

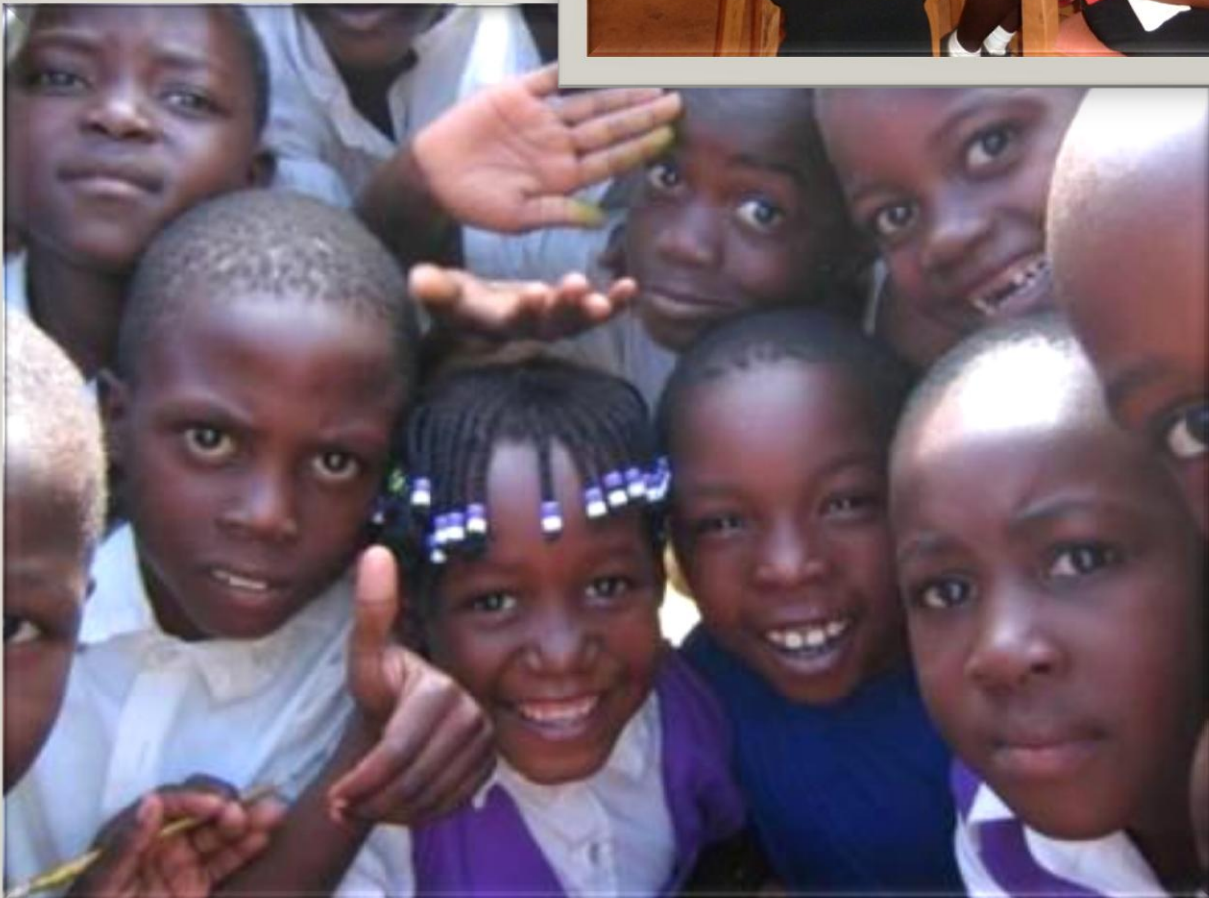
THE CLARION

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Lee Valley Tools Initiative
- Quilt Raffle
- Trade School
- Donor Tree
- CANHAVE's Students
- Child to Child



Child to Child Giving

CANHAVE encourages individuals to help orphan children in Uganda through education and the opportunity to learn a trade. Anyone is capable of helping, even children.

LEE VALLEY TOOLS INITIATIVE

A huge reason why CANHAVE has been so successful is the very special people behind it. On December 20th, 2009, a container filled with thousands of gently used tools, along with other supplies such as clothing and sports equipment, was sent from Montreal to Uganda.



