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# KAI MEMORIAL CUP

## OUR MISSION & VISION

### KAIndness

"To honour Kai's memory by fostering community through rugby and creating pathways to opportunity for talented children. Making an Impact and raising funds for young people who do not have the means towards their development, sports opportunities and worthy causes."

One way-Grow Impact-One route to  
"Acts of KAIndness"

*The Kai Memorial Cup— A not-for-profit event Organised jointly by The Kai Memorial Cup (Part of the Kai Foundation) and the Nondies Cubs (part of Nondies RFC, Kenya's oldest Rugby Club).*

*INSPIRED BY THE IMPACT OF, IN TRIBUTE TO, AND IN MEMORY OF  
KAI DAVID MOYO EDWARDS*

***Play with Heart. Remember with Joy***

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## WHY WE HAVE THE KAI MEMORIAL CUP

Named in honour of **Kai David Moyo Edwards**, a beloved U7 player lost in early 2024, the Kai Memorial Cup is a celebration of life, tribute, community, and the joy of rugby and team friendship. It raises funding for youth who do not have the means towards their development, sports opportunities, personal needs and other deserving causes.

### Kai's Story

On a February day in 2024, a vibrant five-year-old boy, Kai Edwards was tragically killed, while riding his bicycle within his own gated community, by a careless driver, at home, where he should have been safest. Kai, a talented and much-loved U7 Cub, was a beam of energy who loved touch rugby. His remarkable spirit built a natural bridge across economic divides. His story is one of profound loss, but also of boundless energy and unexpected unity. Kai loved touch rugby. His playmates weren't just from his neighbourhood; they were children from across Nairobi's economic spectrum. On the field, they were simply teammates—a reflection of the community Kai built without even trying. To honour this spirit, Kai's family channels their grief into action. The annual Kai Memorial Cup does two things: it keeps Kai's joyful memory alive through sport, and it uses that sport to break down barriers. Funds raised directly sponsor talented, underprivileged children from the very communities Kai played with into reputable rugby development programs, giving them structure, mentorship, and opportunity.

*Play with Heart. Remember with Joy*



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# NEWS & ACHIEVEMENTS

## WHAT WE HAVE DELIVERED

### School Fees Scheme



*Michelle Henderson presents a Scholarship  
Award — 14 Feb 2026*

18 children placed into academy fee structures, girls and boys from Grade 4 to Grade 9 across Nairobi primary schools.

**Less privileged children are in school right now because of our sponsors.**

### Sports Equipment

We purchased much-needed new sports kit for Nondies Cubs - replacing worn-out items and ensuring no child sits on the sidelines for lack of gear.

New tackle bags, balls, boots and training gear, all branded with the KMC and Nondies Cubs identity.



*Equipment donated by the Kai Memorial Cup — Sep 2025*

## ♥ Heart to Heart Foundation

In line with supporting young people's personal needs, we donated to the Heart-to-Heart Foundation - supporting the management and treatment of heart disease and open-heart surgeries in children. This foundation is remarkable in what it achieves.

*More info: <https://karenhospital.org/heart-to-heart-foundation/>*

## 📖 Textbook Provision - Nthulini Primary School

In February 2026, a fire broke out in a classroom at Nthulini Primary School in Machakos County. The Kai Foundation donated towards replacing textbooks and stationery so the children could continue their studies. This was in association with Maanzoni Residents.



At Nthulini Primary school in Machakos - Donation of Text Books

## ⚽ Empowerment of Sport

Supporting the Nondies Cubs' community outreach - ensuring that cost is never a barrier for kids who want to play. This included providing boots, shirts and snacks during training sessions.

## **It's the 2025 Cup Report!**

### **The 2nd Annual Kai Memorial Cup touch rugby tournament — 5 July 2025**

KMC2 went off superbly on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025. There were 31 teams — 21 kids' teams U5 to U15 and 10 adult teams. Overall, around 300 kids and 150 adults plus a huge crowd of families, friends and supporters, numbering over a thousand. You could see the players loved the stage, the spectacle and the playing. This alone was such a tribute to Kai.

The field of play was a buzz of activity full of kids playing with passion and fun. There were sideshows, food, drink, a band, a big media truck and a grand raffle in the lead-up — and we were so lucky to have so many great prizes donated. We were very honoured to have such huge support and to have received heartfelt messages from far and wide. Amongst these was a video tribute from former International rugby stars and current England players wishing the tournament success and echoing our motto, "Play with Heart, Remember with Joy". We were also graced by former Kenya Internationals in the supporters' crowd — and some taking to the field!

