



ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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INTRODUCTION

CANHAVE Children's Centre (CANHAVE), was incorporated as an **Ontario registered charity**¹ in 1995 in response to the AIDS crisis in Uganda.

Working closely with CANHAVE Uganda, **CANHAVE Canada** supports the **education of Ugandan orphans** who have lost both parents to HIV/AIDS, so that the children may survive, thrive and gain the knowledge and skills to become independent citizens. Originally supporting just five orphans, CANHAVE now supports 100 children in primary and secondary schools in Central Uganda as well as the CANHAVE Vocational School (CVS) in Kisubi, (established in 2008 through the work of CANHAVE Canada).



Caroline Nakayenga with 4 of the 5 original orphans in 1994

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting in June 2016, the CANHAVE Board of Directors made the following commitments:

- § **Approve the second Memorandum of Understanding** in consultation with CANHAVE Uganda
- § **Monitor the Children's Program** (consisting of the primary through secondary stream) to determine ways to increase the holistic approach to children's care in Uganda
- § **Develop and execute a 3-year Canadian and international communications and fundraising plan**
- § **Prepare a plan for a study tour** of Canadians in Uganda to refresh experience and increase direct interest and knowledge of CANHAVE.

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We are pleased to announce that the **Memorandum of Understanding**, the road map for the next three years, has been discussed in both Uganda and Canada. It was officially signed by representatives of CANHAVE Canada and CANHAVE Uganda in March 2017.

The Board of Directors of the Children's Program in Uganda, in conjunction with the Education Committee in Ottawa, has begun a **fact-finding mission** to develop a more holistic approach to each child's care. Some examples of what is being done:

- § **CANHAVE Uganda volunteers visit the extended families** of CANHAVE's day school children to assess the conditions in which they live. **Information collected is used to develop a personal database for each child.** Ottawa-based **professional educators review** this information as well as the children's report cards to help **develop criteria for the formal program evaluation.**
- § **Milly Baino** (working on behalf of CANHAVE Canada) together with **Joseph Kabali** (Ugandan Program Coordinator) have also **visited our children to gather additional information** that feeds into the evaluation process.
- § Using the gathered information, we have **begun the development of a formal evaluation process** for the Children's Program to assess its impact on our students and, by extension, the community.

The evaluation process has already identified that boarding students lacked necessities like suitcases, mattresses, and mosquito nets. To address the problem, proceeds from the sale of locally grown vegetables now provide funding for such items.



Three CANHAVE girls with their bedding, arriving at St. Elizabeth's Girls School at the beginning of term.



HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

THE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

We know anecdotally that many CANHAVE young people have advanced in ways unimaginable without our financial assistance:

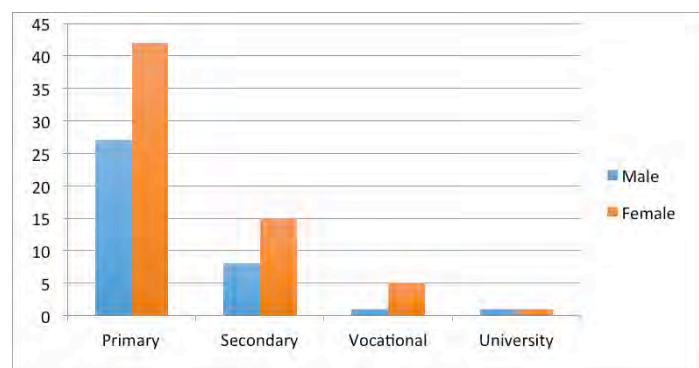
§ **Eleven CANHAVE students graduated from their respective levels in 2016:**

- ◆ Two students wrote the Primary leaving examinations (PLE) (The results of these exams give an indication of whether the student should continue on an academic path into the secondary program or consider training at the vocational school);
- ◆ Four students wrote the Ordinary level exams for the Uganda Certificate of Education (UCE) senior 4 and graduated from the secondary program; and
- ◆ Five students completed their two-year program at the CANHAVE Vocational School and have found jobs.

§ **In addition, two of the long-time students, Hilda and Isaac, graduated from university.**

In 2016, 69 children attended primary school (P1 to P7): 42 female and 27 male. Twenty-three attended secondary school (S1 to S4): 15 female and 8 male.

