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Mending The Nest

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Mending the Nest While Bridging the Justice Gap

Dear Family,



📸: Ms. Miriam Wachira

When I first envisioned Justice I dreamed οf organization that saw people, not just cases. I dreamed of a justice system that could heal, not just punish. This newsletter is a testament to that dream becoming a reality, and it fills my heart with immense pride and hope.

The tales of LWG's family reunification, a young mother's recovery from trauma, and the four men who were set free from Shimo La Tewa that you are going to hear are not singular triumphs. They are the direct outcome of our team's daily heartfelt commitment to a radical, compassionate paradigm of justice. They serve as an example of our fundamental conviction that justice is a transforming process that heals wounded souls and reunites families rather than a transaction that concludes in a courtroom.

The steadfast commitment of our team, whose painstaking follow-up and unrelenting advocacy, makes this work possible. Life-giving collaborations like the one we have with the Wangu Kanja Foundation, which enables us to provide our customers with a comprehensive network of support, help to magnify it.

You will see the faces of hope and resiliency as you read these pages. Every child who is reunited with their mother, every family that is restored, and every life that is given a second chance will demonstrate the real impact of your help. We appreciate your faith in this mission and your support as we work to Mend the Nest, one family at a time.

With utmost gratitude,

Miriam Wachira

Founder & Executive Director, Justice Nest

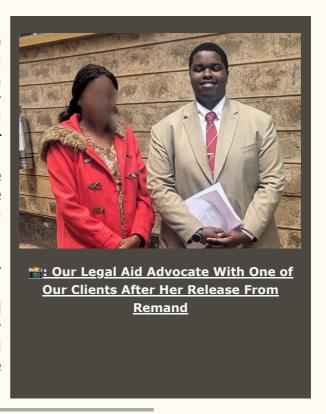
Feature Story: Mending the Nest; How Caring Behaviour is Preserving Rights and Restoring Families

At Justice Nest, our mission is to unlock mothers from cycles of imprisonment and restore dignity to their families. Guided by our vision of a society where justice is compassionate, restorative, and centered on the best interests of children, we have continued to transform lives through our **Children & Mothers Diversion & Restorative Justice Program**. This program goes beyond legal intervention, it emphasizes **psychosocial support, counselling, and family reconciliation**, ensuring that imprisonment is not the default solution, but that healing, and restoration take priority.

Some recent stories highlight the heart of this program.

A Mother's Protection, A Family's Reconciliation: When LWG was charged with threatening to kill and destruction of property, the complainants were her own siblings. The heart of the conflict was a painful dispute over their ancestral land, the resting place of their late father and the home of their 89-year-old mother, whom LWG solely cared for. Her opposition to the sale was an act of protection, but it escalated into an altercation that landed her in jail.

Unable to raise the Ksh. 70,000 cash bail, LWG spent six agonizing months in custody, separated from her teenage daughter and elderly mother. Justice Nest intervened with a dual strategy: fighting her legal case while healing her family. Through skilled mediation, we facilitated a dialogue where the siblings could finally hear each other. They reconciled, appreciated each other's concerns, and agreed on a harmonious way forward. Today, LWG is home, reunited with her daughter, and caring for her mother. Her family is whole again, а powerful testament to the fact that justice can be a force for healing.



A Young Mother Healing From Trauma to Transformation: Another young mother, a survivor of SGBV, found herself imprisoned after a domestic conflict rooted in unhealed trauma and poverty. In prison, consumed by hopelessness, she believed her two young boys were destined to grow up without her.

Recognizing her case was one of profound social distress, not criminality, our team embarked on a deep journey of restoration with her. She received regular psychosocial counselling to process her pain and regain her confidence. Simultaneously, we facilitated dialogue sessions with her mother, mending broken communication and misunderstandings. By her seventh session, a visible transformation had taken place. Her mother chose forgiveness and understanding. The charges were withdrawn, and she was released under our

program. She is now free, emotionally stable, and committed to breaking cycles of trauma for her sons, rebuilding a life defined by love instead of loss.

Justice in action: Four Men Freed from Shimo La Tewa; our influence goes beyond our primary Children & Mothers Diversion & Restorative Justice Program to support everyone's fundamental right to a fair trial through our Prison Paralegal Program. Mtomondoni residents H.N., B.D., D.N., and C.N. were charged with organized crime and released on an unaffordable Ksh 100,000 bail.

