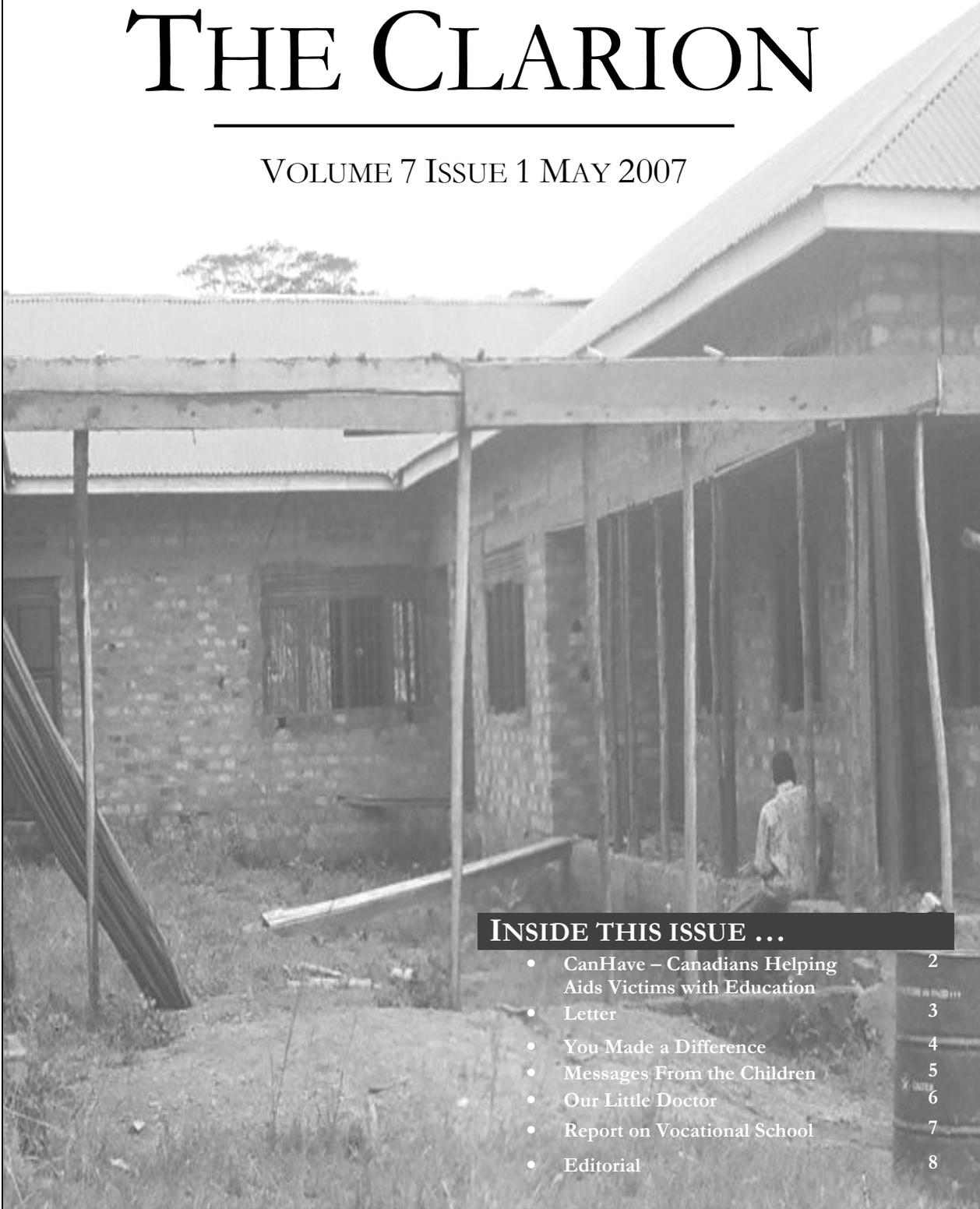


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CanHave – Canadians Helping AIDS Victims with Education

In the ceaseless rush of our daily lives, we often use acronyms as a time saving measure. It takes much less time to say “CanHave” than CanHave Children’s Centre, and perhaps some people have become so used to hearing only the acronym CanHave that they aren’t even aware that it stands for “Canadians Helping AIDS Victims with Education”. So, let’s take a few minutes to reflect on what that means as we get ready for this year’s fundraising dinner.

