

2008 fundraising achievements



2008 started with a fundraising exhibition by photographer Gavin Murphy at Francesco's Coffee Company, sponsored by ScotiaMcLeod, Proulx Brothers, Saab Salon & Spa, Francesco's Coffee Company and Wildboar CTI. We want to thank Karen Soloman of the "A" Channel seen with Board member Gwynneth Evans, who broke the story. Subsequently we received extensive coverage including: The Ottawa Citizen, CFRA, CBC, CTV, Metro, EMC Now and Snapottawadowntown. The exhibition, titled INSTANT PORTRAITS, raised over \$1,250.

An arts and craft make-to-sell program was implemented by board member, Jan Sheridan, at Parkwood Presbyterian Church for children. She also organized the printing and selling of colourful hasty-notes of the talented Ugandan art student Joseph Mawanda.

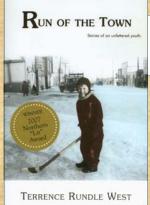




Charlotte O'Neill, a conscientious student from Ashbury College, decided in her own wisdom to dedicate her 15th birthday party to CanHave and raised funds to sponsor 2 children for a whole year of schooling. "It was a very rewarding experience and it was something I will never forget" said Charlotte.

Special attention to the CanHave Trade School requirements by board member Grete Hale resulted in a generous donation of 20 pedal machines, 2 heavy-duty and 1 industrial sewing machines, along with many bolts of fabric, dozens of spools of thread and books for learning the skills.





Author Terrence West read from his book "Run of the Town" at the Ladies Group in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Winchester and donated \$10. from the sale of each book to CanHave.

In preparation of the annual fundraising dinner, the Ottawa board out-did themselves. Throughout the summer they attended various farmer markets and fairs and sold 1000s of raffle tickets (\$2. each or 3 for \$5) to win a hand-sewn quilt beautifully made and donated by Ann McLean, the Country Quilter.



The FRONT cover is a collage of some of the many decisions made by the boards of Uganda and Ottawa and proof of the dedication, hope and praise from the children we sponsor with your support.



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Communication from Uganda Board

Chairman Namugera announced that 2008's enrolment is 20 students(10 girls for tailoring, 8 boys for carpentry and 2 girls for computer). There would have been 50 or more, but many could not afford the fee which is half the regular school fee rate. The school is trying very hard to see that other classes will also start up, in spite of this predicament. The concept of co-op teachers and assistance by the Christian Brothers was gratefully acknowledged in providing some of the teachers for courses such as carpentry, joinery, farming and bricklaying. Discussion of organic farming on the property was highlighted as beneficial in terms of generating garden fresh food for the school and to help reduce the costs. In addition to the Trade school activities and developments, in 2008, 46 CanHave children were sponsored to attend school and more are always coming forward asking for assistance.

Communication from Ottawa Board

Chairman Floyd McPhee was pleased to hear that the CanHave Trade School was advertising for student enrolment, that the girls dormitory project is moving forward and a firm has been hired to wire the school. He thanked the board members, donors and volunteers for their contribution and dedication and was pleased to announce our efforts collectively raised \$67,400. for 2008. This resulted in an increase in sponsorship of CanHave children. The board has commenced its 2009 fundraising campaign in continuing to sponsor children in need and to improving the Trade School to become a high-quality training school for the vulnerable and for the community at large.

Both boards meet on a regular basis. Correspondence, financials, children sponsorship and Trade school activities are exchanged and reviewed on an ongoing basis. This synopsis is brief; however you are welcome to contact our Chair Floyd McPhee at cfmcphee@gmail.com for further inquiries.



CanHave children gather at the Trade School for the 2008 Christmas party

How does CanHave choose the children it supports?

CanHave Uganda works with its partner, Komamboga Women and Youth Economic Empowerment Group, to choose the children who require support for their education and development. CanHave Uganda then forwards the names and details to Canada for review. Once funds are determined, the Canadian Board asks the Ugandan Board members to decide on identifying the children of real need.

Where do the children go to school?

Children supported by CanHave live in a number of extended families in towns around Kampala and attend schools in close proximity. Depending on the choice of school available near their homes, or in some cases, the availability of a boarding school, our partners find a place for each child.

Why does CanHave need to pay fees if Uganda has a policy of Universal Primary Education?

Uganda, like many countries in the developing world, is trying to enrol all children into Primary School (Primary 1 - 7). Currently, there are not enough state-operated schools in Uganda for all the children. Private schools are plentiful and even in state-operated schools, there are fees for uniforms, school supplies and lunches. Boarders also pay a fee. Many of the CanHave children attend private schools.

Is the Ugandan system of education like the Canadian system?

