

The Clarion



BRIDGET KYEYANE

Bridget Kyeyane has been a CANHAVE pupil since 2012 when her mother passed away. Bridget is in Primary 3 (P3) this year and doing well in her studies. Her favourite subject is Reading and she also enjoys Writing, Art, Math, Physical Education and Literacy. Bridget attends Busega Preparatory School which has 750 pupils from Nursery School to Primary 7. The school has a lunch program for P3s and higher. The academic day begins at 7:30 and ends at 5:00 in the afternoon. Her best friend, Rose, spends as much time with her as she can – after the chores are done. Bridget is responsible for washing her clothes and sweeping the house. Her home is with her Auntie, two brothers and two older sisters. Bridget wants very much to be able to attend secondary school when she finishes Primary. Given her work ethic, we are looking forward to helping make that dream come true.

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**CANHAVE is a
Canada/Uganda partnership
that funds the education of
vulnerable children, so they
may survive and thrive.**



**Canadians Helping AIDS
Victims with Education**

President's Message – Janet M. Castle

At each Annual General Meeting, we set our CANHAVE priorities for the year. I am pleased to report that we are well on our way to completing the commitments we made in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which we co-signed with our Ugandan partners in December 2012. For the full MOU, please see our web page (www.canhave.org). In 2014 we are sponsoring 80 AIDS orphans at the Primary and Secondary levels. Isaac and Hilda, graduates of Senior 6, began university in 2013, and Prossy will complete her university degree in 2014.



We are focusing on ensuring that the students we support have a good chance of success in their schooling. We are actively seeking schools where there is a high value placed on academic achievement. These schools have higher teacher qualifications and attendance rates. Learning materials are evident in the classrooms.

Lunch programmes are available for those who need nutrition. Our cover pupil, Bridget, attends Busega School in Kyengera Zone – Busega is a school of our choice.

The Headmistress of this school knows her CANHAVE pupils, and is supportive of CANHAVE goals and activities for the children. Bridget is in good hands!

Everyone connected with the Vocational School is working steadily toward putting in place sustainability strategies. Important to note is the emphasis being put on recruitment – of pupils and qualified teachers. One of the outreach strategies with the Department of Industrial Training (DIT) is the use of our School for examinations by students from other schools and offering the facility as a Training Centre for Vocational Programmers in Wakiso District. This increased visibility in the community will lead to increased enrolment and to an independent Vocational School.

Getting girls into school is an important goal. Keeping them in school is another. Because sanitary products are so expensive in Uganda, many girls are missing classes during their monthly cycle. CANHAVE has joined the growing number of international programs supplying cloth products for girls. We sew kits which will last up to three years with proper care. Teo, our nurse on the Children's Board, distributes the kits and instructs the girls in their use and care. A hearty thanks to CANHAVE friends Edwina, Rosmarie and Siobhan for the hours spent sewing beautiful kits. Thanks as well to the Victoria Quilts group 9 for the donation of beautiful materials.



