

# The Clarion

## Meet Robert Kiyaga

*"I am very thankful for what CANHAVE has done for me. I would like to pay back in the future and also to motivate the younger CANHAVE children to give them hope..."*



Robert is a real success story of the CANHAVE Program. As a child he always had big dreams of becoming a medical doctor. He pursued his dream under difficult circumstances, as an orphaned child.

Robert was admitted to the CANHAVE Program in 1999 when he was 10 years old. When he completed High School he joined a Community College where he graduated with a Medical Assistant Diploma. During his time at the Community College he wrote a book on human anatomy! The book became so popular in the Ugandan academic world that it is now used in various institutions.

When he graduated, he was hired immediately by the Community College as a lecturer of anatomy. He never lost his dream of getting into medical school and worked hard to save some money that would eventually enable him to fulfill his dream. This took a while and by the time he tried to enter medical school, admission became very difficult as he was now an adult and very few spots are reserved for older students! He tried many times until eventually he was admitted to Uganda Tutors' College Mulago within Makerere University.

Robert is very happy with his life and credits the CANHAVE Program and the donors, whom he says made it possible for him to get to where his life is. He says his dream is within reach, all because of the CANHAVE Program!

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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**



**Canadians Helping  
AIDS Victims with  
Education**

# President's Message

Every organization has different phases. CANHAVE can be justly proud of its success over 20 years, thanks to a very dedicated group of Canadians and Ugandans, working together to support the education of AIDS-affected orphans. We have some wonderful success stories in this issue. We have young people able to enjoy independent and productive lives; we have grateful youngsters growing up without parents but with the hope and promise of education and care.

In the last three years, the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Trustees in Uganda and the Board of Directors in Canada has guided us in our decisions and actions. We have met and exceeded, in some cases, our fundraising targets. We have responded to Uganda's request for funds for the travel of board members and for certain capital projects to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Vocational School's work and our communications and partnership.

Mrs. Milly Baino has substantially assisted both boards in improving the policies and processes for volunteer boards. Her presence and guidance in Uganda and her thoughtful reports in Canada have sharpened our resolve. We thank her sincerely for her ongoing support.

We look to the next three years with hope and also the recognition that CANHAVE must adjust to a changing world. The economic and social conditions in both countries have changed; the exchange rates are fluctuating; the inflation rates and costs in Uganda are rising. Our donors have been generous and faithful but are aging. Fundraising is changing. We will need to engage new technically savvy audiences and funders.

We are looking at this next three-year period of the second Memorandum of Understanding as one unit. We are asking our supporters and donors to think of their commitment to CANHAVE as a three-year commitment. We are concentrating on the education of 100 orphans but we are also promoting the capital needs of the CANHAVE Vocational School in Kisubi so that it can be financially sustainable. Several Ottawans have been very generous over the years in providing a quality van and infrastructure at the Vocational School: the well; Elizabeth Residence; and the re-building of sustainable fishponds.

In this issue, you will see what the benefits of your generosity have been and also learn what CANHAVE still wishes to do from 2016 to 2018. Please join us in supporting the education of CANHAVE orphans, so they may survive and thrive and contribute to their communities and country.

Thank you, webale nnyo.

Gwynneth Evans

## CANHAVE Milestones



**1994**

Caroline Nakayenga returns to Uganda and is asked to visit a dying widow with 5 children (pictured here with 4 of the 5 original children).

**1995**

Grete Hale visits Uganda and brings gifts to the five orphans and their grandparents. CANHAVE is incorporated and registered in Canada so that fundraising can begin.

**2000**

The number of children has increased to 15; they attend 10 different schools. The board learns that private schools have better teachers and smaller classes. Extra funds are raised to improve the condition of some of the poorest schools attended by CANHAVE children.

**2003**

Gwynneth Evans spends time in Uganda and visits the children in the various schools. She delivers sheets for the extended families of our children. Her report underlines the need for a vehicle for Joseph Kabali, the Children's Program Coordinator.

**2004**

With an anonymous donation, the van is bought so that Joseph can visit the increasing number of CANHAVE children.

**2005**

Brother Vincent offers CANHAVE 2 parcels of land in Kisubi (7 acres in all), near Lake Victoria.



**2008**

A party of 9 Canadians visits Uganda for 2 weeks. The CANHAVE Vocational School is officially opened. Classes in sewing and tailoring, carpentry and joinery, catering and hotel management, hairdressing, agriculture and computers begin that fall.

