

The Clarion



Caroline Nakayenga, co-founder of CANHAVE, is recognized by Volunteer Ottawa on October 8, 2015

Caroline Nakayenga, from Uganda, has lived in her chosen country Canada, for the past twenty-five years. From the beginning she has contributed to the Ottawa community. Caroline is a proud mother of three and the great aunt of three. Her family lives in Ottawa, Toronto and surrounding areas. Caroline is a nurse working with Hospice Care Ottawa, Maycourt location. Also, as a foot care nurse, Caroline reaches seniors and persons with developmental disabilities in the Ottawa community. For her leadership, last spring, Caroline was featured on CTV Ottawa as an **Amazing Person**.

In 1994, Caroline visited Uganda and met a dying woman with five children. They would be left homeless and uncared for on her death. Caroline made a promise to ask for help for the AIDS orphans on her return to Canada. CANHAVE Children's Centre, a small Ottawa-based not-for-profit, was incorporated in 1995. With volunteer help alone, CANHAVE raises funds to support 100 AIDS orphans in school and contribute to the CANHAVE Vocational School near Entebbe, Uganda. Caroline has worked unceasingly to help educate the neediest, one child at a time.

Caroline is at work in the immigrant community, assisting newcomers to settle in their new country. She is a welcome face in the shelters and has volunteered with the Ottawa Police, to help abused women. Her work also includes taking many people to their medical appointments. As a member of a telephone chain, she keeps seniors healthy. Caroline is just a phone call away for anyone in need. Her volunteer work enriches the lives of thousands, quietly and unassumingly. We are all stronger because of Caroline. And her favourite saying is: **"If you help someone up the hill, you are closer to the top yourself."**

Congratulations and best wishes, Caroline, from CANHAVE.

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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

CANHAVE, a work in progress...

CANHAVE became a Canadian charity in 1995 in order to help educate five orphans left without resources by the deaths of both parents to AIDS. Those involved in the original board at Parkwood Church must have understood the importance of their commitment because they chose the name from **CAN**adians **H**elping **AIDS** **V**ictims with **E**ducation and had the charity incorporated so that CANHAVE Children's Centre Inc. followed Canadian laws and regulations and donors could receive receipts for their monetary gifts.

It was the High Commissioner of Uganda who advised against taking the children from their communities to live in an orphanage. He understood the importance of the extended family and the community in supporting children traumatized by the death of their parents. From the outset, Joseph Kabali and Elizabeth Kaziro have dedicated their time and talent to the CANHAVE children. In the early years Joseph travelled by public transportation, foot or bicycle to the villages and schools where CANHAVE children lived. Yet it was not long before CANHAVE chose some very needy orphans from Kampala and different places between the original Busabaga and the inner city. By 2003, when I spent time in Uganda with Joseph, I rented a vehicle and it took us 3 or 4 days to visit the children in primary and secondary schools. Peter Kaseero, one of the pioneers, travelled with us; I shall never forget his predicament and his frustration. Although he was very careful with his words, I could feel his sharp pain, as if it were my own. Yes he had been to secondary school and could speak English. However, he was still an orphan and head of the household. He could not find regular work and was having trouble putting food on the table for his siblings and finishing the house left by his mother. At 18, life was hard and the path ahead unclear.

Peter was grateful for his schooling but ready for further training. Fortunately CANHAVE was able to raise money for his training in carpentry; Catherine Namazzi's training in computers; Joseph Mawanda's diploma in fine art; Robert Kiyaga's training as a medical clinical officer; and Moses Bataliwo's training in carpentry. Joseph Kabali's work was made easier when the anonymous gift of a used van simplified and shortened his travel to a growing number of CANHAVE children's schools.

With the gift of seven acres of land in 2005, CANHAVE began clearing the property and slowly, with much volunteer labour, constructed a 5-room building. In 2008, during a study tour of 9 Canadians, the Vocational School was officially opened and one classroom was designated as a temporary dormitory for the girls. The girls used that classroom until April 2013, when the new architect-designed two-storey dormitory was opened to great fanfare. CANHAVE friends had made the professionally constructed building possible through their generosity and concern for the safety and welfare of young women. The girls benefit from training in catering and hotel management; sewing and tailoring; hairdressing; the use of computers; skills development for business; and farming. The boys (and girls) may also choose carpentry and electrical installation.

CANHAVE remains a work in progress between our Ugandan Board of Trustees and the boards of its two programs and its Canadian partner. In Canada we shape policy and practice to comply with Canadian law and raise funds for the education of our 100 CANHAVE children. They are orphans; they would not have the opportunity to be educated without our assistance. As this issue demonstrates, they have done well under the care and supervision of loving Ugandan volunteers. Look at the faces of the children in this Clarion; together we partners help build the future, one child at a time.

In 20 years we have increased the number of CANHAVE orphans assisted by 20, from 5 to 100. Now it is time to consolidate our efforts to help each child in reaching full potential.

