

HOUSE OF HOPE



Location: Kyazanga, Uganda

Partner: World Action for Humanity

Issue Areas: Child Mortality, Universal Education, Extreme Poverty, HIV/AIDS and Other Diseases

Points of Interest: Project Blog

The Organization

House of Hope was started in 2005 by a young Ugandan woman, Jenifer Tumwizere, at the age of just 21. After college, Jenifer was working as a teacher when she became compelled to do more to improve the lives of the many orphaned children living in the villages around her. She began putting aside what salary she could to start an organization to provide education, nutritious food and a safe environment for these children – most of whom had lost their parents to AIDS. House of Hope was born and is now a registered Community-Based Organization (nonprofit) with a mission to provide orphaned children with adequate nutrition, clean water, medical care, education, and the security of knowing that someone loves them. House of Hope works with children from the Nakateete and Kyazanga villages in south western Uganda. The first project of House of Hope, the House of Action Junior School, has enrolled 100 children ranging in age from 3-12 years into 1st through 3rd grade. There are plans to add an additional grade each year. The majority of the students live with extended families or neighbors, however, 17 of the students are living in child-run households, meaning the oldest caregiver is 14-years old or younger. Jenifer and her staff of six have already laid the plans to build a boarding structure for the children living with no adult caregivers, and also hope to offer vocational skills training for the older youths in the area in the long-term.

Why the Need?

The school is very much in its growth stage; resources are needed to provide more nutritious and frequent meals, regular medical care, hygiene, school supplies, staff salaries, and building improvements. While this may seem like a tall list, the great news is that House of Hope already has abundant supply of the resources money can never buy: enthusiasm, commitment, great staff, dedicated volunteers and love for the children.

Nutrition is the number one priority at House of Hope. Currently, the cost of daily porridge is being funded from the savings of Jenifer, House of Hope's director. Generous donations have already funded the planting of 23 fruit trees around the property and the building of a chicken coup; however ongoing supplies of cooking oil, maize, beans, milk and vegetables need to be purchased.

Medical care is the second priority for the children. Typhoid, intestinal worms, and dysentery are common ailments resulting from contaminated, and often un-boiled, water. Malaria is rampant and insecticide treated mosquito nets are needed to safeguard the children at their homes. Simple hygiene can also be difficult for the children; clean water and soap for washing is not always available at home. The children ages 3 to 5 years are bathed each morning by staff and many older children arrive early and wash on their own. Bars of soap are needed at the school and for each child to take home.

How Team Efforts Translate to Impact

Funds teams raise will go to support the monthly costs of operating the House of Hope, such as staff salaries (\$720), medical care (\$273), and one teacher's salary (\$47).

The Partner

World Action for Humanity is a U.S. non-profit organization supporting small, locally-owned projects assisting vulnerable children around the world. WAH helps volunteers and donors who want to make a direct contribution to smaller projects abroad by connecting them with effective, on-the-ground groups providing critical services to children in need.

NGC's Approach to Sustainable Global Change

NGC and our Global Partners believe that people in communities all over the world are the real experts and know their community and solutions to their problems. We want to advocate and educate others on behalf of this model of sustainable global change. Additionally, we seek to empower our grassroots Global Projects with the financial resources to create change at the grassroots level. 100% of funds your team raises are sent to House of Hope.

By sending your team's funds directly, your project organization has the power to decide the best way to use the money. Since money will be spent in the community, your funds will also support the local economy.

Teaching HIV/AIDS prevention techniques to children who have been affected with HIV/AIDS will help to stop its spread to future generations and allow children to lead healthy lifestyles. Also, the House of Hope employs local community members to educate and provide medical care for the participants, investing resources back into the local economy.

Additional Resources

Partner Website: <http://worldactionforhumanity.org/>

Project Website: <http://worldactionforhumanity.org/projects/house-of-hope/>

CIA World Factbook (Uganda): <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ug.html>

Embassy of Uganda: <http://www.ugandaembassy.com/>

Related News: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/7474118.stm>

See your team binder for more ways to educate your team about your project.