## MIRYANTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

SAVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME

### **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Hello to our beloved sponsors, donors and friends,

We greet you all and welcome you to the New Year of 2024. All the children are good and healthy. Your generosity has touched the lives of many and has reinforced the belief that small acts of kindness can create a ripple effect of positivity and hope.

Thank you for demonstration unwavering compassion and for being instrumental in making a real difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

We look forward to sharing some of our activities with you, and we hope that you enjoy the pictures and descriptions of our projects at Miryante Community Centre.

We are looking forward to the coming year and the progress of our children.

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### **Program Updates**

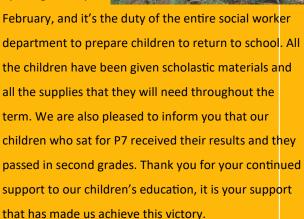
### ◆ Farming

Every Saturday, social workers draw activities, and January has been purely harvesting maize from our garden. This is an important part of teaching children

how to grow and harvest their own food.

#### Education:

Schools are opening in early







### A NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

A heart warming New Year's party was organized for the children at Miryante Community Centre Buyende, which is the portion of Miryante caring for medically vulnerable children. Children were gifted with new clothes and shoes; they all looked so smart in their new attire! We took them for an outing in a luxurious place; the venue was brilliantly adorned with colourful walls and a swimming pool, all of which created a magical party atmosphere. Happy laughter filled the air as the children arrived with excitement smiles shinning bright. Many were hardly able to believe the beautiful places they were seeing!

To add on the festive spirit, a delicious feast was prepared, ensuring that the children had a scrumptious meal to enjoy.

As the day came to a close, some children were gifted presents, for example a chicken carefully chosen. The genuine happiness on the faces of the children spoke volumes about the success of the event and the deep impact it had on their holiday season. Overall, the experience was a beautiful display of compassion and generosity, leaving lasting memories of love and kindness in the hearts of the children at Miryante Community Centre Buyende. We are rateful that we could help them with this experience.



### HELP SUPPORT A CHILD



### **SEEKING SPONSOR!**

### HEZEKIAH IRADUKUNDA

Hezekiah is a nine-year-old boy, and he stays with his mother who is the only bread winner of her family. Hezekiah is the third born of five children. His sisters dropped out of school and got married at early ages because their mother couldn't afford to support their education. Hezekiah's father abandoned them and they have not known his whereabouts for five years now.

Hezekiah is in primary three, and his favourite subjects are English and Science. His favourite animal is a goat, and his favourite color is green. He wants to be a doctor when he grows up.

Hezekiah is very lucky to find stability with Miryante Community Centre, and his mother is grateful for the support to keep him in school. He is looking forward to finding a sponsor!

If you would like to sponsor Hezekiah or any of the other children receiving programming, please visit Miryante's website: miryanteorphanage.org.



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#### SPECIOZA NAMUGERWA

Specioza is a seven-year-old girl with a bright small and shining eyes. She stays with her mother and her two siblings in the Mubende. Their father abandoned them for another woman and doesn't provide any support for the family. Specioza's mother is a peasant farmer; she digs for people to get food, which is very difficult work with little profit. Her income is too little to support the family and the children's education, and without support they are unable to attend school.

Specioza is a well discipline and loving girl. She enjoys singing and dancing, and her favorite color is pink! Her favorite animal is a cow because she likes milk and wants to own cows when she is older. She wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

She's looking forward to finding a sponsor and is hoping someone will be willing to support her and her family.

If you would like to sponsor Specioza or any of the other children receiving programming, please visit Miryante's website: miryanteorphanage.org.



# GET INVOLVED

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

#### **♦** SPONOSOR 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: miryanteorphanage.org

**Deliveries of Food** 

We issued food to the children to take home. This is always done at the beginning of each month. Each child received a bag of maize flour to take them and their families through the month of January. The food has a profound impact on our efforts to provide nutritious meals to the children and families that respectfully receive the sustenance they require for a healthy and prosperous life.





### THANK YOU!

Thanks to donors like you, our children are able to enjoy a robust meal of enjoyable food on Centre Days. These are Saturdays when children in foster care arrive at the Centre to spend time with social workers and fill their bellies. These are very satisfied children!