

# MIRYANTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

SAVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

To our sponsors, donors and friends,  
Greetings to you all our beloved friends; We hope that you are all doing well. The children of Miryante Community Centre Mubende and East are in good health and doing well academically; all the school fees have been paid. Thank you for the continuous support and commitment to our cause of saving children, alleviating poverty, and facilitating lasting changes in the lives of the children in M.C.C. We are forever grateful for the unwavering support you always provide to us.

Please enjoy  
this edition  
of our  
newsletter.

WITH CHRIST,  
DOREEN TIGAH



## Program Updates

### ◆ Farming and Gardening :

The rainy season has arrived, and the children have participated in planting corn and preparing the gardens for vegetable planting. We have also continued to engage children in learning practical animal-rearing and husbandry in our model farm, which includes cows and goats. This is an effective way of instilling in them practical survival and business skills necessary for future success

### ◆ Center Days :

As a routine, Saturdays are for Center Days, where social workers gather all the kids in the communities. The social workers meet children, interact with them, share stories, teach them how to write letters, and educate them on the various life skills to help develop them into well-rounded and successful children. Children create art with shading techniques, form new friendships, sing and dance. Most importantly, they share knowledge with one another. They are also provided with food and drinks for breakfast, basic necessities such as school supplies, toothpaste, and



sanitary pads. Our children are always joyful and grateful when they receive the items given to them.

# BUYENDE PROJECT—EASTERN UGANDA

Our Buyende Project in Eastern Uganda is very important because it serves children with complex medical needs who otherwise cannot receive care. These children require much medical attention and education to keep them healthy and able to learn and grow. We always make sure all of these sponsored children receive food at the beginning of each month to take home to their foster families. This food helps combat hunger within the families we support. Children are able to have a meal before and after school, which has helped them to stay healthy and happy at the same time. Often this food is millet and livestock that are supplied to the family, or additional support to grow crops for dietary supplement. To the right, some of our children with Buyende receive their monthly food addition.



We concluded the month of March with an Easter party for our children. The children attended in large numbers, dressed in new clothes provided by their sponsors. The party began with breakfast, which included porridge and bread. We started with prayers, praise, and worship. The children prayed and sang Easter carols, wishing blessings in all aspects of their lives and those of their loved friends and family. There were various activities including singing Easter songs, cultural dances, and games.

## Easter Holiday Celebration!



# HELP SUPPORT A CHILD



## SEEKING SPONSOR!

*HEZEKIAH IRADUKUNDA*

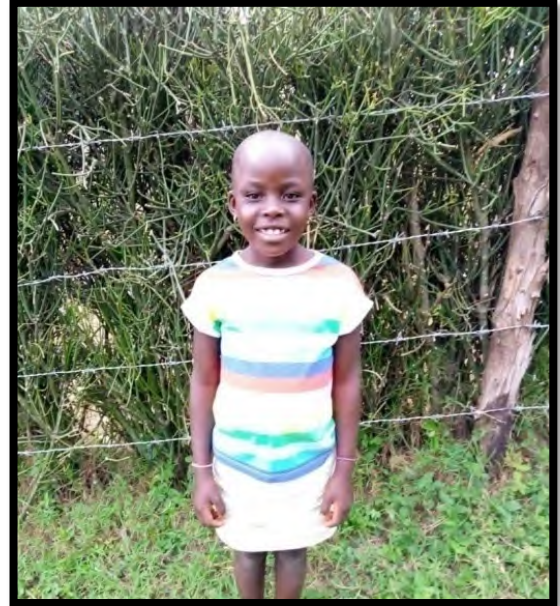
Hezekiah Iradukunda is a nine-year-old boy with Miryante Community Centre. He lives with his mother who is the only breadwinner in his family. He is the third of five siblings, and his older sisters dropped out of school very young to get married because their mother could no longer support them. This is very common still in Uganda.

Hezekiah is in Primary Three at school, and his favorite subjects are English and science. His favorite animal is a goat, and he loves the color green (like his shirt). He is interested in becoming a doctor when he grows up.

Hezekiah has appeared in our newsletter before, and he would be very happy to find someone who will pick him for sponsorship. He is a very good child and hopes a sponsor will find him soon.

Are you able to sponsor Hezekiah?!?

If you would like to sponsor Hezekiah or another child in our program, please visit Miryante's website: [miryanteorphanage.org](http://miryanteorphanage.org).



## SEEKING SPONSOR!

*SPECIOZA NAMUGERWA*

Specioza Namugerwa has also appeared in another Miryante Community Centre monthly report, and she is also still waiting to find a sponsor!

Specioza is a seven-year-old girl with Miryante Community Centre. She lives with her mother and two siblings. Their father abandoned the family and no longer provides support for the household. Specioza's mother is a peasant-farmer, which means that she digs (gardens) for other people to earn food. Her income is too little to support, feed and educate her family.

Specioza is a well-disciplined and loving little girl. She enjoys singing and dancing, and her favorite color is pink. She really enjoys the cows, which are her favorite animal, and she would like to be a teacher when she grows up. Sponsorship will help her attend school, have enough to eat, and stay united with her siblings and mother within their home.

Specioza is hoping to finding a sponsor soon!!

If you would like to sponsor Specioza 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**

## Birthday Celebration

It brings us great happiness and joy to witness the growth and progress of children in our care. With immense joy, we celebrated the birth of one of our children, Mariam, on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Mariam joined M.C.C five years ago as a young child, and seeing her grow and mature brings us immense satisfaction as an organization. Mariam's special day was filled with joy and happiness as she shared it with the M.C.C family. They cut a cake, enjoyed drinks, and cheered with joy. Mariam led the celebration alongside her friends.



## CHILD DEVELOPMENT

This month, families were educated on the advantages of early childhood development, and this education was made with partnership from NGOs and non-NGOs. Focus is on advocating for children and their needs in early life. We are very proud of this partnership.