Thanks and a warm smile go to each and every one who has contributed to CANHAVE over the years.

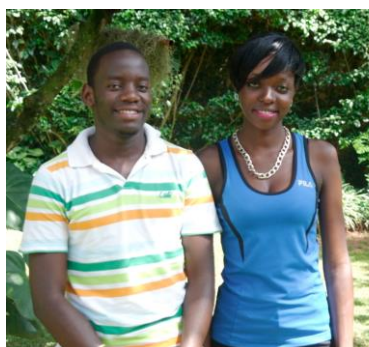
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CANHAVE SUCCESS STORIES 1995 - 2015

Children helping children

In 2001, Catherine Nabulime produced the first Clarion to share CANHAVE news between Ottawa and Uganda. At the time, Catherine was an Ottawa high student using her time and talents to support Ugandan AIDS orphans. Children and their teachers in schools near Ottawa have been wonderful donors to CANHAVE's AIDS orphans. They have raised money with bake sales, special drives, parties and lots of enthusiasm.

Of the 14 children supported by CANHAVE in 2001, some lived with relatives who themselves had children or with their siblings. Six continued to trade school and four of those also went to university. **Joseph Mawanda**, profiled by Jan, won government support for his degree in Industrial Art and Design.



Isaac Jjingo, only five when he became a CANHAVE child, is now completing his third year at university. Here, he is photographed with **Hilda Nannono**, our other university student.



Joseph Kabali, the Coordinator of the Children's Program since 1995, poses with **Prossy Nakibuule**, 2014 CANHAVE university graduate.

The gift of land, labour and hope.

The original **Vocational School** officially opened in February 2008.



Vocational School Graduation 2013.



The gifts of many very generous donors enabled CANHAVE to fulfill its dream of a safe and comfortable girls' dormitory. **Elizabeth Residence** officially opened in 2013.



Some of the original pioneer students in CANHAVE T-shirts.

FACES of CANHAVE: some of the children and adults in Uganda

PATIENCE NANKUMBI

As a very little girl Patience had to walk to school many, many miles through thick bush and on tracks which were little more than a trail through the countryside. She and her Grandmother lived in a tiny house, isolated from other dwellings. Both Grandmother and Patience value education and Patience faithfully attended a very poor school, lacking even walls, let alone books and chalk boards.

Patience wants to be a doctor and she has excelled in school. With her Grandmother's permission, CANHAVE chose St. Joseph's Primary School for Patience. She now boards at school and visits her granny at holidays.

Patience and her grandmother.



Patience at her first school.

PETER KAKUULE

Young Peter is an optimistic and hardworking person. The middle child in the family being supported by Grandmother knows full well the importance of diligence. He is determined to succeed. At age 11, Peter was in Primary 5 and had dreams of one day being a doctor who would help the people in his village. As Peter grew older he realized that he would have to set his sights on a more realistic goal.

His academic performance was failing and his future was bleak. With the help of the CANHAVE Children's Program, Peter was moved to the Vocational School where he is now learning carpentry as a trade. He is excited about the future and dreams of opening his own carpentry shop after graduation!



Peter (green shirt) and Godfrey.



Peter (blue shirt) with other CANHAVE vocational school students.

FACES of CANHAVE: some of the children and adults in Uganda

Recent arrivals in CANHAVE: Twin sisters, **Agnes** and **Margaret**

CANHAVE makes a difference in the lives of the children, their families and communities. These two children were photographed and recorded by Milly Baino in the fall of 2014 and the spring of 2015. While it was clear that the experience of losing their parents weighed heavily on each one, the Twins Nursery and Primary School is supporting them in their development.

The School was established by a woman who has twins and a particular affinity for giving each one strong assistance, care and understanding.



Fall 2014

Spring 2015



Alex Nyanzi, Administrator of the Vocational School

By Milly Baino

It was 2 days before Christmas, in December 2013, when interviews were held to fill the position of School Administrator at the CANHAVE Vocational School in Kisubi. Amongst the 5 candidates interviewed that day was one young man called Alex Nyanzi. He was a graduate from Gulu University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Development Studies and a Certificate in Mediation Studies. He was confident and proved himself to be the best candidate for the job.

From the time he stepped into this position, Alex had big plans for the School. His major focus was to get everyone involved in school activities, as he wanted the entire school community to own it! He galvanized students into sports competitions and took on lecturing in computer studies. He accomplished all this in 3 months. He straightaway earned respect from staff and students.

Alex has grown into the job. He created a 'Cabinet of Ministers' elected by the student population. These are now the student leaders who liaise with the administration over various matters which relate to student welfare at the Vocational School. He also established the Parents and Teachers Association. It meets regularly to learn about activities at the school and to allow parents to give input on expectations of their children's education. His next idea is to create a parent position on the School Board of Directors to allow parents' voices to be shared and heard by the directors. A visionary, Alex is both a thinker and doer visionary as well. He is working towards operational self-sufficiency for the school.

