

# History

## First Steps

On December 16, 2004, Monica Brunner, Anna Angst and Monique Stammbach signed the papers for the foundation Tuwapende Watoto in the notary's office of Winterthur in Switzerland. On March 17, 2005 the foundation was listed in the register of companies at the office of commerce of canton of Zurich.

Since December 9, 2005, the foundation is under state supervision and gets the tax exemption by the Tax authority of the canton of Zurich. Donators of the foundation of Tuwapende Watoto can deduct their donations from their tax. The foundation of the NGO in Tanzania took place on February 2, 2005.

## First rental contract

It still took some months until an appropriate house has been found. On November 14, 2005, the rental contract for the Tuwapende Watoto house has been signed. The house is large and located in a safe area. It offers a playground for the children. We were able to sign the contract for five years.

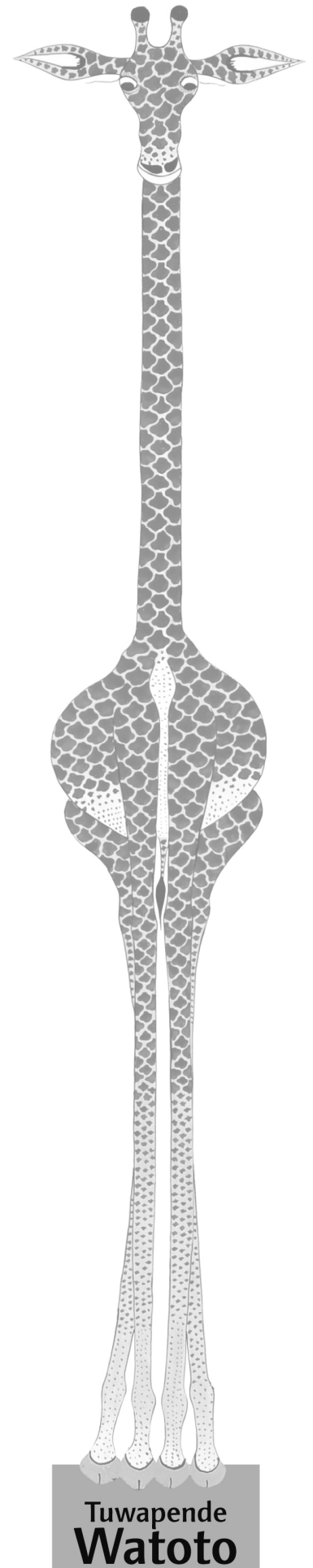
## First moving in

On January 11, 2006 we could take over the house and start with the renovations. It was worth the effort, it is a nice house with a lovely playground.

In April 2006 the renovations were done and the house was furnished. The Towapende Watoto mother Bea, her son and the first Swiss intern moved in.

## First licence

On May 2006 we got the licence to run a children's home by the Social and health administration. That was then the beginning. On May 19, 2006, the first children were accomodated. The orphans Fabian, Martha and Maria, all 3½ years old, found a new home in Tuwapende Watoto and quickly settled in.



## **More children and staff members**

In July and August 2006, the three abandoned children Emanuel, Bahati and Abdallah joined the Tuwapende Watoto family and could soon feel at home.

Also another mother joined the team as well as a guard.

In January and March 2007, the orphans Prisca and Francis and the abandoned children Kelvina, ulius and Zawadi completed the TW family.

## **Our own operational and educational concepts**

On the occasion of her studies in social education, Monica Brunner wrote the operational concept for Tuwapende Watoto. This was in October 2006. The Bachelor thesis was then written about the educational concept that is implemented since January 2008.

## **Kindergarden and School**

Since January 2008, all children visit a small private school in the neighbourhood of the home. The language in school is English and the children grow up with a second language.

The kindergarden in Itobo in the region of Tabora is supported by TW. This allows 60 children to attend the kindergarden.

## **Purchase land**

In September 2006, land was purchased in the small village Bunju A on the way between Dar es Salaam and Bagamoya. Because of various reasons it was impossible to build there.

In March 2008, the foundation purchased therefore in Bunju B a better suited and also larger piece of land. Construction work for the new home and kindergarden on that land started in July 2008.

## **Board members of the foundation**

Monique Stammach leaves the board of the foundation in Switzerland and Albert Bargetzi joins the board on December 18, 2006.

On March 30, 2006 Anita Ngowi leaves the foundation in Tanzania and Monica Senga and Karfuruki Shubis join the board.