MUCH THANKS TO ROBIN LEE,
LEE VALLEY TOOLS INC., AND ALL
WHO DONATED THOUSANDS OF
GENTLY USED TOOLS

*Robin Lee made a great
point; one lesson this
initiative demonstrates is
how a few people can make
a concrete difference. When
individuals are given the
opportunity to help, they will
do something that will have
an impact.*

TOOLS ARRIVE IN UGANDA!

Caroline Nakayenga and videographer Dave Depper travelled to Uganda to ensure the container arrived safely. It turned out that Caroline and Dave arrived the same day as the container, February 23rd, 2010. This was an opportunity for them to help at the trade school while capturing the raw emotions of those children that would be directly impacted by the kindness of all the individuals giving to CANHAVE.

The tools not only bring utility, but a sign of hope and the opportunity to improve and be self-supporting. The Lee Valley Tools Initiative was “not about money, it was about helping somebody help themselves”. Within the container there were tool kits for the students that they could take after graduating to help them go on to a career of carpentry.



THE MANGO TREE, A LETTER FROM JOESEPH, AND SOME WORDS ON CANHAVE



The mango tree represents reaching out, spirit of giving, and thanking the individuals that contributed to the aid of the Ugandan orphans. It is a way to recognize people who made a significant contribution and allows those in Uganda to have some sense of those in Canada who are interested in helping. Without donors it would have been very difficult to build the trade school and to ensure the children have the education necessary to advance. The mango tree is the symbol that links the Ugandan orphans and the generous donors. The mangos represent the donors; something natural with the ability to grow.



Joseph Kabali, the Children's Coordinator in Uganda, sent a status report on the last semester of 2009 on December 28th. Report cards are on their way by mail, meanwhile, here is some of the news he sends:

Greetings from CANHAVE Uganda. We thank and praise God for all the blessings we have received throughout 2009 generally and this third term in particular.

We are grateful to you for all the support you accord to the children by paying their school fees. We extend our special gratitude to all Board members of Canada for your devotion and love to the children.

On a sad note we lost one of our committee members on the children's board, Mr. Moses Mutesasira who passed away on 8th September 2009. His death was a blow to all of us in Uganda. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Six of our children sat for their senior four exams and their names are as follows: Nakabuye Immaculate, Nanono Betty, Nabasumba Agnes, Nabaziwa Erioth, Nabankema Rashida, and Mirembe Abisagi.

May the good Lord bless you all.



When asked to summarize CANHAVE briefly, board members came up with these inspiring words:

CANHAVE is a local non-profit organization that focuses on supporting children by finding exciting and effective ways of making a difference. All of the individuals on the board of directors and volunteers have been dedicated to caring for the students. In the end CANHAVE believes in the spirit of giving; CANHAVE ultimately CanHelp where it is needed.

CANHAVE'S GOALS

Currently, decisions about CANHAVE's projects are made jointly by the Ugandan and Canadian boards. The strong bridge between the Ottawa and Ugandan communities allows CANHAVE to focus on initiatives that will make the biggest impact on the children.

- Acquire major grants from large institutions
- Establish adequate wiring to have electricity
- Build a female dormitory
- Build a security wall with gate
- Currently CANHAVE helps 60 children; eventually increase to 100
- Employ excellent teachers and provide them with proper housing



Quilt Raffle

It takes a very talented individual to make beautiful handmade quilts. Once again Ann McLean, of Country Quilter has donated an exquisite handmade quilt for CANHAVE to raffle off. The queen sized quilt features a Canadian Mennonite chrysalis design. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. All proceeds of the raffle will be used to offset the costs of fundraising to aid the children in Uganda. The winning ticket will be drawn at the annual fundraising dinner to be held on Saturday, October 23.



*Check www.canhave.org
to find out more dates and
places tickets will be sold.*



THANK YOU!



Without amazing members, volunteers, and donors like you, CANHAVE could not exist. Thanks so much to the Ottawa community for using your skills, talents, and generosity to help those in need in Uganda. From fundraising, to attending CANHAVE events, to donating your used tools and your time, you have ensured that 2009 and the beginning of 2010 have been a great success for CANHAVE. We appreciate all the time, talent, and energy given to help us meet our goals and stay active as a charity. Here's to a wonderful end of 2010!

