

The Clarion



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This issue is dedicated to all the volunteers and donors who continue to make CANHAVE a success. Thank you for your continued support.



Message from the President

Another CANHAVE year is in full swing, powered by dedicated volunteers. Loyalty to the mission of CANHAVE has kept our members participating in many, many activities to promote the cause. Our little NGO has remained faithful to helping one child at a time and that has been the source of our success.

Currently we are supporting 60 students through Primary and Secondary schooling. We have three of our original pupils attending university. The work at the Trade School continues with the installation of the well and the beginning of the Girls' Dormitory. We are working our way through the priorities set by our earlier decisions and the completion of these individual projects remains our first priority.

In addition, our goal of ensuring self-sustainability of the Trade School is being focused upon this year. We are recruiting new Trustees for the Ugandan Board with a view to widening the support base in Uganda. The Ugandan Board is focusing on increasing student enrolment and finding apprenticeship opportunities for the Trade School graduates.

According to the Education for All Global Monitoring Report 2011, many children drop out of school before completing a full primary cycle. In sub-Saharan Africa, 10 million children drop out of primary school every year. While we cannot possibly hope to help all the AIDS orphans in Uganda, we can set and achieve the reasonable goal of assisting 60 orphans, one child at a time. We have the goal of increasing our number to 100 children supported but we will need considerably more child sponsorship to achieve that goal. This is one of the priorities for this year.

Last spring, a small committee undertook the evaluation of the Children's Programme. The report was submitted, with several recommendations, to the Canadian Board. The next step was to present the report to the Ugandan Board. That has been done and now the process of implementing the joint recommendations will begin.

I consider it a great privilege to work with the CANHAVE Board of Directors. They are dedicated, hardworking and committed to the mission. With the support of a solid group of volunteers who have given so much time and effort to CANHAVE, we will achieve our goals. We will continue to seek initiatives that work – that help the neediest of all. Our aid will go directly to those children to try to improve their quality of life, one child at a time.

Sincerely, Janet Margaret Castle



Jeff Keshen is a professor of history and Chair of the Department of History at the University of Ottawa. He's taught about 5000 students there, primarily about this country's past, since 1995. He started the University of Ottawa's Community Service Learning (CSL) program, and has managed it for six years. The program places up to 2000 students per year at not-for-profit community organizations, providing an estimated 60,000 hours of volunteer labour in the National Capital Region per annum. He continues this work as academic advisor to the University of Ottawa's new centre, the Centre for Global and Community Engagement. He became familiar with CANHAVE while managing the CSL program, and in particular Caroline Nakayenga, who, he says, "Impressed [him] tremendously, as running the type of grassroots initiative that gets people involved in making a real difference in engaging Canadians and Ugandans in campaigns that make life saving and changing impact on some of the most vulnerable in our world."

Betty Jean Bone has lived in Ottawa for forty years, after moving from Winnipeg where she was born and raised. She has two children, Allison and Ian, who are pursuing careers in fundraising and paramedic work. Betty got her start volunteering as a teenager with the YMCA in Winnipeg, and since has been fulfilled through her work with CNIB in Ottawa, Friends of Hospice Ottawa, New Orchard Lodge, The Ottawa Regional Youth Choir, the Ottawa Chamberfest, and now CANHAVE is delighted that she's now on board with us. Before retiring, Betty worked at CODE (formerly the Canadian Organization for Development through Education), in fundraising, administration, and latterly as the Executive Assistant to the Executive Director and the Board of Directors of CODE and the CODE Foundation. She believes in CODE's mandate to work with local organizations in developing countries to empower children to learn. She appreciates CANHAVE's goal to deliver essential, sustainable development and the structure of CANHAVE which functions with minimal administrative expenses.



CANHAVE welcomes new Board members

After more than 37 years with CJOH (CTV Ottawa) Garry Bitze says he's ready for a new "career." He worked on programs that were broadcast locally and around the world. He spent the last 15 years as producer of CTV Ottawa's News at Noon. "Television never really allowed the kind of time or flexibility to get very involved in volunteering. Shortly after I retired, the opportunity to join CANHAVE came along and I couldn't be happier." He was drawn to CANHAVE because it's a small, volunteer organization with very low overhead. That means those who support CANHAVE know their donations effectively and efficiently reach children in need. "There's something extra special about being just one-person-removed from stories of children being given the hope of education while surviving without parents." Garry is referring to first-hand accounts of CANHAVE successes by co-founder Caroline Nakayenga and others after visiting Uganda. "I hope it doesn't sound cliché but everyone involved with CANHAVE, whether as a volunteer or supporter, is helping make the world a better place one child at a time. How great is that?"

Open Mic Night!

Near the end of July CANHAVE supporters experienced a night of fun, music, and great company, planned and organized by Kimberly Golder! It was an open mic night held at Woody's Pub on Elgin Street to raise awareness for CANHAVE.