After being remanded to Shimo La Tewa Maximum Prison, they found hope when they met Correctional Officer Peter Amakobe, our paralegal, at the prison's Justice Nest office. Peter carefully considered their situation before writing a letter to the court requesting for less bond terms.



The judge granted their request, drastically lowering their bond to Ksh 30,000. After making the payment, the men are now managing their case from their homes rather than in a cell.

"Thanks to Justice Nest! Thanks to officer Peter Amakobe," was their straightforward yet heartfelt expression of thanks. This is prompt, efficient, and caring justice in action.

These stories demonstrate that Justice Nest's work is not only about defending mothers in court, but also about **transforming lives at their roots**. Legal freedom is important, but without addressing the **social dimensions of justice, trauma, poverty, family breakdown, and emotional wounds, the cycle of conflict would simply repeat itself**. By investing in psychosocial support, family dialogue, and restorative practices, Justice Nest ensures that each release is more than freedom, it

Partnership Spotlight: Wangu Kanja Foundation

is the restoration of family, dignity, and hope.

At Justice Nest, we believe that collaboration is the heartbeat of sustainable change. This year, our partnership with the **Wangu Kanja**

Foundation has continued to reinforce our shared vision: a Kenya where justice systems protect, rather than punish, the vulnerable.



📸: Teams from Wangu Kanja Foundation and Justice Nest

Founded in 2005 by Ms. Wangu Kanja, a survivor and seasoned human rights champion, **Wangu Kanja Foundation** has been instrumental in restoring dignity to survivors of sexual violence and their families. Their survivor-led, feminist approach ensures that the voices of those most affected remain central in shaping solutions.

By working together, **Justice Nest** and **Wangu Kanja Foundation** amplify each other's efforts. While we focus on incarcerated mothers and children, Wangu Kanja Foundation strengthens the fight against sexual and gender-based violence, two issues that often overlap in the lives of the women we serve. Together, we advocate for systemic reforms, build resilience in communities, and stand firmly against cycles of violence and injustice.

This partnership is a testament to what is possible when organizations unite around a common mission: to restore dignity and give survivors the tools to reclaim their futures.

To our dedicated staff, our passionate volunteers, our visionary partners, and our generous supporters:

Thank you. This simple phrase carries the weight of our profound appreciation for the role you play in making our mission possible.

In the first eight months of 2025 alone, your support has directly fueled the incredible impact summarized below. Each number represents a life interrupted by the justice system and a story of hope being rewritten.

January-August 2025 Impact Overview

Program	Trained	Clients Served	Control of the Contro	Children Reunited with their Mothers
Prison Paralegal Program	33	786	129	-
Children & Mothers Diversion				
& Restorative Justice	_	52	22	47
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<u>Prisoners' Justice Day 2025</u> <u>Prisoners' Justice Day 2025</u>

Justice Nest teams took part in August events that exemplified the spirit of compassion, justice, and optimism as part of a potent national show of solidarity. Our events, which took place from Mombasa to Nairobi, honored a global symbol of forgiveness and human rights while highlighting our dedication to acknowledging the inherent dignity and transformative potential of every person inside the legal system.



📸: Nelson Mandela Day Celebration

Justice Nest joined the Shimo La Tewa Medium Complex, the Red Cross, the KNHRC, and the inspirational Bostol Band in a successful Nelson Mandela Day celebration. The event honored Mandela's passion for prisoner human rights and concluded with the symbolic planting of 'Mandela trees' to ensure his legacy of justice and renewal continues to inspire.



ii: Nelson Mandela Day Celebration, Tree Planting

On World Prisoners' Justice Day, August 8, Justice Nest held impactful legal awareness events at both Shimo La Tewa and Lang'ata Women's Prisons. The the Shimo La Tewa event, attended by forty remanded inmates and senior prison staff and featured inspiring remarks, a trial

process presentation, and a productive Q&A that led to plans for a follow-up session on plea bargaining.

The Nairobi team commemorated World Prisoners' Justice Day at Lang'ata Women's Prison at the same time. Even while the session had a significant impact and the participants showed a high degree of participation and it underscored the critical need for legal services in our prisons.

All of these activities, from the joyous tree-planting ceremony commemorating Mandela's legacy to the devoted legal clinics, demonstrate Justice Nest's steadfast commitment to the cause. We're determined to build on these lessons learned, improve our strategy, and keep fighting for a more fair and just system for everybody.

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