# CANHAVE Milestones

## 2009

Lee Valley Tools sets up a donation program to receive and inventory gently-used tools for the vocational school.

## 2010

CANHAVE supports 60 AIDS-affected orphans. A container of Lee Valley-collected tools and much more arrives in Uganda. Evaluation of the Children's Program takes place in Canada and Uganda.



Unloading the Lee Valley Tools container, 2010



Opening of Elizabeth Residence, 2013

## 2010- 2014

Caroline Nakayenga visits Uganda each year, sometimes travelling with a Canadian supporter.

## 2012

Janet Castle travels to Uganda to meet the Board of Trustees and the boards for the Children's Program and the Vocational School. She visits the children in school and at home. Elizabeth Kaziro, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees in Uganda, visits Canada. The campaign to build a permanent girls' residence is launched.



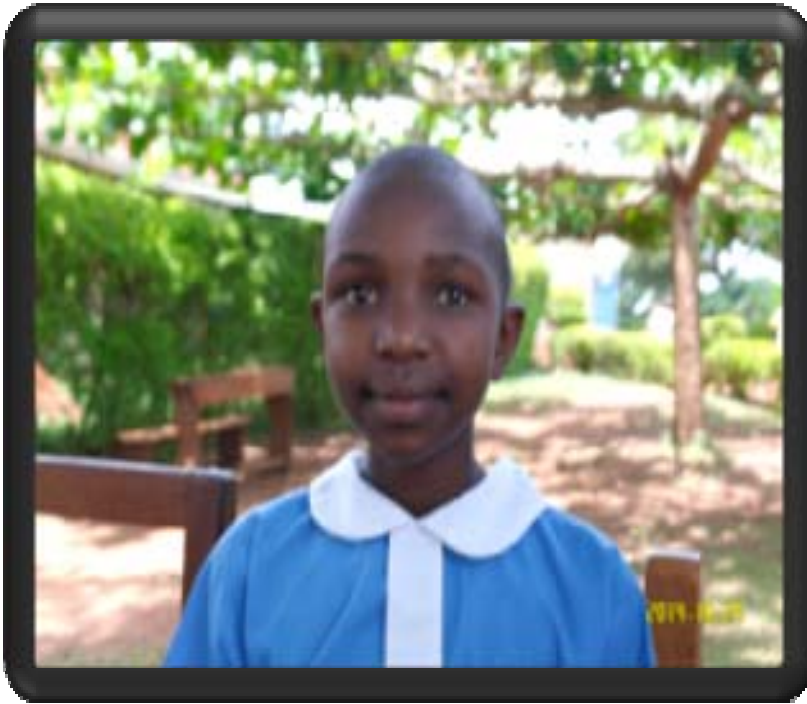
## 2013

Janet Castle and her sister Caroline Markell travel to Uganda to attend the official opening of the Elizabeth Residence at the Vocational School. Pictured left, a proud student graduates.

## 2015

CANHAVE pays the fees of 100 Ugandan orphans: 92 in primary and secondary schools; 2 in university and 6 at the Vocational School.

## Turning Dreams into Reality



### Maria Tracy Abonyo

Maria Tracy's mother died of HIV/AIDS when she was a baby and her father was left as a single parent. He also died when Maria Tracy was completing nursery school. Her auntie became the caregiver and continues to play the role of mother to her. Maria Tracy was identified as a child that needed CANHAVE support, through a member of the Christian Brothers in her home district.

In 2014, Maria Tracy was in Grade 7 at St. Joseph Primary School. A high achiever, she spoke with confidence about her career plans of becoming a lawyer. When interviewed at the time, Maria Tracy said, "***I am sure and confident that I will become a lawyer***".

When the P7 results came back at the end of 2014, Maria Tracy had scored the highest marks, not only in her school, but also in the entire district!

She was admitted to St. Elizabeth Girls' School where she is now in Senior 2. She is still a high achiever and focused on her plans for the future. She is so thankful to CANHAVE for making it possible for her to be in school and keeping her dream of becoming a lawyer, one day, a reality. Maria Tracy is another success story of the CANHAVE Program.



With your continued generosity, we can help transform more dreams into reality!