Upcoming Events

CANHAVE Annual General Meeting featuring stories and photos from Caroline Nakayenga and Dave Depper's trip to Uganda.

*Friday, May 28, 2010 at 7:00pm
Parkwood Church*

CANHAVE Annual Fundraising Dinner

*Saturday, October 23, 2010 at 5:30pm
Cathedral Hall, 420 Sparks St.
Call 613-565-6214 for tickets/info*

Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales

May 16 – Billings

May 29 – Glebe Yard Sale

June 19 – Country Quilter Show

July 3 – Carlingwood

The Trade School



CANHAVE made an honourable decision when the organization decided to help the orphan children in Uganda. It was one thing to help sponsor the children to go to their local schools, but what were they to do after they accomplished the highest level of what would be equivalent to high school?

The students reached out to CANHAVE; “We are so thankful you (CANHAVE) have supported us, but to earn a living we need to be trained in a skill that is marketable”. The trade school has been an ongoing initiative. With the invaluable help from donors and volunteers CANHAVE is working towards teaching the students a trade that will ensure they become more self-supporting. The trade school focuses on teaching the students farming, sewing, carpentry, and catering. The next stage of the trade school would be to teach the students computing, but first there must be funding towards having adequate computers and electricity throughout the school.



CHILD TO CHILD GIVING



Statistics

2010

Number of Students -59

Number of Girls - 38

Number of Boys - 21

Number in Primary 2 - 4

Number in Primary 3 - 8

Number in Primary 4 - 9

Number in Primary 5 - 12

Number in Primary 6 - 6

Number in Primary 7 - 4

Number in Secondary 1 - 1

Number in Secondary 2 - 9

Number in Secondary 3 - 0

Number in Secondary 4 - 6

CANHAVE encourages anyone who has the means and the desire to help out in whatever way they can. It is always a special moment when a child steps up and asks how they can help. When children learn that others their own age are not always given the same opportunities, they sometimes take it upon themselves to make a difference. This is a special kind of giving that CANHAVE supports, as it gives children here learning and growing opportunities, encourages strong values of helping others, and it benefits those in Uganda.

Furthermore, receiving help from others encourages the CANHAVE students in Uganda to help as well. One young student, named Peter, was 16 when Board member Gwynneth Evans visited in 2003. At the time he was not sure what he was going to do with his life. When she revisited him in 2009 he said, "I'm ready to give back" and he now teaches carpentry at the Trade School.

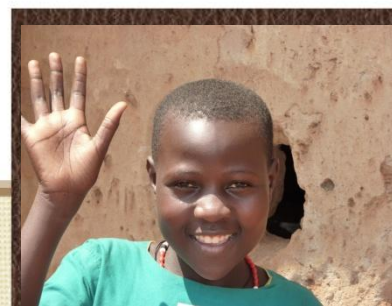
Another example of child to child giving is Olivia Ewing-Dolbec and her gift to CANHAVE. Olivia and her mother Janine began a project called Children's Cards for Charity in 2006. Every year they decide on a theme for greeting cards. This year they chose CANHAVE as their charity of choice, with the theme "Our Blessings" for the cards. Children from the Rideau Park United Church Sunday School were invited to use their creative talents and imagination to make cards while also learning about the different challenges that families in Africa can face. The project was an opportunity for the students to learn about the world around them and the importance of giving, while also giving them a concrete way to make a difference.



HOW CAN I HELP?

Two inter-related programs are funded by CANHAVE: Child sponsorship and the Trade School

- ☐ **\$300.00** (\$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 2010.
- ☐ **\$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 post-secondary education to CANHAVE children interested in learning a trade.
- ☐ **\$_____** towards a specific aspect of our work, such as the building of a girls dormitory, purchasing computers, and fencing the property.
- ☐ **\$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 28, 2010.



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.

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Phone Number: 613-565-6214
Fax Number: 613-225-8535

CANHAVE Children's Centre is a registered, membership, not-for-profit organization. We encourage individuals wishing to help Ugandan AIDS-affected 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 makes fundraising decisions to help the Ugandan board best support the children.
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