Kai's parents along with our KMC2 team were so appreciative for every ounce of support. This support very much contributed to making the tournament a success, and to be able in turn to support youth empowerment in sport and rugby development was a privilege and a bonus.

At the end of the activity on the pitch, all the kids participated in a 100m race — racing the length of the pitch against a few Ex Kenya rugby stars and legends including Humphrey Kiyange. The kids won that race, of course!

"Play with Heart and Remember with Joy" was such an alive theme, felt and lived by all. Kai's impact was real — there and all around us. The event was a great tribute to him: both emotional and a visible expression of heartfelt feeling, playing with passion, friendship and energy. It gave us the will and means to make an impact for kids who deserve support.

**Asante Sana to all ❤️**

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# 2025 CUP REPORT - *KMC2*

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We were honoured by heartfelt messages including a video tribute from former International rugby stars and current England players. Former Kenya Internationals graced both the crowd and the field.



*Teams, supporters, friends and officials together at the end of KMC2 — 5 Jul 2025*



*The Invincibles celebrate at KMC2 — 5 Jul 2025*

## SPOTLIGHT - SCHOOL FEES SCHEME



*Nondies Cubs proudly showing their Scholarship Award certificates — 14 Feb 2026*

Some of the funds raised at KMC2 were channelled into helping Nondies Cubs rugby children pay their school fees. The 18 scholarship beneficiaries — girls and boys — range from Grade 4 to Grade 9 across Nairobi primary schools.

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*Less privileged children are in school because of all the people who opened not only their wallets, but their hearts, in memory of our wonderful Kai.*

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Mrs. Henderson from Nondies Cubs also initiated a programme to supply girls who play rugby with sanitary products — and the Kai Memorial Cup is proud to support and encourage girls to continue playing the sport they love.

*Written by Kai's mother, Patience Moyo*



*Patience*

# To our Sponsors & Partners

A huge heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors whose generosity has supported our mission. Our impact would not be possible without you.

<b><i>Teign Valley Tag Rugby Club</i></b>	<b><i>Eezy Group</i></b>	<b><i>Fred Black Insurance</i></b>
<b><i>Alive and Kicking</i></b>	<b><i>Kai Apple</i></b>	<b><i>Groove flowers</i></b>
<b><i>Dojo</i></b>	<b><i>JW Seagon</i></b>	<b><i>TARPO</i></b>
<b><i>Iko Toilet</i></b>	<b><i>Bowmans (Coulson Harney LLP)</i></b>	<b><i>Nondies RFC</i></b> <i>for use of the rugby field and fantastic team of helpers for pitch arrangements</i>

***Plus our many in kind donors***

<b><i>Raffle Prize Donors</i></b>				
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KILIMANDEGE HOUSE, NAIVASHA	CRESCENT ISLAND, NAIVASHA	PAULINE MCKENZIE	HEATHER GARLICK	SPINNERS WEB

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To our champions out there — no matter how big or small your acts of **KAINDNES**, donations, and help — a giant:

# ASANTE SANA!

WITHOUT YOU, NONE OF THIS IS POSSIBLE.

## *How Can You Help?*

# PARTNERSHIP IN KAI'S LEGACY

We are inviting you and or your organisation to become more than a sponsor; through the following categories and to be a Partner in Kai's Legacy.

- **Kai's Legacy Partner**
- **Try-Scoring Champion**
- **Playmaker**
- **Corner Flag Community**
- **In-Memory Donors**

**Update! This year, we are reimagining how partners join us.** Moving away from restrictive sponsorship tiers, we invite you to become a **Partner in Kai's Legacy**-choosing a role that aligns with your capacity and mission. Whether as a cornerstone **Legacy Partner**, a **Try-Scoring Champion** funding a specific program, a vital **Playmaker** providing essential support, a **Corner Flag Community** supporting costs or an **In-Memory Donor**, every contribution is a valued commitment to transforming young lives.



### **Call To Action**

If you or your organisation are interested and want to become a Partner in Kai's Legacy and join a purposeful community, and need to know more about the benefits please contact us:



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*Be part of something meaningful. Be part of the Kai Memorial Cup.*

*Supporting causes that impact and improve the lives of young people.*



KMC2 WINNERS — THE IMOK TEAM CELEBRATING



Sean Edwards presenting the KMC2 Trophy



*Without your support, we could not run this Special Tournament — and with your generosity and KAIndness, we have delivered, made an impact, and honoured Kai's Legacy.*

*Every contribution, big or small, is valued as a commitment to Kai's spirit of community, play, and opportunity.*

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**Are you ready for KMC3?**

**SAVE THE DATE**



**SAVE THE DATE:  
SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**



**THE 3RD ANNUAL KAI MEMORIAL CUP  
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