

## How you can help.... Please

- **Sponsor a child:** \$360.00 (\$30.00 per month) pays the fees and extras for a child's one year of education. CANHAVE is supporting 70 children in 2013. Our goal is to have 70 sponsors in 2013.
- **Support scholarships for academically successful senior school and university students:** \$100.00-\$250.00
- **Designate your donation towards a specific aspect of our work in the Children's Programme or the Vocational School Programme:** \$\_\_\_\_
- **Donate to the general fund:** 25.00 \$ provides an individual annual membership. Every member receives two issues of the Clarion, our semi-annual newsletter and may vote at the Annual General Meeting, May 29, 2013.



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 programmes are made in Uganda: the Canadian Board provides policy direction and raises funds to support the education of children, one child at a time.

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# The Clarion

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Babirye is determined to be successful in school. She attends Bethel Primary School, a small school with 212 pupils which has two nursery classes as well as Primary 1 to Primary 7.

Her neighbourhood is very poor and many of the pupils come to school hungry and very tired. The teachers are very caring and dedicated to their pupils.

Babirye is 7 years old and in Primary two. She lives with her Grandmother, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

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



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## President's Message

Many exciting things are happening in CANHAVE – we have a lot to celebrate. In my recent visit to Uganda, I had the opportunity to experience this excitement first hand and I was very grateful to do so.

The big news is that the Elizabeth Residence has officially opened and the young women boarders have moved in. The move from the cramped classroom to the spacious new dormitory was accomplished in the blink of an eye! The opening ceremony and the blessing of the building took place on Saturday, April 6, 2013. The guest of honour was His Eminence Cardinal Emmanuel Wamala with whom I had the singular honour of cutting the ribbon. In spite of a little rain, the ceremony was enjoyed by all, with the treats made by the Catering students proving to be a great hit. All the invited guests toured the residence and the clip of the opening was in the TV news.



Congratulations go to everyone involved in the new residence.

Last December, the Canadian Board of Directors and the Ugandan Board of Trustees signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). In that MOU the Canadians made the commitment to increase the number of Aids- affected orphans by 10 each year until we support 100 children. This promise caused great joy on part of the Children's Programme Board who quickly identified the new 10 pupils for 2013. As some of our pupils graduated from Primary 7 and Secondary school classes, we now have 27 new-to-CANHAVE pupils who entered mainly at the early Primary levels.

These children were the pupils I spent most of my time visiting, interviewing and speaking with their respective school administrators. Joseph, our Co-ordinator, facilitated the visits and helped me to give out the little gifts we had brought for the children. To see the joy in their faces for these little presents would bring tears to your eyes. It takes so little to help a child feel important and valued.

Their schools are grateful to CANHAVE, appreciative of the school fees being paid readily (often collection of fees is problematic) and supportive of the efforts of our volunteers in Uganda to monitor these children. Slowly but surely, CANHAVE's reputation is growing stronger. We have a solid core of Board members and community volunteers to thank with all our hearts.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 29 at 7 pm at Parkwood Presbyterian Church – we have lots of stories to share! See you soon.

Janet Margaret Castle

## Reports from Uganda

## Elizabeth Residence



Elizabeth Residence, a beautiful addition to the CANHAVE Vocational School in Kisubi. 38 girls now live in this new safe haven.

65 students (52 girls and 13 boys) in total attend first and second year classes.

Go to: [www.canhave.org](http://www.canhave.org)  
for more information.

