



CanHave Children's Centre Inc.

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Annual Report - 2023

CANHAVE is thankful for the privilege of supporting 78 orphaned children in Uganda in their education during the year 2023. The partnership of volunteers in Uganda and supporting donors in Canada has enabled us to invest in the lives of children to offer them the basic tools to gain the knowledge, skills, and experience to make successful progress in reaching maturity and to be able to contribute positively to the society and country into which they were born and in which they were left without parents to navigate.

Looking back on the year, we note with gratitude and appreciation the appointment of Mrs. Catherine Turibamwe as a new trustee in Uganda, and remain thankful for the continuing and invaluable service of Christine Nalugwa and Paito Obote as trustees.

Owing to a major change encompassing the integration of vocational training into the secondary school curriculum in Uganda, the value of the stand-alone vocational school which was built and previously supported by CANHAVE has diminished, and with the significant drop in enrolment experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, the trustees in Uganda took the decision to close the vocational school and arrange for the transfer of the property to the landowners from whom the property has been leased. The trustees in Uganda have reported to the board of directors in Canada, and since the operations of the school have been in the hands of the trustees in Uganda and not financially supported by CANHAVE in Canada, the board of directors in Canada both understands and accepts this decision on the part of the trustees in Uganda. In discussion with them, we have received answers addressing various related issues. The trustees in Uganda remain committed to the oversight of the children's program through which we sponsor children for primary and secondary education.

As will be noted in the treasurer's report, we have not enrolled new students in the early primary years since 2018, and we anticipate and sincerely hope that all students currently supported will complete their primary and secondary schooling by 2031. To meet this goal, we continue to rely on the support of contributing donors in Canada, and are conscious of the need to attract and enrol new and younger supporters, as increasingly some who have been long-term supporters have come to graduate, not from school, but from earthly life!

We have streamlined the process for the donation of securities, facilitated through our broker, with the donation form now available on our website. Early in 2024 we reviewed and renewed our arrangements with CanadaHelps for ordinary and regular donations through their agency.

One of the major undertakings to secure the continued and orderly administration of CANHAVE has been to draft the necessary changes to our Bylaws required of all not-for-profit enterprises registered in Ontario, under the now prevailing Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. The text of the new Bylaws has been available on our website for the past several weeks. The requisite resolutions to effect this change will be presented at the annual general meeting for approval.

We invite ideas and assistance to help us to make known the mission of CANHAVE and to enlist new supporters, even as we continue to express appreciation to all who contribute time, talent, and treasure in our common and collective efforts to aid those children who are among the most vulnerable.

In gratitude, and partnership,

James T. Hurd,
President