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CANHAVE continues to support the education of orphaned children in Uganda.



For our children in Canada, a new school year often means new clothes, or shoes, new books, one or more new teachers, and a fresh start to learning.

For orphans in Uganda, however, while a new school year also means many of the same things, there are a few differences. School enrolment fees, provision for required school dress, and even fees to sit for examinations, all must be paid, and without parents to do so, many children are simply not able to pursue their studies.

The photo above shows one of our supported students in her school attire, eager to return to St. Elizabeth Girls School, where she lives and studies. The one below shows another group of students also thankful to be able to gain education, including vital life skills, to enable them eventually to work and support themselves while making meaningful contributions in community and society. Other photos can be seen on our website at canhave.org along with a copy of the annual financial report for 2022, presented and adopted at the annual meeting held in June, 2023.



An update and a request:

Earlier this year, we reported the death of Elizabeth Kaziro, who was one of the three trustees in Uganda overseeing the work of CANHAVE. She served faithfully as the key communicator, both between the trustees in Uganda and the CANHAVE board of directors in Canada, and between the Ugandan trustees and those directing the children's program in Uganda who support the orphans whose schooling continues to be the focus of our care and concern.

This fall, the remaining trustees reported two pieces of significant news.

First, a new trustee has been recruited. Mrs. Catherine Turibamwe holds a masters degree in finance and business, and has experience as manager of a students' hostel in Uganda, and following a couple of years as a lecturer at the University of Kisubi is in private business providing catering services and events management. The trustees in Uganda and the board of directors in Canada are both very pleased to welcome her as a trustee. She has been familiar with the work of CANHAVE, having been a volunteer between 2012 and 2018 in helping to recruit students for the vocational school.

Second, the trustees in Uganda have taken the decision to close the vocational school and to return the property to the estate of the late Brother Vincent Kirangwa of the Brothers of Christian Instruction of Kisubi, in accordance with the existing memorandum of understanding between the school and the estate. The reasons for this decision were communicated with the board of directors in Canada at the end of this past summer, and are explained below:

- * Since 2020, enrolment at the vocational school was adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, as parents of potential students for the vocational school have been unable to afford to pay the fees for their children to attend, leading many to seek any kind of employment to support basic family needs.
- * The vocational school, with limited infrastructure and resources, has been unable to provide the training required to meet the national standards in various trades, and thus is not attractive for those seeking such certifications.
- * The government has now mandated that secondary schools incorporate vocational training (e.g. in agriculture, tailoring, carpentry, computer literacy) as part of the basic school program. In the long term, this initiative is a positive development in equipping of students with life skills, and means that the niche provided by such schools as the CANHAVE vocational school will no longer be needed to the same degree.

CANHAVE began in 1995 with a focus on the education at the primary and secondary school level for AIDS-affected orphans. Following the request of some of the graduates who desired to obtain further vocational training in order to enable them to gain skilled employment, CANHAVE undertook the building and opening of the vocational school in 2008, which was designed to be self-supporting by attracting other students, not sponsored by CANHAVE, who could pay fees to sustain the school, along with agricultural and fish-farming projects undertaken by the school to augment income.

Since it would appear that the vocational school, while having fulfilled its purposes for several years, is now no longer able to do so, the trustees and directors of CANHAVE believe it is prudent to relinquish this undertaking, and going forward to concentrate in supporting the children's program, which we are eager to do.

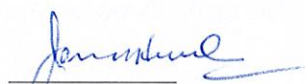
Presently we have 87 students at the primary and secondary levels who have enthusiastically returned to their classes and studies this fall, and we are seeking financial support for their school fees in the year ahead. Costs per student, including accommodations, clothing, school supplies, and the various registration and examination fees, all affected by significant recent inflation, are now approaching \$1,000. per year.

We remain grateful for all support, whether small or large one-time gifts by cheque or e-transfer, regular monthly support through CanadaHelps, or donations of securities which can be arranged through our broker in consultation with our treasurer.

Please consider a gift — either on Giving Tuesday (Nov. 28th) or before the end of the year — so that we will begin 2024 with what is needed to continue to sustain our children. Donations can easily be made either by e-transfer to donate@canhave.org or by cheque through the mail to 10 Chesterton Drive, Ottawa, ON K2E 5S9.

Our collective support makes a world of difference in the lives of those who, without parents, are entrusted to us as precious in God's sight.

With our thanks, and the thanks of orphans who are so grateful for our care and support,



James T. Hurd,
President, CANHAVE Children's Centre Inc.