

# MIRYANTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

SAVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Sponsors and Friends,

Greetings from the children and staff of Miryante Community Centre. We thank the Lord who has kept us all alive, safe and healthy. We thank our sponsors too for the unwavering support rendered to the organization; this has kept us moving forward. We present to you our April newsletter showing some of the activities we carried out on our Centre days.

We have much exciting news to share with all of you, and we hope that you are as proud and encouraged by the rapid progress of projects at Miryante. Our children and families are overcome with feelings of support from donors who are making our Centre into a safe and important space for the entire community.

Thank you,

WITH CHRIST,  
DOREEN TIGAH



## Program Updates

### ◆ Centre Days :

Centre Days provide great opportunities for children to try something new and make new friends. Regular highlights include hands-on play, music and dancing, games and sports, and even an immersive planetarium experience.

### ◆ Farming and Gardening :

Our vegetables are now growing well, and we have the children working diligently to grow tomatoes, eggplants, leaf cabbage and green pepper.



### ◆ Construction:

Construction of our administration block and an emergency shelter is coming along very quickly. The construction is on the wall plate level, and we are awaiting the roof process now. We are grateful to the donors who are working steadily to help us bring this building to existence. We will continue to keep you informed of progress, and thank you always for



# FOSTER CARE WITH MIRYANTE

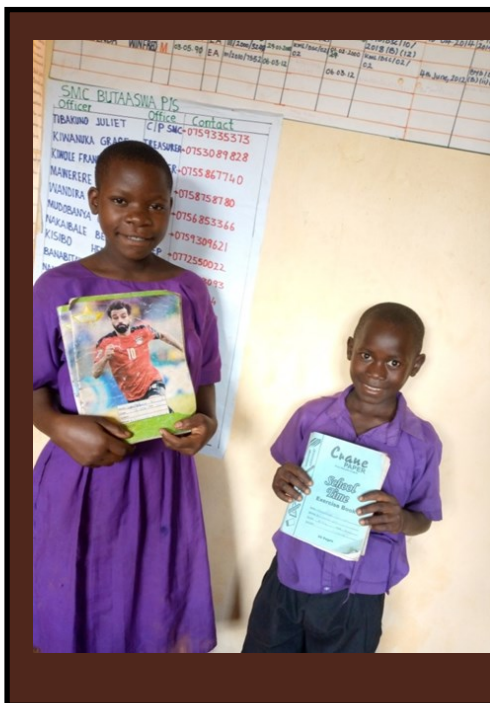
When children are in a foster care setting, it is important to maintain connections with their foster families, and home visits are essential to get to know a child's development and progress within their foster placement. Every foster family needs support. It might not be financial support, although that helps. Often it is emotional support, wise advice and simple psychosocial support. Some families need additional information and help to meet complex medical needs. From our interactions with the children in our foster care program, social workers discover kids have needs far beyond what a family can address. Our organization has stretched its hands to reach out to foster families of our children, we manage to give food support to these families every month and also our social work visits help these families in many other different ways. This support is made possible by donors and giving to the Miryante organization.



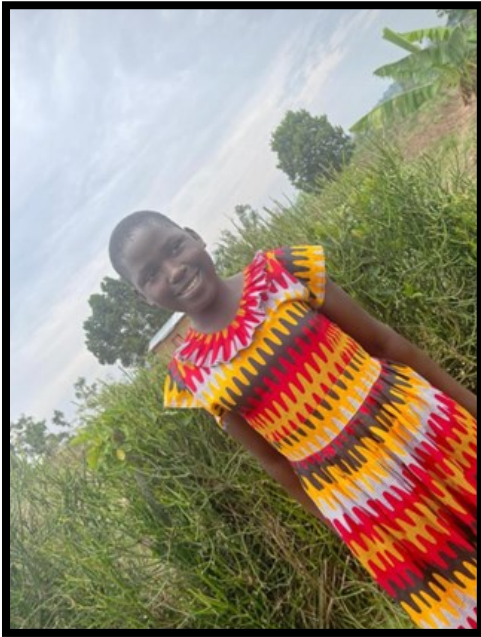
*Visiting foster families pictured above.*

## ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Children served with Miryante come from poverty, and we strive to see that all our children receive better education. We know we are helping their lives when they are successful at school. The social workers always check students and inspect their books; this has encouraged even those with less interest to make it a point to attend school as they get motivated in a long run. Their school fee is always paid on time to avoid defaulting and maintain daily attendances'. As at school, they are encouraged to perform well, maintain daily attendances and also discipline. The social workers interact with the teachers to find out if any of our children face any difficulties and make sure that they are immediately solved. Below are photos showing our children while at schools.



# HELP SUPPORT A CHILD



**SEEKING SPONSOR!**

*Zaina Nakato*

Zaina Nakato is 13 years old and is currently in sixth grade. She is very hopeful that someone will choose to sponsor her.

She loves playing netball and cards with her friends in her spare time. Her favorite color is yellow, and her favorite animal is the goat. She wants to become a nurse when she gets older so she can help others.

Zaina comes from a vulnerable home that cannot afford to support her or help with education.

Zaina would be very happy to find a sponsor for her care. If you would like to sponsor Zaina or another child in our program, please visit Miryante's website: [miryanteorphanage.org](http://miryanteorphanage.org)



**SEEKING SPONSOR!**

*Umar Waswa*

Umar Waswa is 13 years old and in grade six for school. He's a hard-working and fun-loving child who has lots of interests and really likes to have a good time with his friends.

Umar lives with his grandmother; his father passed away when he and his twin sister were young. His mother's location is unknown. Umar loves to play football and greatly enjoys reading novels. He has lots of personality—he loves to dance and listen to music. He hopes to be a disc jockey when he grows up.

Umar is hoping someone will want to sponsor him soon. If you would like to sponsor Umar or any of the other children receiving programming, 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**

*\$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**

## Recreation Builds Health

Playing is healthy, and for Miryante children it is crucial in enhancing social development. Art, physical activities and games are key to children's learning, confidence and wellbeing. The social workers always gather together with the children on Centre days. Although each child is from a different background, we strive to create a spirit of togetherness and kinship amongst the children. We play different games together like puzzle making, cards and shading; getting children to shade helps to nurture them into artists and also helps them to relax their minds.



## CRITICAL FOOD

Children cannot grow and thrive with empty stomachs. We issue a bag of maize to families during Centre days so we know that children are not hungry throughout the month or when they are home from school.