Guests of all ages gathered late in the evening and enjoyed food and drinks served by Woody's Pub. Andrew Lusk opened up the night with an original song and thrilled the crowd with his stunning voice. He was followed by Cali Yakabak, also playing some of her own songs as well as other country favourites. Riley New captivated the audience with his talent and charismatic singing, and Neil Dunn had everyone singing along with his favourite Irish tunes. Later in the night was an unplanned French duet of Andrew Lusk and his close friend Marie-Anne LaPlante. Marie-Anne came to the event just to enjoy the music but was encouraged to sing by the relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

50-50 tickets were sold to raise funds for the CANHAVE Children. Over 100 dollars was raised! It was a great night to have fun and raise awareness, especially of University of Ottawa students, about what CANHAVE is doing for the young orphans of Uganda.

Special thanks go out to Woody's Pub for hosting this event for us, to David Depper for helping organizing the event, and to all of the singers and audience members for making this happen.



Baker's Daughter

At the October 4 board meeting, Grete Hale announced that all proceeds from the sale of her memoirs, *Baker's Daughter*, were being donated to CANHAVE to go toward the construction of the Girls' Dormitory, a project she feels passionately about. She presented the Board with a cheque for \$5000, the profits from the sale of the selling of the first printing.

Grete happily announced a

second printing of the book, that will be selling at the Annual Fundraising Dinner on October 22. Congratulations to Grete, and thank you for your support!





Cards created by Joseph Mawanda.

“The decision to travel and see for myself was a true blessing... Not only did I see what our efforts had produced, I had a chance to meet and admire our co-workers in Uganda. They are an amazingly dedicated and talented group.”

—Jan Sheridan on travelling to Uganda, understanding CANHAVE’s impact, and meeting those with whom we work overseas.

One of our dedicated volunteers, Jan Sheridan, has been helping CANHAVE for many years. At first she and her husband were financial contributors. In 2000 when her husband passed away Jan decided to direct her spare time to join the CANHAVE Board. We were very pleased to have her join. She immediately felt the abundance of gratitude for her contributions & CANHAVE’s hard work when she was able to hear read a very thankful letter from one of our students, Peter.

Through the letters CANHAVE receives quite often, Jan was able to see how CANHAVE was helping in Uganda. Soon though, she decided to go to Uganda herself to see truly how much of an impact CANHAVE was making. In February 2008, Jan made the trip to Uganda for the grand opening of the Trade School.

For her the best part of the trip was meeting with the Pioneers, with whom she still corresponds. She feels that they have become, “the grandchildren I do not have.”

Upon her return, Jan began to spread the story of CANHAVE’s work. She talked to many groups about their work, sharing photos and many stories of the trip. Meanwhile, her work as a volunteer continued. Jan takes great delight in doing crafts such as needlework and making decorative international dolls. One day she discovered that these dolls were popular enough to sell. She discovered a love for selling and talking to strangers about CANHAVE. The money from the sale of these dolls is put into the Scholarship Fund for the CANHAVE graduates who have been chosen by the Ugandan Board to further their education.

Jan also quite enjoys selling are cards designed by Joseph Mawanda, one of our Pioneers. The Board discovered Joseph’s fantastic gift, and he was encouraged to keep painting and drawing. CANHAVE printed his pictures onto cards. With the sale of his cards we have sent four children to school. Jan, who arranges the printing, sorting, and packaging of the cards wrote to Joseph to tell him of the difference he was making. Joseph replied thanking Jan for making him feel, “like a useful citizen of the world.” To Jan, this is what makes the CANHAVE children so special.

“They know they have been blessed and they want to give back in whatever way they can,” said Jan. She happily reports that Joseph has graduated from Michelangelo School of Fine Arts as one of the top students, thanks to the Scholarship Fund. He is currently beginning a university degree in Fine Art and Industrial Design.

Jan has now retired from the CANHAVE board so she can dedicate more of her time managing the sale and production of the cards and making presentations about Uganda and CANHAVE. Jan’s dream for CANHAVE is to see “a younger group of volunteers might have the opportunity to be inspired by making a trip to see for themselves what CANHAVE is doing for needy AIDS orphans in Uganda.”



Focus on Volunteers Jan Sheridan

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Dear
THE BOARD MEMBERS

Dear Sirs,

All life is not bad as we first where we used to struggle to get something to eat. You people, you're the very ones who made me what I am, without you I wouldn't stand to help others. You picked me in the cave where the lions were about to tear me. What I can all say is my life now is promising coz you taught me how they catch fish, and right now I can also try to catch it my self.