The Vocational School and CANHAVE are fortunate to have Alex Nyanzi as the administrator. Thank you, Alex.



BEHIND the SCENES at CANHAVE, our volunteers

A Lasting Friendship within CANHAVE

Jan Sheridan

The trip to Uganda in 2008 for the opening of the CANHAVE Vocational School transformed my life from a CANHAVE supporter to a committed volunteer. I was so impressed with the dedication of the Uganda board members, in spite of personal or family difficulties relating to AIDS. Best of all, I met the Pioneers, the first young CANHAVE orphans to graduate from high school, thanks to our support.

Back in Canada with access to all the photos our group had taken, I blended the CANHAVE story into a slide show presentation. The personal stories of the young Pioneers created the greatest interest. I succumbed and bought a computer so I could keep up-to-date by email.

Earlier we had discovered and encouraged Joseph Mawanda's artistic talent. We decided to print some of his work as handi-notes for sale and I became Keeper of the Cards. Trial and error showed which cards sold best; Canadians prefer wild to tame animals (except cats). Joseph always responded to requests or suggestions, although it took persuasion for him to sign his work.

Meanwhile I added my own little international dolls for variety at the sales table and dedicated that money to a scholarship fund for post-high school education. Joseph and I became a team. After the first financial report, I told Joseph that between his artistry and my selling we had managed to send three CANHAVE kids to school for a year. He responded thanking me profusely for making him "feel like a useful citizen of the world". My heart melted. Since then I have given presentations wherever I have been invited as well as attending as many sales as possible (Christmas, Great Glebe, etc.).



Looking at the cards you can see how Joseph's talent has evolved—from the earliest village scenes (in coloured pencils or markers) through an experimental period while he was at the Kyambogo's Department for Art and Industrial Design, through the paintings of Ugandan birds and wild animals. Our relationship has also evolved. Joseph won a two-year scholarship to a university in Kenya; I was thrilled to see his photos of the mural he created about "Child Labour in Uganda".

While writing his final exams there, he emailed me the exciting news that he had "won the green card lottery" to go to the U.S.A. Now that he is living in Moline, Illinois, our notes are more personal. Our file of cards is sufficient to continue while he adapts to his new life in America, but he is still grateful for all that CANHAVE has done for him.

Like a grandmother, I am SO proud of him (and the other fine Pioneers).



Jan selling Joseph's cards

BEHIND the SCENES at CANHAVE CANADA

As everyone who has ever been a volunteer knows, much takes place behind the scenes to achieve a successful event or program.

At 20, CANHAVE proudly boasts wonderful volunteers in the Ottawa area and in Uganda. We want you to help us thank them at the celebratory dinner and through donations to CANHAVE.



Dancers from the Ngoma troupe at the 20th anniversary reception.



Tim, a public school teacher, has served on the Education Committee for many years.



Chris has designed and made many beautiful quilts and wall-hangings which she has given CANHAVE for silent auctions and for sale.



Children with learning disabilities make beads for sale.



Jan Sheridan is a super saleswoman with Joseph's Mawanda's handi-notes and her international dolls.



Deborah, a Nigerian intern from the University of Ottawa, is assisting with research for the Education Committee.



Volunteers at the Great Glebe Garage Sale.



Val buys and sews hundreds of pillow cases to make dresses for our young CANHAVE children and their little sisters.



CANHAVE's 20th anniversary African quilt made by the Country Quilters and displayed by Ann and David McLean.

How can you help? ...Please sponsor a CANHAVE child

In 2015, CANHAVE supports the education of 90 orphans in primary and secondary schools. 10 others have scholarships to university and the vocational school. By **SPONSORING** a child, you help CANHAVE reach its goal of increasing the number of school students by 10 each year to 100 by 2016.

Your donation of:

- **\$360.00 per year or \$30.00 monthly** pays the school fees and extras for one child in primary school each year
- **\$100.00 - \$350.00**, contributes to the fees and boarding expenses of academically successful students entering senior school or post-secondary institutions
- **25.00 \$** (to the general fund) offers the donor an annual membership. Every member receives two issues of the Clarion, our semi-annual newsletter, and may vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- **Other options - designate your donation towards a specific aspect of our work in the Children's Program or the Vocational School Program: \$_____**

Other opportunities to help:

- Make a tribute to a family member, friend on an important occasion: \$_____
- Organize a fundraising event for CANHAVE

How to donate:

- On line, via the CANHAVE website (www.canhave.org) through **CanadaHelps**
- Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard)
- By cheque payable to:

CANHAVE Children's Centre, Inc.,
PO Box 21045,
Ottawa, ON
K1S 5N1.

Tax receipts are issued for all donations of \$20.00 or more.

CANHAVE is an incorporated 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 provides policy and fund raises to support the education of children, one child at a time.

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