# MIRYANTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

SAVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME

# **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Dear Sponsors and Friends,

We greet you all; on behalf of Miryante Community Center I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your generous and continuous support towards our children and the development of our organization. We are incredibly grateful and feel blessed to have improvements to our grounds and buildings.

All the children are fine as they prepare to get back to school for their last term of 2023. We are proud of their success and encourage them to continue their hard work.

Please enjoy the following photos and explanations of activities we carried out through the month.

Without our donors and friends, this is not possible.

WITH CHRIST, DOREEN TIGAH

# **Program Updates**

#### Centre Days

On Saturdays, our children come together to spend time playing games and enjoying activities with their friends. One Saturday, children helped to



clean the compound and then breakfasted together.
This teaches sharing, responsibility and belonging.

#### **♦ Home Visits**

All our children under foster care are really doing well. Our social workers have continued assessing, monitoring and doing monthly routine checkups on both children and their foster care parents to see their progress and we are happy to let you know that all the children are happy in their different households.

#### Farming and Gardening

Our vegetable gardens are doing very fine and we are still receiving lots of rains; our beans and maize garden is also looking healthy and we hope to get lots of harvests from them. The animals are also doing fine and are healthy; two of our cows gave birth and both cows and calves are fine. We have started getting some milk from the cows and we hope the milk production will increase with time.

# **CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

Our beloved sponsors and donors, we are really appreciative of the support you have rendered towards the construction of our new home. In the month of September, builders have been working tirelessly; they had the building painted, the floor worked on, doors and glasses were fixed. We have very high hopes of entering our building this October, which would be a blessing to our staff and children. Our families and staff are very proud of the campus. We are so grateful for every effort you have put in to see that we are at this level. This could not happen without your work and friendship. We are prepared to welcome visitors to show our new buildings. May God bless you all for your help.



### **HOLIDAYS**

The social workers monitor children during holidays and encourage them to utilize their holiday time in learning various home activities. This helps them to acquire hands-on skills and teaches them to take responsibility for themselves as they grow. It also improves their self-esteem and enhances their wellbeing as they are nurtured. Agriculture is one of the key activities practices in our society and also the primary source of stable food supply in the community. Photos below some of the children in gardens under supervision of their guardians.





# HELP SUPPORT A CHILD



### **SEEKING SPONSOR!**

#### Kayesu Robinah

Kayesu Robinah is a 14-year-old girl in our program. She is the head of her household after both of her parents left her and her two siblings alone in their home. It is very difficult for Robinah to take care of herself and her family, and she is having difficulty caring for her younger siblings and getting fees for schools.

Robinah is a very well-disciplined girl who is determined to study hard and and finish school. She is also an exceptionally hard worker. She is in primary six and her favorite subjects are English and science. She wants to be a nurse when she grows up.

If you would like to sponsor Robinah or another child in our program, please visit Miryante's website: miryanteorphanage.org



### SEEKING SPONSOR!

#### Joseline Nakalembe

Joseline Nekalembe is an eight-year-old girl in the Miryante program. She has a jolly personality and loves to spend time with friends. Joseline stays with her grandmother and her younger sister. Her parents left her with her grandmother at a very young age, and her grandmother has struggled to care for her.

Joseline's grandmother is in a vulnerable condition and is struggling with care for both Joseline and her sister. She requires support to meet Joseline's basic needs. Joseline is in primary one, and she loves singing and dancing. She is very fun!

If you would like to sponsor Joseline or any of the other children receiving programming, 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:

#### **♦** 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

#### **Animal Purchases**

In our culture, owning animals is a form of wealth and stability. When children exit our program or participate with foster families, we often provide animals to help them establish themselves. To donate to the animal purchase fund, visit our Miryante website where you can select an animal to purchase





THANK YOU!

Many of the toys and games that our children enjoy during our Centre Days are donations from friends of Miryante. We thank you for this wonderful support that helps our children enjoy their time on our campus. Bless you.