever meet. Something small from you will mean everything to them.