No, the Ugandan inherited the British system of education. They have 7 years of primary school and potentially 6 years of secondary school. National exams are written by the students at the end of Primary 7 and Secondary 4. If the student has done well, they may continue to the O (Ordinary Level – S5) or to the A (Advanced Level – S6). To be eligible to attend university, a student must succeed at the Advanced Level.

Do many of the CanHave children reach Advanced Level?

The majority of our sponsored children do not continue beyond S4. However, many of them who have left school, continue to learn and practise a trade at one of the many trade and vocational schools in Uganda.

What does it mean to do well at a trade?

The first level of a trade school is the Certificate level. The number of years and the requirements depend on the particular trade or vocation. If the student does well at the certificate level, he/she may do the Diploma level. Many of our students have done both levels in their chosen field.

A student at the Diploma level can be considered for an undergraduate degree at a university.

Why is it important for girls to be educated?

In many societies around the world, the girls have been expected to stay at home and care for the family, the home, the farm or the trade. Consequently, they are the last to get to attend school and the first to be pulled out of school for these very reasons. However, it is a fact that the benefit of educated women in these communities is substantial:

- increased improvement of child nutrition and health,
- enhanced domestic roles and political participation,
- improved economic growth and stability and awareness of HIV/AIDS,
- less abuse and exploitation to name a few.

Girl's education yields some of the highest returns of all development investments, yielding both private and social benefits that accrue to individuals, families and society at large.

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Board members (L to R) Caroline Nakeyenga, Floyd McPhee, James Hurd, John Huber, Catherine Murphy & Gwynneth Evans with emcee Rita Celli from CBC (credit: Snapottawadowntown)



The 2008 annual fundraising dinner on October 25th at Christ Church Cathedral Hall in Ottawa, proved to be a success. Emcee Rita Celli from CBC led the evening with performers Kunundrum Dancers, Royal Ritchies, Chairman George, reading from Terrence West, silent auction, and crafts sale.

CanHave Board would like to express their appreciation to all the donors and volunteers who gave their time, talent and energy to help us meet our goals as a giving body and as an active charity here in Ottawa and in Uganda. They are:

Amanda Yensen, Ann & David McLean, Annet Nakiweewa, Beth Gibeault and the Royal Ritchies, Brian Diener, Cantley Spa, Carol Seaby, Caroline Nakayenga, Catherine & Gavin Murphy, Catherine Nabulime, CBC's Rita Celli, Chairman George, Chidima, CTV, Da Bombe Desserts and fine foods, Dave Depper & Total Media Systems, Deborah Cowley, Dulcie White, Edna Hamilton, Edward Bukenya, Elizabeth Knowles, Félicité Murangira, Floyd & Claire McPhee, Garry Bitze, Grete Hale, Gwynneth Evans, Ivan Hooper, James T. Hurd, Jan Clapp, Jan Sheridan, Jane Nicholls, Janice & Rob McRae, John Huber, Joseph Mawanda, Marjorie Scott, Kunundrum Dancers, Kim Hawkins, Mahamed Diarra, Maria Kangaroo, Marilyn Emary, Matthew Kenny, BMO Investments, Max Keeping, Dr. Michael Pilon, Milly Baino, MODA Hair Design, Nancy Bailey, National Arts Centre, Pilates Space, Rachel Fournier, Revolution Organics, Rob McLean, Roger Coulber, Saab Salon & Spa, Sanjay Mohanta, Steam Whistle Beer, Sureyo Abdullahi, Victoria Chen, Wall Sound Lighting, Terrence West.

Should we have missed your name and your contribution, we sincerely regret our oversight.

Your 2009 fundraising ideas

CanHave wishes to acknowledge the variety of fundraising activities of our donors:

- baking pies to order & selling lollipops
- speaking engagements at Rotary clubs and church functions
- sewing quilts and making crafts and cards to sell
- choosing CanHave as their charity of choice
- giving in memoriam
- placing coin boxes at coffee shops, glass jars at churches
- donating family heirlooms as auction items and raffle prizes
- dedicating a presentation or class project to the cause
- giving through a community foundation
- seeking sponsorship for the annual fundraiser

and spreading the word to friends, neighbours and colleagues.

New ideas are always welcome. Please feel free to contact us in advance so we may offer assistance in your endeavour.

HOW CAN I HELP?

\$360. (\$30. per month) will help sponsor a child for a full year of education with basic needs. In 2009, our goal is to educate and care for sixty (60) HIV/AIDS-affected orphans (an increase of 10 from 2008). Our goal is to sponsor 100 CanHave children by 2013.