CANHAVE Children's Success Story

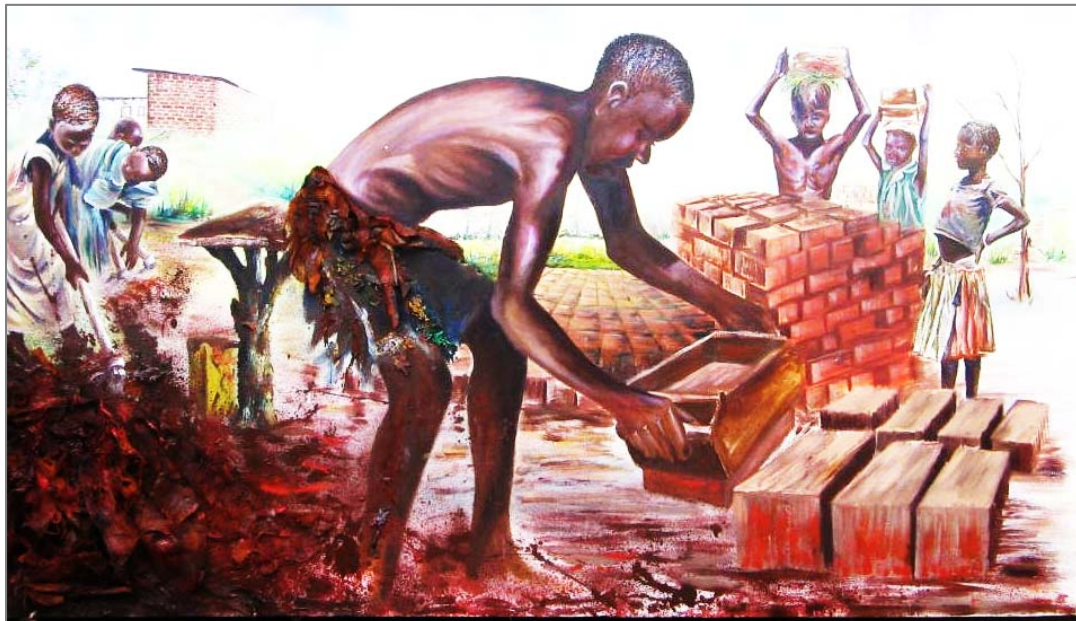
Joseph Mawanda *in his own words.....*

I was orphaned in 1996. My father died first and three months later, my mother died too. The ages of my siblings ranged from 10 to 15 years and we were left with no parents! My aunt took us into her care, adding on to her 10 children but we remained leaving *sic* (living) in our home. It was a difficult time as she had no source of income whatsoever except that she grew her own food that fed us. When I was accepted by the CANHAVE program, I was in Primary 3. I was so happy and excited knowing that I had a real opportunity to go to school. We were discovered by Mr. Joseph Kabali whom we all call uncle. He found us at a home that belonged to a lady we called Jajja (*Grandmother*) Nabulime. We used to go there to pray and she would feed us with porridge every evening.



Joseph at work on a mural themed "Fighting Child Labour"

I still remember the first time I got a pair of shoes and bed sheets of my own from the CANHAVE sponsors. I was so excited and felt blessed to be among the few that were chosen to belong to the program. I am extremely proud to let my CANHAVE sponsors know that their efforts are being realized when I attain my degree from Kyambogo University. This degree is not just for me but for them as well and for all those other children who will walk where I have been. I want to be an example to them so that they can have hope. I want them to know that no matter how difficult the time is, it can be overcome. When I eventually settle down with a real job, I will support the CANHAVE program as well so that I can give back with what I have attained.
THANKS A LOT!!



The completed mural - intended to raise public awareness and bring to the forefront the exploitation of children as cheap labour, depriving them of their childhood and interfering with their education.

The CANHAVE Programmes: Update Academic year 2013

The Children's Programme

In academic year 2013, CANHAVE Children's Programme supported 71 children. 57 attended Primary 1 to 7, and 14 Secondary 1 to 5. The secondary students were at boarding schools. Five volunteer mentors continue to support the children, their caregivers and the school staff.

CANHAVE also supported 3 students at the Vocational School; in Kisubi and 3 students in university. Hilda and Isaac began university in late 2013 after graduating from Secondary 6 in 2012 and Prossy will complete her three-year undergraduate course in 2014.

2013 Academic successes: 5 students in Primary were recognized by the Program Coordinator, Joseph, for excelling in their studies. Two of our long-time CANHAVE students, Catherine and Robert, graduated from their post-secondary studies and are now employed in their fields of business and health care.

The Vocational School

2013 marked the fifth year of operation. The Vocational school offered 6 courses to 65 fulltime students. In addition, 6 other courses were offered as electives with the hope of adding them to the school curriculum in the near future if enrolment is sufficient. The academic year was a busy one: educational tours for a number of courses; Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) Exams; and hosting students from other schools who are using the centre for training and to write their examinations.

Elizabeth Residence was opened to provide a safe and comfortable home for the girls who board at the School. The girls join us all in thanking all who contributed to their new home.

The school also prepared for the 2014 academic year by renovating the computer lab and setting up new computers; cleaning the fish ponds and initiating consultations with the Ugandan department of fisheries; and replacing the broken water tank.

2013 Academic success: By the end of the academic year in December, 2013, twenty-five students had completed their courses and sat for the Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT) examinations.

Additional information on the Children's Programme and the Vocational School will be posted on the CANHAVE website.



The CANHAVE van has arrived!

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the anonymous donors for their very generous gift of the van.

Our Volunteers

Dorothy Nakitto Mitala, Ugandan Board Member



Our steadfast Dorothy has a rich and full life in Uganda. She is employed by the Catholic Secretariat as a Program Officer for CARITAS, which is a fund-distribution programme. Through her office she also works as a Social Worker who is responsible for community organization and development.

Dorothy is a founder of KWEEG (Kilimamboga Women's Economic Empowerment Group), a rural self-help group in Wakiso District, Uganda.

KWEEG brings together women, who work to empower and encourage and support each other in the fields of Education, Health Services and Small Business.



A Sunday afternoon celebration at KWEEG

KWEEG is an active and essential partner of CANHAVE in the Children's Programme. This grassroots organization is helping in the selection of our AIDS orphans and the monitoring of the children's wellbeing and progress.

Dorothy is also the Chairperson of the CANHAVE Children's Programme Board. She has held this position since 2009. Dorothy is a tireless advocate for poor, widowed, abused women and children. Dorothy's major fault is that her heart is too big! She never ceases trying to help the disadvantaged. Widowed at a very young age, Dorothy has raised 2 young people all the way through university. One is graduating from Medical School this year. Her passionate focus for the CANHAVE children's education contributes to her success as Chair of all our Children's Programme's activities. Dorothy is a networker, seeking partnerships in Uganda to help the CANHAVE community there.