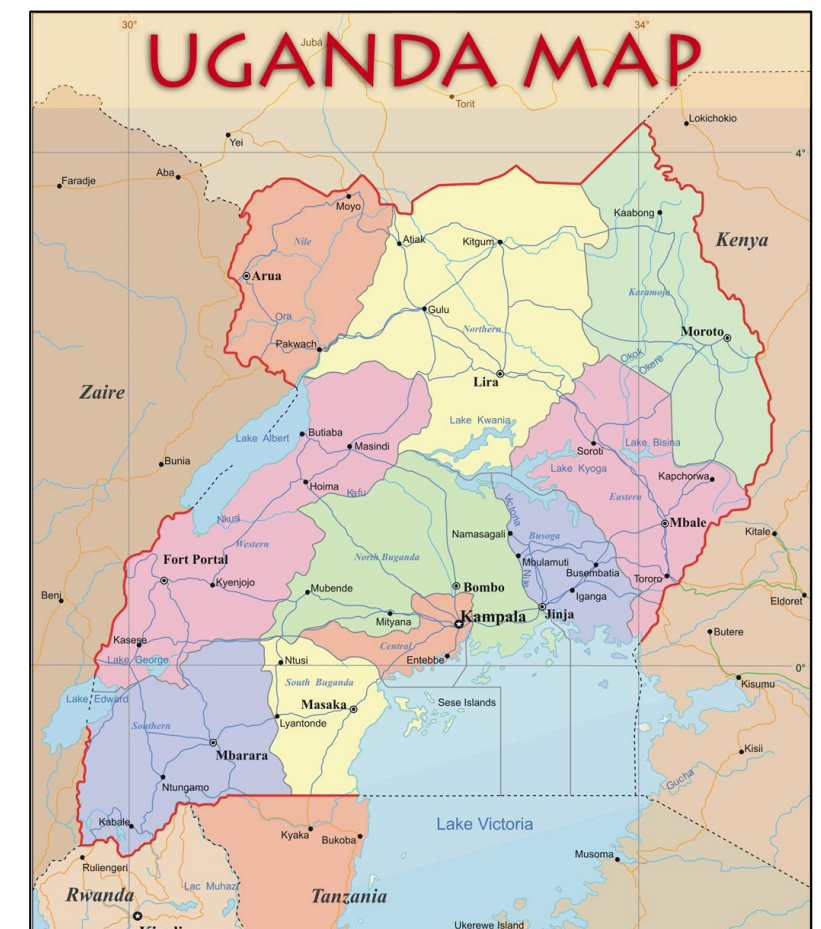
## Children's Programme Statistics

The children attend schools  
in and around Kampala.

57 students are in primary school classes; 32 are girls and 25 are boys.

14 attend Secondary 1 to Secondary 4. Ten are girls and 4 are boys.

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**Join us at Centurion Center!**

Listen to more stories from Uganda, see new photos, and enjoy a wonderful meal and good company at CANHAVE's Fundraising Gala.

**Save the date: Friday, November 01, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. for 7:00 p.m. dinner.**



## Partners in education

### Sylvia

As president, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to visit St. Elizabeth Girls' Secondary School again this year and to renew our friendship with Sylvia Namabidde Sinabulya.

Sylvia is a Member of Parliament for the Mityana area and she is fulfilling her dream of providing a safe haven and highly academic atmosphere for girls in Secondary. The school has grown immensely in the past year, offering classes at all levels from Secondary 1 to Secondary 6. Currently the population is 440, with 406 of the girls staying in her school's new dormitory. The Children's Programme Board gladly accepted her offer to place two of our girls entering Secondary at reduced fees and with free uniforms.

Immaculate Nasuna, and Maria Nakalembe attend St. Elizabeth and both love it. Both state that the school sets high standards and has a kind atmosphere. Sylvia's dream is bringing great rewards to our girls. Thank you Sylvia!



## Kudos

### Gwynneth Evans Canadian Board Secretary

Once a librarian, always a love of books!

Over the past ten years or so, Gwynneth Evans had collected beautiful children's books. When it was announced that I was going to Uganda, Gwynneth donated them to CANHAVE to be brought to Uganda. The subject of all the books was African, with beautifully illustrated stories of and for African children. Each book bears a label indicating that the book has been donated by CANHAVE. The National Library of Uganda selected a local school with which it works to receive the collection.

Stella Nekuusa, Principal Librarian and Jospert Chelangat, Librarian, received the books and have delivered them to Buganda Road Primary School where the books will remain together as a collection and will bring joy to the hearts of many Ugandan children.

Gwynneth, many thanks for your generosity!