For the fourth year in a row, the organizers of the fundraising dinner are busy preparing an evening filled with great food, wonderful entertainment and enticing items for the silent auction, all with the objective of raising funds to help Ugandan orphans with their education. It is an apt coincidence that this year’s dinner is on June 16th, a date that in South Africa has become synonymous with the Soweto uprising by high-school students protesting for a better education. Today June 16th is a national holiday in South Africa, Youth Day, to honour all the young people who lost their lives in the struggle against Apartheid and Bantu Education. It is a day to underline the role that education plays in creating a better future for us and for our children. What better time to reflect on the African saying “It takes a village to raise a child”, and to celebrate the village that comes together once a year in Ottawa to remember the children of the world, and of Uganda in particular, who, through no fault of their own, have no parents to shoulder the financial burden of their upbringing and education.

And so, once again, we encourage all our CanHave supporters – Canadians Helping Aids Victims with Education – to attend this year’s fundraising dinner, and bring along your friends and family, to create the caring village that will make all the difference in the lives of these children. Thank you from your fundraising dinner committee, and thank you from the children! See you at Christ Church Cathedral Hall on June 16!

Jane Nicholls

My Thoughts

To plan and build CanHave Trade School is one of the most exciting and meaningful experiences I have had in a lifetime of volunteering.

Through a series of photos taken of the building project, those of us thousands of miles away in Canada can visualize what is happening with the School.

Our hearts and prayers are committed to see the completion of the CanHave Trade School.

Grete Hale

Membership Renewal

We recognize that everyone contributes in diverse ways and at different times of the year. If you have donated recently, please consider this note a thank you for your continued support. Please renew your financial support for the work of CanHave, and use the enclosed reply card to make your contribution.

With your contribution we provide education and basic needs, vocational training for teenagers and support for elderly caregivers.

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Hello

THE CANAAVE MEMBER

Greetings to all of you especially JOHN HUBER, GRETE HALE, EDWARD BUKENYA, IVAN HOOPER, CAROLINE NAKAYENGA, JAN SHERIDAN, JAMES HURD MIKE HUGHES, GWYNETH EVANS, CAROL, STEWART and others. How is Canada? Back to the pen holder, life is okay. My future is determined due to the hardships you under go always to make me what I am.

Indeed, allow me to express my endless thanks for the task of providing the best to my life. With that I appreciate all the sacrifices you under go in the process of Supporting me.

I only pray that, God almighty realise and reward you accordingly. May he grant Peace for all of you.

NICE TIME!

I remain
JOSEPH MAWANDA

You Have Made a Difference

I would like to share with you the difference you have made over the years, by your contributions, in the lives of four of our CanHave sponsored children.

RACHEL. Rachel was the very first child to be sponsored by CanHave, along with her four siblings. Both parents died of the AIDS virus, and the children went to live with their grandfather. After a few years, her brother Peter was able to build by himself a small house, on a piece of property left by their mother. The five teenagers now live there together. Peter has graduated from a Carpentry School and is employed by the School as a carpenter. Rachel has graduated from a Secretarial School, and is working as a Secretary for the Municipality. A brother and a sister are waiting to enter the CanHave Vocational Training School. The youngest brother is now in high School.

CATHERINE. She recently graduated with a Certificate in Computer Science, and a Diploma in Computer Maintenance. CanHave has sponsored Catherine for over ten years. She has two siblings, Joseph and Proscovia (Prosy), also sponsored by CanHave. They lost their parents through the AIDS virus, and being the eldest Catherine was left to take care of her brother and sister. They live in the slums near Kampala, occupying a small house. With the help of the villagers they have been able to survive. An elderly lady known as "Jaja" living in the same village has been their mentor as well as caring for many other children. Catherine's brother Joseph is a talented artist and has provided CanHave with a number of drawings, which appear on the Greeting Cards we sell. He is graduating in July from a bricklaying course, and has been busy helping to build the CanHave Vocational Training School. Proscovia is still in High School. Catherine has recently begun employment on a part time basis as a Clerk at Kampala City Hall. Her employment will help to improve their living conditions.