**Maria Tracy smiles brightly as she returns to St. Elizabeth Girls' School in 2016.**

# CANHAVE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

## Capital projects that require funding - in order of priority

Since its inception in 2008, the Vocational School has increased its student population. As a result, its basic infrastructure is in urgent need of renovation and improvement in some areas.

### a) Rehabilitation of the main Ventilated Improved Pit (VIP) Latrine



The main latrine and bathrooms



Slab of main Latrine (sagging)

#### WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE:

- o Redesign the superstructure making the VIP latrine more efficient by strengthening the slab  
**Estimated cost CAD \$2,768 (UG Shs. 7,323,000)**
- o Incinerator construction - a single combustion chamber incinerator for disposal of sanitary pads at the main school compound  
**Estimated cost CAD \$1,304 (UG Shs. 3,450,000)**

### b) Water Supply and Sanitation at Boys' Dormitory and Carpentry Workshop



Currently, the latrine at the Boys' dormitory/carpentry workshop is an open roof bath shelter that does not have a hand washing facility or urinals.

#### WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE:

- o Provide roofed bathroom stalls and water supply  
**Estimated cost CAD \$ 4,280 (UG Shs. 11,324,400)**
- o Urinals in an open roofed enclosure with a constructed soak pit  
**Estimated cost CAD \$ 729 (UG Shs. 1,926,750)**
- o Hand washing facility at the latrine  
**Estimated cost \$ 378 (UG Shs. 1,000,000)**

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upgrades  
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#### c) Upgrades to Hair Dressing Facility



Currently, there is a lack of proper equipment for the students to practise in workshops with standards expected by the Department of Industrial Training.

#### WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE:

- Purchase the equipment below to give the students an opportunity to learn how to use
  - Hair dryers – 2 more dryers @ UG Shs. 400,000/-  
**Estimated cost CAD \$ 300** (UG Shs. 800,000)
  - Sinks for hair washing – 2 @ UG Shs. 250,000/-  
**Estimated cost CAD \$ 188** (UG Shs. 500,000)
  - 1 Stove and curling rods  
**Estimated cost CAD \$ 375** (UG Shs. 1,000,000)



*"I love CANHAVE so much as it enabled me to reach this place that I have always dreamt of. The experience and skills that I got from CANHAVE helped me get hired full time at this hair salon" Jovia Nalubwama - Graduate Testimonial*

Jovia is a former CANHAVE Vocational School student. She comes from a very humble background and always dreamt of work in hairdressing so she could support her family. Upon graduation, she was admitted as an intern at the All Stars Hair Salon located on Entebbe Road. Her employers were so amazed with the expertise, they hired her full time!

Jovia is well spoken, very confident and has plans of eventually opening her own hair salon. She knows this is possible because of the knowledge and practice she gained at the CANHAVE Vocational School.

Your donation will help to ensure more young women like Jovia realize their potential!

## DEAR DONORS, CANHAVE NEEDS YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

In 2016, CANHAVE supports the education of 92 orphans in primary and secondary schools. Two students attend university and six are registered at the Vocational School in Kisubi. By **SPONSORING** a student, you help CANHAVE reach its goal of supporting 100 AIDS orphans.

### Your donation of:

- o ***\$400 per year or \$33.50 monthly*** pays the school fees and extras for one child in primary school each year \$\_\_\_\_\_
- o **\$150 - \$350** contributes to the fees and boarding expenses of academically successful students entering senior school or post-secondary institutions \$\_\_\_\_\_
- o **\$25** (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 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- o Designated donation towards a specific capital project for the Vocational School Programme (see pages 6 & 7) \$\_\_\_\_\_
- o Please accept my amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

### Opportunities to help

- o Make a tribute to a family member, friend on an important occasion \$\_\_\_\_\_
- o Organize a fundraising event for CANHAVE by having friends for a meal, baking and selling your produce at a summer event, or having a garage sale.

### How to donate: (Tax receipts are issued for all donations of \$20 or more)

- o On line, via the CANHAVE website ([www.canhave.org](http://www.canhave.org)) through *CanadaHelps*
- o Credit Card (Visa or MasterCard)
- o Mail cheque, payable to: **CANHAVE** Children's Centre, Inc.  
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I support CANHAVE because:\_\_\_\_\_

CANHAVE is an incorporated membership, not-for-profit organization (**Canadian Registered Charity No. 88992 8396 RR0001**). 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 and development of each CANHAVE child.

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