Thank you Dorothy for your passionate commitment to our CANHAVE family.

CANHAVE 2014 Fundraising Activities

The CANHAVE Board has decided not to hold a fundraising Gala Dinner in the fall 2014. Instead, the board will use a series of opportunities to promote CANHAVE and fundraise. Its fundraising plan for 2014 strives to raise 55,000 Canadian dollars by the end of December. Fifty-five thousand dollars represents the annual costs of our two programmes in Uganda. We expect to raise the money through the continued commitment of personal sponsors and donors and through a series of events. We ask for your assistance and support in funding the education of vulnerable children in Uganda so they may survive and thrive, gain skills and become independent, contributing Ugandans.

This year, CANHAVE has committed to providing education to 80 to HIV/AIDS orphans. In order to meet that commitment, we are relying on your continued generosity and support. We hope that you will be able to take part in one or more of the many exciting events. CANHAVE fundraising events and activities will be held throughout the year and will be announced through e-mail and on the website, FACEBOOK and Twitter. We are also preparing new package of promotional materials for presentations, displays and hand-outs.

A fundraising page has been added to the CANHAVE website and all fundraising events and dates will be posted on a regular basis at:

www.canhave.org,

www.facebook.com/CANHAVEChildrenCentre, twitter.com/CANHAVEOttawa

Here are a few of the upcoming CANHAVE fundraising events/activities for 2014:

- Saturday, **June 21** – Quilt Show at the Country Quilter at **3444 McBean St. in Richmond**
- Saturday, **Sept 6th** - Ottawa South Porch Sale, at **31 Bellwood Avenue**.
- Saturday, **Oct 18th** - Fabric Flea Market, at the **Glebe Community Centre**.

Note: All fundraising events/activities and dates will also be posted on the CANHAVE website.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT CANHAVE

CANHAVE Members Survey

CANHAVE is looking into ways to reduce its administrative costs. These include supplies, mailing and printing costs. Currently much of our correspondence is sent through post. We would like to know if **you** would prefer to receive electronic copies. This survey is being conducted to find if out those choices. Please underline **your** preferred choice.

How would you prefer to receive your correspondence?

a) Annual report:

Hard copy Email copy Self download from CANHAVE website

b) The Clarion:

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c) Announcements of events

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If your choice is through email, please provide your email below:

2013 CANHAVE Dinner highlights



CANHAVE paid tribute to Grete Hale, one of our founding members and a tireless Board Member. Grete shared her remarkable stories of Africa with the dinner guests. The Grete Hale Award was launched in her honour



CANHAVE host
CBC's Adrian Harewood



Entertainment: Drums of Africa Kiganda Dancers and the River Jordan Children's Choir



Some of the auction items



Jan Sheridan's note card
and doll table



The Auction table



The "African Jewelry"
table, made and
donated by WAVE,
(Work and Volunteer
Experience for Adults
with Autism).



Volunteers from Algonquin College

How can you help? ...Please sponsor a CANHAVE child

In 2014, CANHAVE will support the education of 80 orphans in primary and secondary schools. By **SPONSORING** a student, you help CANHAVE reach its goal of increasing the number of school children by 10 each year to 100 by 2016.

Your donation of:

- o **\$360.00 per year or \$30.00 monthly** pays the school fees and extras for one child in primary school each year
- o **\$100.00 - \$350.00**, contributes to the fees and boarding expenses of academically successful students entering senior school or post-secondary institutions
- o **25.00 \$** (to the general fund) offers the donor an annual membership. Every member receives two issues of the Clarion, our semi-annual newsletter, and may vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- o **Other options - designate your donation towards a specific aspect of our work in the Children's Programme or the Vocational School Programme: \$_____**

Other opportunities to help:

- o Make a tribute to a family member, friend on an important occasion: \$_____
- o Organize a fundraising event for CANHAVE

How to donate:

- o On line, via the CANHAVE website (www.canhave.org) through *CanadaHelps*
- o Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard)
- o By cheque payable to:

CANHAVE Children's Centre, Inc.,
PO Box 21045,
Ottawa, ON
K1S 5N1.

Tax receipts are issued for all donations of \$20.00 or more.

CANHAVE is an incorporated membership, not-for-profit organization. We encourage individuals wishing to help Ugandan AIDS-affected orphans to join and become a voting member, a volunteer, and/or a donor. CANHAVE has two voluntary boards; one in Canada and one in Uganda. The decisions and leadership for planning and managing the programmes are made in Uganda; meanwhile the Canadian Board provides policy and raises funds to support the education of children, one child at a time.

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You can also contact CANHAVE through: Facebook: www.facebook.com/CANHAVEChildrenCentre, and
Twitter: twitter.com/CANHAVEOttawa

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