Janet.



## 2012 GALA Highlights



### Some volunteers from Algonquin College



### Some members of the excellent SIFA choir

Annet with her son Kayden, the youngest guest at the Gala.

In total 260 guests enjoyed a fabulous evening: a reception and dinner, crafts, silent auction and raffles.

Janet Castle told a story of several children and Adrian Harewood and the SIFA choir wowed us all.





# Children's Programme Student Profile

## Rachael Nalubega



Rachael is a new pupil and our youngest member of the CANHAVE Children's Programme. She attends Arise and Shine Education Centre. The Centre is a day school with 3 Nursery Classes of 59 children and 200 children in Primary One to Primary Seven.

Rachael is enthusiastic, articulate and energetic. She started in Primary 1 at 5 years, in a class of 34 six year-olds. Rachael loves school and learning. Her best friend is Serena and they play together whenever they can. A typical school day for Rachel starts at 7 am and finishes in the early afternoon. When she grows up she wants to be a Big Girl!

# Student Profile

## Betty Namusisi



Betty is another of the new-to-CANHAVE pupils. She attends Matutu Memorial Primary School, a community-based school, which prides itself in Family Initiatives Programming. She is in Primary 2 and attends school from 7:30 until 5:30 in the afternoon.

Betty is a shy but articulate 8 year-old who loves school. She studies English, Math, Literacy, Religious Education, News and Art. Whenever they get a chance, Betty and her best friend enjoy skipping and jumping. Betty lives with her Auntie and 2 older sisters. Auntie sells dried fish in a nearby market to make a living. On returning home after school, Betty does her household chores of sweeping the compound, washing her clothes and uniform and mopping the house. Betty works hard in school and out of school because she wants to succeed and become a teacher. She wants to help others learn.

# Leaving a legacy ...

## Alexandra Schwabe "Ali"



I began my work with CANHAVE in early 2010, which was my first year at the University of Ottawa. I was initially brought on as a volunteer to redesign the Clarion and gather articles for the spring edition. During this time, I met many of the people who make CANHAVE work and listened to their stories about the children we help. Their reasons for being involved with CANHAVE convinced me that I wanted to continue my work with this charity, and so I joined the board. Since then, I've found my own reasons for staying involved.

CANHAVE is special for so many reasons. It afforded me the unique opportunity to work in a partnership: CANHAVE is a registered charity in both Uganda and Canada. By having a Ugandan board, CANHAVE is in a strong position to assess the needs of the children we seek to support. We can ensure that the funds raised in Canada and sent to Uganda are being used where they are most required. To me, this partnership is CANHAVE's greatest strength.

Another reason I think CANHAVE is special is its focus on education. We aim to give students the tools and skills necessary to become contributing members of Ugandan society, both through the Children's Programme and the Vocational School. Throughout my four years of university, I would stress over tests and papers, about having a heavy workload, and in the midst of exam seasons I could even be found making dramatic proclamations about how much easier my life would be if I wasn't in university. In the middle of essay-writing and studying for midterms, it was easy to forget that I am extremely lucky to be able to study what I want, where I want, in order to start the career I want. Because I worked with CANHAVE, however, I was able to realize and understand just how fortunate I am. See, I had the opportunity to read letters from students we support in Uganda, like this one:

"I am writing to thank you all for the school fees I receive from Canada. I am studying hard to be the best student in my school. I am happy with my school. I thank you, all my donors, for the good things—you help us who cannot help ourselves. Thank you many, many times."

The above is an excerpt from a letter written by George Kakembo a few years ago, when he was a senior at Springfield High School in Kampala, Uganda. To me, his and letters like his were a reminder to spend more time appreciating my education and all the opportunities it will afford me. We need to continue supporting students in Uganda and advocating for education as a right, and those of us who have the opportunity to go to school here in Canada need to treat our educations as a privilege, taking advantage with a smile on our faces.

*CANHAVE thanks Ali for her many contributions, including supervising the development of the new CANHAVE website.  
We wish her well in postgraduate studies.*