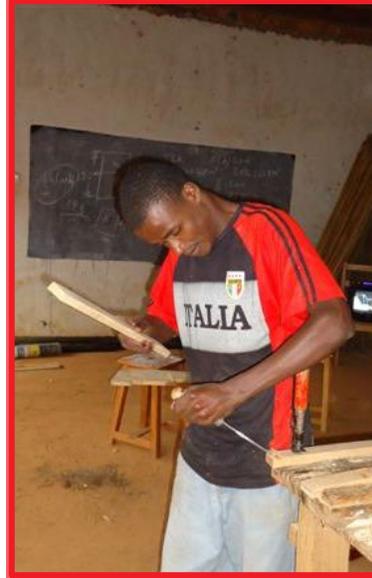
Nothing I can give back for all what you have done to me. I have never seen any organisation that pay all to some body without demand or debt. What we can also do is to try to build these young one to grow up and meet their goal.

I thank you for the opportunity you have again given me to upgrade my study studies. Am happy because I'm going to be a engineer, can you imagine from the cave you dug me into. Pray for me to accomplish with my studies which will start next year January 10th. I love you all

Peter Kafeero

Left is a letter from Peter Kafeero expressing his gratitude and thanks to CANHAVE for helping him to get where he is today.

“...Without you I wouldn't stand to help others...”



The Canadian Board was delighted to receive these letters. As of June 2011, the Boards of Directors Canada includes...

- President and Chair**
Ms. Janet Castle (retired principal, teacher and librarian)
- Vice-Chair and Chair of the Finance Committee**
Rev. James Hurd (pastor)
- Treasurer**
Ms. Jo-Anne Doherty (epidemiologist and retired public servant)
- Secretary**
Ms. Gwynneth Evans (teacher, librarian, administrator with experience in Uganda)
- Directors**
Mr. Garry Bitze (media specialist)
Ms Betty Jean Bone (executive assistant of an international NGO)
Mr. David Depper (professional filmmaker)
Dr. Grete Hale (business woman and activist)
Dr. Jeff Keshen (professor and Chair of the Department of History, U of Ottawa)
Ms. Alexandra Schwabe (university student)
Mr. Altaf Sovani (entrepreneur, teacher, consultant)
- Honorary Life Member**
Ms. Caroline Nakayenga (Co-founder and Registered Practical Nurse)

Excerpts from a letter from Catherine Namazzi who is currently taking seven university courses; entrepreneurship, research methodologies, intermediate accounting, statistics, marketing research, business law, and database information systems.

“Hope everything is moving well in Canada. [I] am also fine and [have been] doing well at the university since [I] am in my second year, first semester. Am looking forward to completing my three years of study.”

“Am happy that I received my tuition for this semester, and now the ball is in my hands to prove to you my dear parents that I [won't] miss any lecture or class.”



“Am determined, and promise to you all that I will make it.”

“The students at the trade school are also doing well and most of them are still in their training.”

“Thanks for your support and we shall not let you down.”

Update on the well

Nearly one billion people lack access to safe water.

3.575 million people die each year from water-related disease.

Every 20 seconds, a child dies from a water-related disease.

Almost one-tenth of the global disease burden could be prevented by improving water supply, sanitation, hygiene and management of water resources.



Board member Caroline Nakayenga visited Uganda for 30 days in August. This was her vacation, however she took the time to check in on CANHAVE's progress with the Trade School, Well, and Children's Program.

She was very successful in keeping Paito Obote on board as a consultant for the well. She consulted with him and the Board of Trustees in Uganda, and construction on the well began!

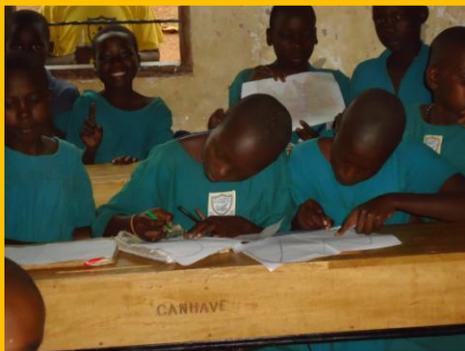
The well was dug 12 feet deep, so that the water point connects with a number of underground water sources. Concrete and

cement tanks were also built to collect rain and additional well water.



How you can help...

- \$360.00 (\$30.00 per month) will help sponsor a child for a full year of education with basic needs. Our goal is to sponsor 60 children in 2012.
- \$100.00-\$250.00 to develop and manage the CANHAVE Trade School in Kisubi, Uganda, with a view to making its operation sustainable over the long term while also providing education to CANHAVE children interested in learning a trade or in entering university.
- \$___ towards a specific aspect of our work, such as the building of a girls' dormitory, purchasing furnishings, or maintaining the grounds.
- \$25.00 membership which includes receiving the *Clarion* newsletter to learn more about what we do, and to vote at the Annual General Meeting, May 2012.



Please make any cheques payable to CANHAVE and mail to the address listed below. You can also donate online at www.canhave.org. Tax receipts are issued for all donations of \$10.00 or more.

CANHAVE is a registered, 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 programs are made in Uganda; meanwhile the Canadian Board makes fundraising decisions to help best support the children.
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