

# Kenya Model United Nations

*In the last four months, the Kenya Model United Nations (KMUN) has been quite busy with activities that have raised its profile.*



On the 5th of December 2010, KMUN together with the Rotaract club organized a Christmas party for the children of the Kenyatta National Hospital cancer ward. The ward has about 80 children suffering from cancer, many in the late stages.

Treatment for cancer is very expensive and debilitating. Therefore, KMUN and Rotaract could not think of anything more to brighten the faces of the children than to plan and hold an early Christmas party for them. Ismael Bett, the President of Rotaract, while officiating at the event, urged members of the two clubs to continue with the philanthropy and challenged them to make the party an annual event.

On the 11th of December the two clubs extended the same gesture to the children at Christ Chapel Children's home in Huruma. The two clubs have organized a visit to the home every end month to assist in chores, play, as well as interact with the children. In 2011, the two clubs plan to put in place a mentorship programme that will see the children tutored and mentored by the members. The home has 40 children.

In a separate development, KMUN University of Nairobi Main Campus Chapter in conjunction with the Blood Link Foundation (BLF) held a blood donor drive on the 7th and 8th of March 2011. Speaking to Varsity Focus, Fiona Imbali, Undersecretary General, said that the blood drive was amongst many that the club has successfully organized in the recent past as part of its corporate social responsibility. During the two-day exercise, 144 members of the university community donated blood. Many people were turned away due to their low Body Mass Index (BMI).



**KMUN officials with children at the Kenyatta National Hospital Cancer Ward after the Christmas party.**

## ***Blood drives have been organised successfully in the past as part of our corporate social responsibility***

They were however glad to learn from the exercise about the life styles and general health and nutrition habits that could enrich their lives.

Speaking at the event, Mr. Fredrick Obwanda, Programs Officer, BLF, expressed concern over the gradual depletion of blood banks because of the reluctance of people to donate blood unless someone close to them was in need. He was however happy that KMUN had taken the initiative to mobilize people for this cause. He appealed for more people to volunteer in donating blood.

In another activity, KMUN annual conference took place from the 21st to 25th of March 2011 at Gigiri. The theme of the annual conference was *Pan-Africanism and the consciousness of humanity in the youthful African spirit*. The chief guest during the event was Ambassador David Kikaya. He lauded the students for organizing KMUN conferences which accord them a platform to discuss various aspects and gain life enriching skills.

70 delegates from the UoN Main Campus Chapter attended the conference.