SMEC Foundation Provides Housing for Vulnerable Children in Kenya

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The SMEC Foundation has partnered with So They Can (STC) to fund the construction of a family home in Miti Mingi Village (MMV), Kenya, giving eight children a place to call home.

So They Can (STC) is a not-for-profit organisation working with communities in Kenya and Tanzania to help break the poverty cycle through education and empowerment.

The relationship between the SMEC Foundation, SMEC Kenya and STC has been maturing over several years. A number of STC projects have received funding from the SMEC Foundation, with employees from SMEC Kenya augmenting the funding by generously giving their technical expertise to these projects.

One of these projects is the construction of a family house in Miti Mingi Village, which provides a safe space for orphans and vulnerable children. The SMEC Foundation sponsored the construction of one family house making it possible for eight children to grow up in a family environment with love, respect and security under the guidance and love of a dedicated ‘house mother’. Due to the success of the first project, The SMEC Foundation decided to fund the construction of another family house, giving eight more children a place to call home.

To commemorate the occasion, SMEC Foundation Director, Philip Wilcox and SMEC Kenya employees were invited by the management of STC and MMV to conduct a soil turning ceremony to commence construction of the house.

“We were privileged to be given a tour of the village, school and the community to see the impact that STC’s work has had on the whole community. The highlight of the day was sitting down to lunch in the recently constructed ‘SMEC House’ with the 16 children and both house mothers who have (or will very soon) benefit from SMEC’s input,” Mr. Wilcox commented.

This was a fantastic and emotional day for all the SMEC representatives who attended. The children and house mother of the new house project were particularly excited to kick off construction of their new house by turning the soil at the ceremony after lunch and then planting a tree in SMEC’s honour.

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