

MIRYANTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

SAVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sponsors, Donors and Friends,

From Miryante, we greet you as beloved friends. We are pleased to report that all Miryante Community Centre children are fine and healthy, and we appreciate your generous and kind support. Thank you for always putting a smile on their faces. The month of August marked the beginning of second term holiday, and our children were having a break as they waited for the beginning of the third term.

Our Centre Days are such precious moments for the children who are able to meet together. During Center days this August, different activities were enjoyed by enrollees in the Mubende area. For example, all children participated in shading and trimming off hair, slashing the grasses, cleaning the compound, reading story books etc. As part of mentoring and teaching, children were instructed on how to have proper hygiene. This is done to ensure that they grow up considering cleanliness as one of the major priorities in life. They were also encouraged to have discipline and respect their elders/guardians.

We are so proud of our young people, and enjoy watching them grow into responsible young adults.

May God bless you.

WITH CHRIST,
DOREEN TIGAH



Program Updates

♦ Education:

Our children finished their second school term of the year and sat for their exams. Most had excellent performance, and we believe that with an emphasis on education and school visits with social workers continue to keep students motivated to achieve better grades. Holidays started on 29th July 2022 and will end on 5th September 2022. The children are enjoying their relaxing time and engaging in different holiday activities. They also received scholastic materials for next term. We really thank you our donors for the additional effort and support you contribute towards the children's education.

♦ Donations:

Our children received gifts to support them in school. The children were excited and thankful to their donors' unending love. They received boxes of pens, playing toys, clothes and mats etc. Huge thanks goes to Mihir Sanghrajka and Nitro Chemicals for their donation of pens to our kids. We also thank Jamil and Fatema for donating toys to our children. We also received donation of sanitary towels, which are critical for our adolescent girls.



DONOR'S VISIT

A source of power is extremely important for the functioning of the Miryante Community Centre program. This month we want to thank Aptech Africa for giving us a solar pump irrigation machine as one way to overcome drought in the area. A loss of rain has deeply affected the production of food within the Miryante area. This solar pump system has enabled us to continuously grow vegetables such as cabbage, sukuma, tomatoes and onions, and our women were very happy and thankful to our donors. Women were taught how to operate the machine and skills as well.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION

In August, our social workers delivered food as usual to our children. Each child received a bag of posho, which is critical for foster home health as most families face a challenge of food insecurity. Children and caretakers were thankful and appreciative for the support given to them. We advised the caretakers of these children to prepare meals in time to serve children food with their medication so that they swallow their drugs well. In the Miryante East program, each child happily received a bag of maize flour; this has enabled them to always have three meals a day. Thank you for efforts you put in to make sure that none of them suffer from an empty stomach. Manna pack rice was also issued. This rice contains most of the nutrients needed to boost our children's immunity since most of them are HIV-positive. The children enjoy the rice so much and change is visible in their lives.



HELP SUPPORT A CHILD



SEEKING SPONSOR!

Kato John

This is Kato John, and he is eleven years old. He currently studies at Gwanika Primary School and is in first grade.

Kato John loves playing soccer, and his favorite color is red, just like his shirt. He really likes lions, although he has never seen one in “real life”. He also sings and loves music. He would like to be a disc jockey when he grows up so he can play music and dance with all of his friends. He is very popular with his friends.

John is a happy and fun-loving boy with a lot of energy who would be very excited to find a sponsor. If you would like to sponsor Kato John or another child in our program, please visit Miryante’s website: miryanteorphanage.org



SEEKING SPONSOR!

Atuhaire Godfrey

Meet this handsome young man, Atuhaire Godfrey! Godfrey is one of our youngest children within the program at just three years old. He is still too young to be in school but enjoys spending time with his foster family.

Atuhaire Godfrey loves playing soccer in his free time and is quite talented for his age. His favorite color is white, and he enjoys tending his chickens. He is sometimes a bit shy and would very much like to find someone to support him.

Godfrey is very much hoping someone will want to sponsor him. If you would like to sponsor Atuhaire Godfrey or any of the children at Miryante Community Centre, please visit Miryante’s website: 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

\$50 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: miryanteorphange.org

Learning and Shading

Being interested, motivated and engaged in learning is important for our children. As they get older, they enjoy getting more involved in making decisions about learning and organizing activities. Below are photos for our children caring out shading as well as trying out spelling exercise by naming stickers that were donated to them. Coloring is our most loved activity. Everyone enjoys the coloring session!



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

After training women in various activities like making liquid soap, making baskets, and weaving mats, we discovered that our women were lacking skills of growing vegetables. We decided to hire an agronomist to come and teach them how to grow and manage vegetables as another way to equip them with skills hence improving their standards of living. We hope that this effort will lead to healthier lives and greater food security.