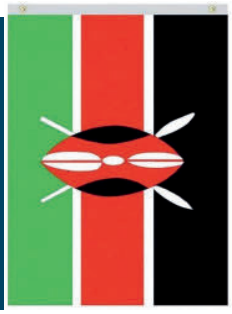
Pearl S. Buck International
BRIDGING CULTURES CHANGING LIVES

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Changing Lives at Ogada Children's Home

This past year marked another successful year of partnership between Pearl S. Buck International and Chariots for Hope's Ogada Children's Home, made possible by the generous support of donors and child sponsors.

Ogada's dorms were fully renovated with new windows, ceilings, and tiled floors— creating a safe, warm, and comfortable home where children can sleep without leaks, cold drafts, or injury risks. Chariots for Hope was able to quickly address an urgent need by repairing and replacing girls' bathroom facilities, ensuring children now have a safe and sanitary place to use the bathroom.

High school and college students were equipped with the technology they needed to succeed academically, with over 40 laptops provided. Students celebrated graduations, prepared to enter primary school, were supported through their exams, and enjoyed recreation days and educational field trips.

A variety of programs were implemented this past year. Trauma-informed educational camps at three



Chariots homes helped adolescents and young men and women gain the healing, safety, and confidence to protect themselves against abuse. Ogada and the other children's homes invested in practical skill-building through activities such as cooking, cleaning, gardening, and environmental programs such as tree planting and Mazingira Day celebrations.

Leadership meeting and training took place as well. Managers, social workers, and national staff all gathered together in Kitui for a four-day leadership meeting to plan, collaborate, and learn.

Chariots for Hope also expanded its community care. 650 Christmas baskets filled with food and essential supplies were distributed to children visiting their guardians—providing meaningful support to their families during the holidays. Eye screenings were also provided to 800 people, including 500 community members and Chariots children. Eyeglasses were provided to those who needed them— representing meaningful progress in caring for the broader Kenya community.

Children received critical medical care and staff benefited from training on baby development and teenage health, while several homes navigated individual medical needs such as upcoming cataract surgery.

The children also enjoyed visits from local churches, schools, partner organizations, and sponsors who brought gifts, celebrations, and encouragement; several homes also participated in community performances and public events

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Check out our gift catalog page on our website for ways to help the children living in Ogada Children's Home **https://pearlsbuck.org/help-children-in-need/gift-catalog/**

Spend the Holidays at Our House







The holidays are quickly approaching and there are so many upcoming ways to celebrate at the Pearl S. Buck House Museum and historic landmark estate.

Each year during the **Annual Festival of Trees**, the rooms of Pearl S. Buck's iconic Bucks County historic stone farmhouse come alive with the glow of holiday decorations—and this year, we're celebrating 50 years of this holiday tradition! The event showcases beautiful trees and vignettes designed by the best local artists, decorators, and community groups to convey the spirit of Pearl S. Buck's legacy as an author, humanitarian, and activist. Join us on select evenings throughout December for an evening Candlelight Tour of Festival of Trees. Festival of Trees remains one of the most unique and historic holiday traditions in the region. The 50th Annual Festival of Trees begins November 10, 2026 and runs through January 3, 2027. Tickets are on sale now!

The **Juried Craft Show** has been a Bucks County tradition for three decades. Enjoy a unique shopping experience at this high-end craft show which offers jury-selected gifts, decorations, food, jewelry, apparel, and more from professional crafters, artists, and chefs. The Craft Show is the perfect place to find an array of amazing holiday gifts for your family and friends. Every year the Craft Show is produced by the Pearl S. Buck Volunteer Association. The Craft Show, located in the Welcome Center, will run from Friday, November 27 to Sunday, December 6. Admission is $5.

Join us on December 6 from 2-4 pm for **Once Upon A Christmas Miniature**, a magical holiday celebration of story, creativity, and Christmas traditions inspired by Pearl S. Buck's beloved story *Christmas Miniature*. This special event is the perfect way to make those holiday memories with your family, including a puppet show adaptation of Christmas Miniature, cupcake decorating, crafts, photos with Santa, and a tour of Festival of Trees. Tickets on sale now!

Be our guest on Sunday, December 12 from 2-4 pm for our annual **Community Holiday Party**. This family-friendly holiday celebration features complimentary tours of Festival of Trees, live holiday music, and some surprise holiday guests! This annual event carries on the historic tradition of Pearl S. Buck's holiday party for the community. Please save the date for this special event!

Get into the holiday mood with a **Holiday Centerpiece Design Workshop and Festival of Trees** combo ticket with Mark Bryan Designs and Pearl S. Buck International. Based out of Upper Black Eddy, Mark Bryan has over 30 years of excelling at floral design, landscaping design, and horticultural experience. Bring your friends and family members as Mark expertly leads you in the design and creation of a stunning holiday centerpiece. Afterward, enjoy a tour of Festival of Trees. This class will be December 13 at 1 pm, followed by the tour. Tickets on sale now!

For more information or to buy your tickets to one or more of these holiday events, visit **https://pearlsbuck.org/holiday-events/**