Many of the older primary school children – in Primary 5, 6 or 7 – attend boarding school. This arrangement provides a level of stability in their lives that facilitates concentration on their studies and participation in extracurricular activities.



CANHAVE Student Population 2016



Joseph Kabali (sitting) with the headmaster and some of the volunteers of St. Joseph's Primary School.

One of CANHAVE's priceless gifts is the development of a program in which Ugandan volunteers provide care and counsel to the children, and act as liaisons between the extended family and the school. This program is proving to have a significantly positive effect on school outcomes. Evidence is in Joseph Kabali's most recent report, in which he recognizes **19 of CANHAVE's 92 elementary and secondary students for *outstanding educational achievement* in 2016**. This is a wonderful result for children who have survived the trauma of losing both parents to AIDS/HIV, especially as some of our children have only recently been orphaned.

CANHAVE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL (CVS) IN KISUBI

CVS Kisubi reached a milestone in 2016. It has **achieved its goal of independence from CANHAVE Canada's funding of its operating expenses!** The school is now supported with income sourced from student fees, the sale of products, and the use of its land and facilities. CANHAVE continues to fund its own students enrolled at the school (6 in total in 2016).



Left to Right: Deborah Watkins (from Ottawa), Milly Baino, Alex Nyanzi (Administrator) and Paito Obote (Chair of the Uganda Board of Trustees) at CVS Kisubi



Over the years, the school has made many improvements to its buildings and infrastructure, thanks to the generosity of Canadian donors. The magnificent **Elizabeth Residence officially opened in 2015**, and the water supply and protection of the whole campus have been upgraded.

In 2016, CANHAVE did not send operating funds for the school. The CANHAVE Canada Board did, however, promote other necessary capital improvements. Thanks to the amazing response of our supporters, major work has gone into several projects from late 2016 through early 2017:



The Elizabeth Residence at the CANHAVE Vocational School

- § Building an indoor **two-storey kitchen** used for the preparation of meals as well as for the Catering and Hotel Management program;
- § **Upgrading sanitation** facilities at the boys' residence; and
- § Developing **fish farming ponds** that serve as part of a teaching program and as sources of food for the school and of funding through sale of the fish.



The new two-storey kitchen.



The new fishponds and cages.



The 82 students at CVS Kisubi (6 of whom are CANHAVE-funded) have done well. Each of the school's **eight two-year programs** provides both theory and practice. All students study **computer literacy, business English and life skills** and participate in extracurricular activities. Additionally, they focus on one of these specialty areas:

- § Hairdressing and beauty;
- § Tailoring fashion and design;
- § Catering and hotel management;
- § Computer studies;
- § Electrical installation;
- § Carpentry and joinery;
- § Agriculture; and
- § Metal fabrication and welding.

Through the efforts of the teachers, the administrator (Alex Nnyanzi), and the students and their families, CVS Kisubi graduates are finding jobs. This success not only benefits these young people and their families, it is also an essential benefit in a population of 36 million people where 50% are 15 years of age or younger and unemployment is a huge problem. CANHAVE Canada is proud of its contribution.

Examples of employment found by CVS Kisubi graduates include:

- § Seven CANHAVE CVS graduates who now work at the Speke Resort Munyonyo and the Hotel Africana;
- § Hairdressing graduates who are sought after by salons; and
- § Several CANHAVE students who are now working toward establishing their own businesses.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS AND CONNECTIONS FOR CANHAVE

The Communications Hub at CVS Kisubi has been a busy place since January 2016. It was set up with donated laptops and with printers and electronic communications equipment purchased using CANHAVE Canada's 2015 fund surplus. It is an efficient office for meetings; the storage, organization and reproduction of documentation; and a central location for the electronic equipment. This facility also permits Skype conversations between CVS Kisubi and CANHAVE Canada. These face-to-face meetings are very exciting and helpful to the direction and management of CANHAVE, both in Uganda and in Canada. They have been beneficial in allowing individuals in both countries to better know one another and to develop a working relationship based on trust.

Milly Baino's two visits to Uganda in 2016, following her work with the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Boards of the Children's and Vocational School Programs from 2014 to 2016, have improved our understanding of and reporting on these programs. Her reports to the Board of Directors in Ottawa and to the membership bring life and direction to our work here in Canada and are beneficial in strategic planning.

OUR BOARD AND WORK IN OTTAWA

CANHAVE Canada is privileged to have board members who know the program well and is welcoming some new members who are bringing fresh ideas and skills to our fundraising and communications.

