

# MIRYANTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

SAVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Miryante,

Hello again, everyone! Greetings from your Miryante Community Centre, and a special hello from all of our children.

This letter is to show appreciation to all of you for your continuous support for Miryante Community Centre. We have received much support, love and prayers over the last month. Again, I thank you all for your contributions and commitment towards supporting our program.

We are glad to inform you of an exciting development for our program. This month we were given a van in-kind from Maryland, USA. This is an incredibly generous degree of support, and we are already using it to meet needs of children and the vulnerable women we serve. Some of our children have diverse mobility needs that make travel on a traditional taxi very challenging. We are already using this gift to more safely transport these children to their medical appointments.

We were also very blessed in April to celebrate a child's birthday. While we are not always able to hold regular birthday celebrations for all the children, everyone is happy when a donor sponsors a cake. They children were filled with joy! What a special celebration.

WITH CHRIST,  
DOREEN TIGAH



## Program Updates

### ◆ Story Telling

Stories help to develop a child's imagination by introducing new ideas into their world. It encourages children to realise that they can and should imagine anything they want. Story telling also introduces new vocabulary to children, boosts their reading and listening skills and pronunciations. Pictured: our social workers share stories with our children.



### ◆ Health:

Children are doing well health wise, they are always visited in homes to check on how they are doing as well as ensuring the sanitation and hygiene is proper where they stay. Our social workers follow up on health issues and children who are required to take chronic medication are encouraged to take their tablets regularly and also to take enough fluids and nutritious food. Pre-visits are made in hospitals for the children given appointments.



### ◆ Art Therapy

Coloring is an easy form of art that can be used for therapeutic purposes. Getting children to color helps them to relax their minds because they get to meet their friends and it is interesting.



# MIRYANTE'S GOAT PROJECT

For those unfamiliar with our organisation's mission, we are dedicated to helping one child and family at a time. To this end, Miryante Community Centre came up with a policy of goat rearing where a goat is given to each family within the program. Providing this animal helps children and families by generating supplementary income. Goats provide milk which can boost immunity of anyone drinking it. In addition, if taken care of well, goats can multiply. Their offspring can be used for increasing a flock, sold at market for additional money, or eaten for their nutritious and delicious meat. An animal like a goat offers a family stability, which is important to anyone within the family unit, including the children receiving services through Miryante Community Centre. We take this opportunity to thank our donors for the support towards this project. This is a wonderful effort that is leading to many happy families! In addition, we encourage others to consider donating to our animal purchase fund on the Miryante website. Often the purchase of a goat is affordable, and it continues to support a family for many years!



## CENTRE DAYS - ACTIVITIES AND FUN!

We are happy to let you know that our children are grateful and humbled for the love, care and support shown to them. The social workers always organise special days to meet them, and everyone has a chance to develop a counselling relationship. Children are happy to learn new activities taught by the social workers i.e. they color pictures, were taught how to write letters to their sponsors and also learned how to pray. Breakfast and lunch are served to all of our kids when they visit the community centre. They also read story books, looked at photo albums with magazines, shared candy, and engaged in singing and dancing. They always feel excited whenever they meet with friends in the community.

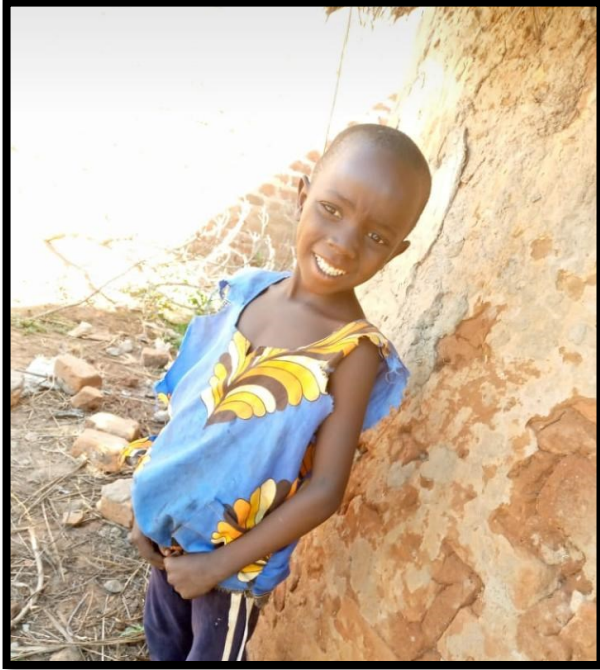


Our children also participate in different games and sports activities during centre days. They play games like football, round games, tag and war, cards and board games. They really find joy in playing together. It is healthy for our children to learn basic skills through play!