\$100.-\$250. to develop and manage the CanHave Trade School in Kisubi, Uganda, with a view to making its operation sustainable over the long-term and at the same time, provide post-secondary education to CanHave children interested in learning a trade. The school's origin grew from the original CanHave sponsored children who, as school leavers, could not find work without post-secondary training.

\$ towards a specific aspect of our work, such as the building of the girls' dormitory, purchasing furnishings, maintaining the grounds and building the poultry shed.

\$25.00 membership includes receiving The Clarion newsletter to learn more about what we do and to vote at the Annual General Meeting, May15, 2009

For further details on specific requirements, please contact Gwynneth Evans at gwynnethevans@sympatico.ca or call 613-565-6214. Tax receipts are issued for donations of \$10.00 or more.

Donations can be made safely online at www.ncf.ca/canhave, or you may send your donation to CanHave Children's Centre, P.O. Box 21045, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1S 5N1

Call for volunteers

Webmaster for CanHave website

Knowledge and experience in website design, maintenance and the usage of the appropriate software. CanHave website site resides on National Capital Freenet which is informative, user-friendly and attractive to donors and partners. Interest in international education, development and Africa would be an asset. The site was developed to promote and inform internet users of the on-going activities of the charity's programs, fundraising initiatives, posting of special events, membership and The Clarion newsletter. The website is in need of a skilled webmaster to update its design, display the content in an attractive fashion relevant to CanHave's mission statement. Maintenance and updates would be only a few hours per month.

Editor for The CanHave newsletter "The Clarion"

Knowledge and experience in editing and producing an English language 8 page publication for distribution. Past experience in content-layout, design and cost-effective production would be an asset. This bi-annual publication is printed and placed on the website. In consultation with the Board reports on a variety of activities relative to CanHave's mission statement would include on-going developments of the charity's programs both in Uganda and Canada, fundraising initiatives, posting of special events and membership.

Interested volunteers are asked to contact Gwynneth Evans at gwynnethevans@sympatico.ca or 613-565-6214.

Films to see, Books to read

Films: Uganda Rising, 2006 Mindset Media

War Dance, 2007 Fine Films

A Grandmother's Tribe. Borderless Productions. 2007

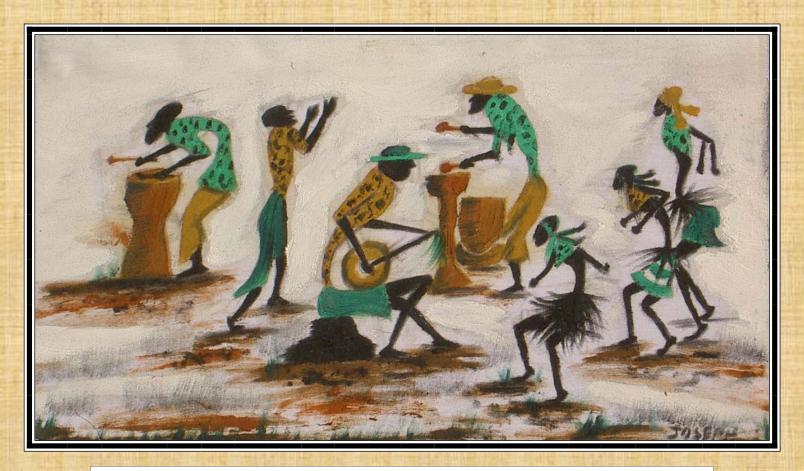
Books:

Non Fiction: 28: Stories of AIDS in Africa, Stephanie Nolen, 2007 Non Fiction: Wisdom of the Whores, Elizabeth Pisani, 2008

CLARION MOMENT:



Gavin Murphy's **REEL WOMEN** photography exhibition at Francesco's Coffee Company on Bank St, sponsored by ScotiaMcleod's Renaldo Saikali, started the 2009 fundraising season off with plenty of publicity and a well attended opening (in spite of the bus strike). The Board wishes to thank Gavin for donating the artist's proceeds from the sales directly to CanHave, which encouraged additional donations directly to the charity. Gavin's fundraising initiative prompted over \$1000. in donations to CanHave.



Joseph Mawanda, one of our sponsored CanHave children, attends Michelangelo College of Creative Arts. He has succeeded in qualifying to apply for the Performance/Diploma Program. We are encouraged by his development and want to share his talent with you.

Please clip & post to support CanHave

2009 CANHAVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CanHave Annual General Meeting
Friday, May 15, 7:00 pm
Parkwood Presbyterian Church
10 Chesterton Drive (corner of Meadowlands & Chesterton)

CanHave Annual Fundraising Dinner Saturday, October 24 from 6:30 pm Cathedral Hall 420 Sparks Street, Ottawa



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