This year, we had a successful dinner at Restaurant International at Algonquin College in late September. Professor Richard Maclure spoke to an appreciative audience of his experience in international education and outlined the role of schools in the community.

CANHAVE has updated its website, taking advantage of the modern technologies to publicize our success and to reach new audiences. A new director with experience in technology and business has assisted us with an understanding of our changing world and what charities must do if



A member of the Department of Industrial Training, a graduate, and Milly Baino



they are to meet their goals. As a result, CANHAVE is now working on proposals for grants, both from businesses and foundations, and is also developing its social media skills.

Our twenty years of success and our opportunities to develop community partnerships through CVS Kisubi provide new possibilities for sustainability and for an objective evaluation of the Children's Program.

OUR GRATITUDE TO YOU OUR SUPPORTERS

The continuing success of increasing the number of AIDS orphans in school and in providing successful vocational training and practice **lies with Canadian donors and supporters.** THANK you, THANK you – **you make a BIG difference.**

We at CANHAVE appreciate and thank our board members, the staff in Uganda and the volunteers who work tirelessly for the benefit of our 100 orphans. Your work has made a difference not only to the children but also to their families and to the communities in Uganda.

This month, our president Gwynneth Evans is taking the opportunity, as a volunteer, to visit Uganda while Milly Baino is there. It is CANHAVE's hope that meetings in Uganda will strengthen the work that is being done in Uganda and in Canada. We will officially sign the Memorandum of Understanding to which both parties have agreed.

THE FUTURE: BE PART OF IT!

The **education of orphans is our raison d'être.**

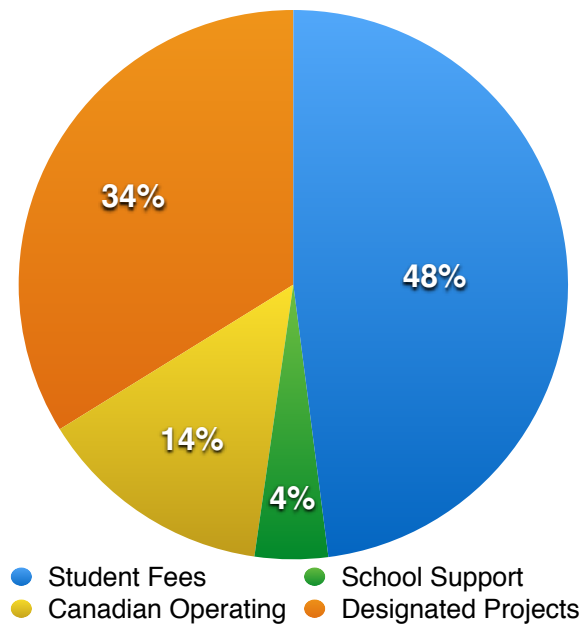
Together, in Uganda and in Canada, we need donors and partners to develop the CANHAVE model for supporting the education of more orphans so they may thrive and become independent citizens of their own country and the world. Our new CANHAVE Memorandum of Understanding charts our joint plans from 2017 to the end of 2019.

Join us in this successful and inspiring work, where hope and confidence replace tears and vulnerability. Please make your contribution to the future today using the donation form or donating online at www.canhave.org.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In 2016 we assisted with capital projects but did not raise all the funds needed to support the 100 children. We had to dip into the reserve. Our 2017 priority is to meet our commitments to the students for their fees while also replenishing the reserve and continuing our support of capital needs of CVS Kisubi. A brief summary of our 2016 financial picture includes:

- ₹ Total revenue \$ 104,216.66
- ₹ Total expenses: \$ 108,008.41
- ₹ Shortfall: \$ (3,791.75)
- ₹ CANHAVE Canada sent three transfers totalling \$51,800 to cover the fees and expenses of the 100 children in the Children’s Program.
- ₹ CVS Kisubi received \$36,530 toward designated projects..



CANHAVE Expenditures by Category 2016

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Margaret Nantumbwe (Teacher, business woman) - Member

**CANHAVE children are our reason for being and the focus of our success.
Please accept our thanks and PLEDGE the sponsorship of a CANHAVE child for 2017
on-line at <https://canadahelps.org/dn/4980> or use the attached form.**

***Webale nyo* - Thank you very much!**