MOSES. Moses came into the care of CanHave at an early age, and was one of our earliest sponsored children. We first learned about Moses while his mother was dying of the AIDS virus, leaving him to look after himself. Unfortunately, relatives, claimed the small house left to Moses by his mother, leaving him without a roof over his head. For years he attended the Outspan school in the daytime, and returned later at night to sleep in the classroom. This young and very polite teenager loves playing soccer and is the captain of the CanHave Soccer Team. He has graduated from carpentry, and now is working as a helper in building the CanHave Vocational Training School.

JULIET. Juliet was left on the doorstep of Pastor Kasuse's home by relatives, when her mother died of the AIDS virus. Along with many other children the Pastor and his wife raised her. CanHave sponsored her at both Primary and Secondary School. Juliet excelled in her studies and has recently been accepted in the Makerere University, one of the oldest and most respected Universities in Africa. She is in the Department of Arts and would like to become a Business Administrator when she graduates.

These are the stories of four of our CanHave children and their families. They have been able to survive and receive an education and now look forward to living healthy and productive lives, because of the support of CanHave. You have made a difference in the lives of these children. Thank you sincerely.

Floyd McPhee
President, CanHave Children's Centre

Messages from the Children

I must study very hard because you have worked a lot to see that I become educated and grow well. I do not want to be a street child. It is not their choice but because they have nobody who cares about them as I have. I am very lucky to be your child. I promise to do well in school and at home. God help me and watch over all those ladies and gentlemen in Canada. *Edison*

I am really privileged to write to you and indeed am so very grateful to thank you for the great work you did for me. All I am today is because of you people. I know God will reward you in the best way because you did not only help poor orphan me but you also saved my life as well. *Erioth*

I express my joy to you for every thing you are struggling day and night because of me. I am so happy and without your presence in my life now I cannot survive. Thank you very much for your kindness. May God our Lord bless you and give you more good things than those you have. *Susan*

I dearly appreciate your good work and with this note, I thank you very much. Indeed, if you could see me, you would realize how grateful am I. I have no exact words that I can write and express my happiness to you. Had I had riches, I would have sent you some in regards for your great work towards me. Really, you deserve to be my parents, if I could be with you, because you have done all it takes to be good parents. I pray hard to God to replace all you have given me. *Vivian K.*

I am so blessed to be a CanHave child. I love the Christmas party, gifts and getting together as a family every year. I look forward to it from that very day to the next year. The last party I got a towel, my God, I never had a towel in my life. I do not want to use it because I will dirty it and it might be difficult to wash. Everyday I check on it, look at it and it makes me smile. I feel important and rich. I continue to dry myself with the cloth of the day. Thank you for making me feel that way. *Proscovia (Prosy)*

Am so happy because you people have given us part of your life here in Uganda, we the CanHave Children. Receiving a Christmas card has been one of the best things I've ever got and to be sincere and honest I receive Christmas cards from you people. And now you can imagine the joy in my heart, it's really a blessing to receive something so precious. I love you very much. May the good Lord bless you according to your good deeds. Otherwise, have the nicest, blessed days in your lives. *Vivian W.*



Celebrating Christmas with harvested fish from the fish farms and food prepared by the graduates,



The children received towels for their Christmas.

Our Little Doctor

I've been thinking a lot about Robert lately. I know that as a 17-year-old boy, he is on the threshold of manhood and facing all the challenges, responsibilities and decisions most late adolescent boys must confront. His are probably more profound and life shaping than those faced by my own two sons. In 2004, Robert wrote to CanHave members "I am writing to thank you for what you have done for me since 1999. That is, paying for my school fees, providing books, uniforms and other things that I needed for my studying. I don't have anything to reward you with apart from asking God to bless you. I don't know where I would have been if you didn't help me. Maybe I would have stopped going to school long ago but I'm still going to school because of your assistance."

