



CANHAVE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

(Canadians Helping AIDS Victims with Education)

CANHAVE is a Canadian Registered Charity No. 88992 8396 RR0001

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CANHAVE TRADE SCHOOL AUGUST 2009

OUR PIONEERS

CANHAVE is very proud of its pioneers, the original children who needed support and assistance after the deaths of their parents from AIDS. **Catherine Namazzi** is the matron and office manager at the Trade School. She lives with the girls and supervises their activities throughout the term. She welcomes parents, visitors, teaches computers skills and sees that all the chores are complete. Catherine leads, consults and makes decisions on a daily basis that create a community which brings pride to the CANHAVE Boards. Another one of our pioneer students, **Moses Bataliwo** is always present at the Trade School and is pleased to assist the students, staff and volunteers. He lives in the village with other CANHAVE pioneers, **Peter Kafeero** and **Joseph Mawanda**, and



the male students who attend the Trade School. Together Peter and Moses are building desks and chairs needed for the Trade School. To do this task, they prepared a budget, chose and purchased the lumber and supplies, then loaded the materials into the van for transport to Kisubi. They plan to have the furniture built for the Fall school term.

SPECIAL FRIEND OF CANHAVE

CANHAVE is very fortunate to have **Chetna Srivastava**, wife of the Indian High Commissioner to Uganda, as a friend (seen with **Gwynneth Evans**, Executive Director, at the official residence). Chetna has agreed to give the catering and food management students a class in Indian delicacies preparation and menu planning.

SCHOOL VISITS WITH JOSEPH

Joseph Kabali and **Gwynneth Evans** travelled throughout the neighbouring villages visiting several schools to meet the CANHAVE sponsored children and their school leaders. They learned of the priorities and concerns of each of these children. There is no doubt that CANHAVE's support of their education gives each child a sense of security and a future. The Sponsorship Program ensures that the CANHAVE children have ongoing education and a group of people concerned for their welfare.



LEE VALLEY TOOLS INITIATIVE

Presently there are six boys attending CANHAVE Trade School to learn the basic skills of carpentry and joinery while sharing what few tools they have. The lack of tools is a hardship they bare. This summer we were fortunate that **Robin Lee** of **Lee Valley Tools Inc.** initiated a "used tools for CANHAVE" project which was a success. His staff carefully monitored the influx of gently used tools and now there is a warehouse of saws, planes, hammers, etc. packed in boxes for transport. Board members **Grete Hale**, **Janet Castle** and **Caroline Nakayenga** never imagined the results and are now making the arrangements for shipment of the tools. (photo: donated tools in Lee Valley Tools Warehouse)



JOSEPH MAWANDA'S TALENT

Joseph Mawanda, a CANHAVE pioneer, is enrolled in a Diploma Course in Creative Arts, thanks to the generosity of a donor. On her return to Canada, Joseph gave Gwynneth Evans an oil painting he did of the CANHAVE TRADE SCHOOL. CANHAVE has been reproducing his work into note cards raising over \$1900, and using them to thank donors. This year Joseph designed our **2009 SEASONS GREETINGS card (five-card package on sale for \$5.00)**

Oil painting of CANHAVE Trade School
by Joseph Mawanda



Catherine Namazzi showing
CANHAVE students computer skills

QUINTESSENCE PERFORMERS, an a cappella group from Ottawa, will be performing at the annual fundraiser dinner in support of CANHAVE. Their repertoire is extensive and lively. "We enjoy using our songs to engage more Canadians in sharing with people on the other side of this amazing world" said performer **Paul Jay**.

CANHAVE'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISITS THE TRADE SCHOOL

The students celebrated **Gwynneth Evans'** visit with a great feast. **St. Elizabeth's Girls' Home** in Kampala lent some of their senior students (seen below) to assist in teaching



CANHAVE STUDENTS HAVE A VOICE

The students of the Trade School clearly understand the dynamics of their learning environment and dedicate a certain amount of their time to gardening, cleaning, food preparation (seen below) along with lessons and playing soccer.

meal preparation and catering. It was an upbeat occasion with dancing, song, a fashion show and finely displayed food. The students in their new red shirts sent by **Caroline Nakayenga** from Canada, showed Gwynneth around the facilities to see their progress in sewing, joinery and gardening – they wanted to show it all to her. It truly was an opportunity to see progress since her last visit in February 2008.



Their input is extremely important to their growth and well being. We look forward to their reports on an ongoing basis.

WHAT DO WE RAISE FUNDS FOR?

Every year CANHAVE adds ten new orphans to the group it supports with educational assistance. This year we sponsored 60 students, in addition to housing 56 girls in a temporary dormitory at the Trade School and boarding 7 boys in the village with our pioneer students. The list of immediate needs grows daily. Our Ugandan board members bear the brunt of the responsibility because they make the decisions and recommend priorities to the Canadian board based on their knowledge and understanding. There is much progress being made at the Trade School and the Canadian board is most appreciative of the stewardship, care and administration of these young people as they continue to build a strong and healthy life for themselves and their community.

The Ottawa Board is striving to raise funds for a permanent girls dormitory, container transportation of tools to the Trade School, fence around the property, tuition fees paid for gifted students, new desks and chairs and to increase our sponsorship of CANHAVE children to 70.



One of our
CANHAVE students
selected for schooling

GRETE HALE DAY

June 21 was **Grete Hale's** 80th birthday and she hosted a party, dedicating it to the building of the girls dormitory at the CANHAVE



Trade School premises. To top it off the City of Ottawa proclaimed it **Grete Hale Day** presented here by **Councillor McRae** in the beautiful garden of Grete's family homestead. Grete's sister **Gay Cook** said she was so thrilled to see everyone enjoy the food, dancing and conversation on such a sunny day.

QUILT RAFFLE UPDATE

Ann McLean, of **Country Quilter**, donated an exceptional Mennonite Mariners Star hand-quilted Queen size quilt to CANHAVE. A group of volunteers sold raffle tickets at local festivals, market days and shopping malls to raise funds for annual fundraiser event. We thank them very much.



Caroline Nakayenga & Jane Nichols at Fibrefest, Almonte ON

HOW CAN I HELP?

Please direct my donation to:

___ **Child Sponsorship Program** (finances education and needs of 1 child for 1 year)
= \$360.00 per year or \$30.00 per month.

___ **CANHAVE Trade School**
___ \$50.00 ___ \$75.00 ___ \$100.00

Membership ___ \$25.00 per annum (includes "The Clarion" newsletter)

___ Other, please specify \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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