# HELP SUPPORT A CHILD



## SEEKING SPONSOR!

*Fred Isabirye*

Meet Fred! Fred is a five-year-old boy who is in nursing school. Tom has several medical needs that resulted in care through Miryante Community Centre.

Fred really enjoys playing football or hide and seek with his friends. He very much enjoys his free time. His favorite animal is a goat, and his favorite colour is blue.

Fred wants to be a mechanical engineer when he grows up, and is extremely bright and happy. He has a terrific smile!

Fred is a sweet boy who would be very excited to find a sponsor. If you would like to sponsor Fred, please visit Miryante's website to find him and any other children available for sponsorship: [miryante.com](http://miryante.com).



## SEEKING SPONSOR!

*John Kato*

This good looking young man is John. John is 11 years old and studies at Gwanika Primary School where he is a very good student.

John's favorite color is red, and he loves to play football with his friends in his free time. His favorite animal is a lion, and he hopes to see one on a safari someday.

John also enjoys singing. He loves all music, enjoys dancing, and wants to be a DJ when he grows up. He has a beautiful voice.

John is very much hoping someone will want to sponsor him. If you would like to sponsor John or any of the other children receiving services, please visit Miryante's website: [miryanteorphanage.org](http://miryanteorphanage.org).



## GET INVOLVED

MIRYANTEORPHANGE.ORG

Want to get more involved with Miryante Community Centre? We need your help in the following ways:

◆ **SPONSOR A CHILD**

*\$40 a month provides a child with food, shelter, clothing, school fees, medical care and psycho-social support.*

◆ **BECOME A PENPAL**

*Send letters to a child! Letters back are texted. The children feel very special when they receive mail!*

*Contact Marie Wilbanks:  
merasika24@gmail.com*

◆ **DONATE TO A FUND**

*Visit the Miryante Community Centre website to learn more about the following projects: Animal Purchase Fund, Vocational School Fund, Farm Supply Fund, Management Fund, Renovations Fund, Buyende Home Fund, and Miryante*

◆ **PURCHASE AN ANIMAL FOR A CHILD**

*Livestock supply milk, meat and income for the children. Often, children will be given an animal of their own as they exit the Miryante program.*

◆ **VISIT CAMPUS**

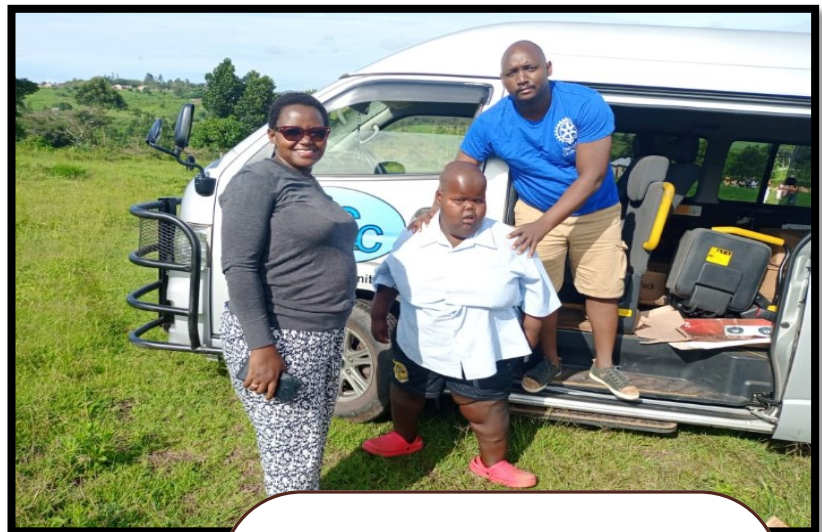
*Visitors to the program are always encouraged! There are also endless activities in the area for tourists! To find out more about visiting the Miryante Community Centre campus and Uganda,*

*contact Laura Corcoran:  
lauracorcoran@hotmail.com*

**website: miryante.com**

## Buyende Project Update

Our children in the east from our Buyende Project greet you all and hope that everyone is fine. The children are also fine, healthy and appreciate the endless support from their beloved donors. They received their first term holidays at the beginning of April, and they are hoping to start their second term studies in early May. Please take a look on some of the activities we carried out on our centre days throughout the month of April. Children especially looked well after receiving hair trimming by donation. What a special gift!



# THANK YOU!

We again want to extend a special thank you to all of our friends in Maryland, USA who gifted Miryante Community Centre with this exceptional transport van. We also received ten laptops from Alp Technologies in America. The laptops are being used for young single mothers in our women's groups so they can learn computer skills!