In 2006 he again acknowledged his debt to CanHave "I'm now in senior four (S.4) and it is about six years since you have started sponsoring me." Robert is a bright, highly motivated student who holds tight to his dream of becoming a doctor (he signs all correspondence "future Doctor")! In last year's 10th anniversary edition of *The Clarion*, Gwynneth Evans wrote of her meeting with Robert at the secondary school he attends where she found him and other students "sitting and chatting under the trees" at lunchtime. Michael Hughes wrote that he "was not sure what opportunity he (Robert) will have to fulfill this dream." Robert continues to work and study hard and to pursue his ambition of becoming a doctor. Constant, too, is the knowledge that he will continue to receive the support he requires to complete his high school education from the funds CanHave provides. It is also our dream that he become a doctor.

When the time comes for action to make this dream a reality, don't be surprised by the knock on your door.

Elizabeth Knowles

Hats off to Grete

Join us at

A Celebration Tea – in honour of Grete Hale sponsored by friends of Grete will be held on Sunday, June 10, 2007 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Grete is outstanding because she not only saw a need but also has acted on it for the long term. Through CanHave, Grete has built a bridge for Canadians to know and learn about the lives of children whose parents have died of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. Dealing with tragedy takes courage, innovation and patience. Rebuilding the lives of youngsters traumatized by death is a long-term goal.

Grete grows from her experience and shares her joy and fun. It is the quality as well as the quantity of her voluntary contribution that distinguish Grete; her leadership, sources of compassion and of learning run very deep and she will not run out of steam.

The children, the Board, the overseas volunteers and the world at large feel Grete's impact.

Not only are the children educated through financial support for their school fees and expenses, they are placed in homes with grandmothers and other families or friends.

Grete has given freely of herself, her leadership, her knowledge, her insight, and her experiences. One by one – Grete has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of people.

Congratulations, Grete and thank you very much.

For more information about the above event, please contact Leadership Ottawa at (613) 523-6997 or info@leadershipottawa.org

Caroline Nakayenga

CANHAVE VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL PROJECT.

27/4/07

Dear sir

RE. REPORT OF THE WORK SHOP, CLASS ROOM.

As by now, Jam again glad to tell you that the phase of fixing widows and doors have been completed. All above items, receipts and photos are attached.

Then floor concrete and plastering inside of the whole building ,comes in the next phase of funds are raised.

1 Aggr. stone	4 trips
2 Lake sand	4 trips
3 Hand core	8 trips
4 Cement	4 tones
5lime	1 ton

We hope, with the help of your board of governors in Canada, we will do our best.

Yours faithfully, 
Peter K.G. Kimera
Project master.

Editorial

In this edition of the Clarion, we have explored the sentiments of a handful of committed members of CanHave and the children that benefit directly from all of our contributions. The trade school, our current major project, really opens up new horizons for our children and our members. The structure that will be supporting the learning means nothing compared to the blessings from across the ocean that separate us. From this, true knowledge can be passed on to these potential innovators. Nothing but good can come from an education that allows for life skills and bears the foundation of hope. The children, as you have read are grateful and as a member I am grateful to them for their future accomplishments whatever they may be.

As individuals, we should continue to strive for the best as our children do each day. Through the understanding and compassion that can be seen in each of us, we transcend the space that separates us physically and we nourish the minds of a generation aspiring to live and develop in Uganda.

I'd like to thank Jane Nicholls for assuming my role as editor for the newsletter. Informing others about their contribution, fuels the change needed for this world.

Catherine Nabulime

Please submit articles by the August 15, 2007

Program Approach

Phase Program Approach?

Within our current mandate, during this phase, we are planning to increase the number of children we are already supporting and complete the building of the technical school.

Sponsoring a child

CanHave rejoices to announce that at the moment we have eighteen special child sponsors who are making a difference. Our gratitude goes out to them and their families.

You can follow their steps and become a sponsor of a child or more, or perhaps you have been blessed with the possibility of sponsoring a group, a family, a school or organization. The means to do it is less than you imagine! Please join our CanHave family.

To join:

The annual contribution of \$25.00 CAN is required for individual membership.

The current annual cost of the Special Child program is \$360.00 CAN (\$30.00 CAN per month).

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