

MIRYANTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

SAVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear our Valued Donors, Sponsors, and Friends.

MCC extends its heartfelt gratitude for your generous monthly donations to support orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs). Your commitment not only provides essential resources but also brings hope and stability to their lives. Together, we are making a significant impact in our community, and we deeply appreciate your continued partnership in this vital mission. Thank you for being a beacon of support for those in need.

Highlights of the last month include; Center Day activities, education support and development, home and school visits, donations, nutrition and food support, and maintaining the health of our OVCs. We are very busy!

WITH CHRIST,
DOREEN TIGAH



Program Updates

◆ Targeted Home and School Visits :

Routine targeted community home and school visits were conducted by our social workers at the caretaker's and guardian's foster homes, where they assessed, monitored, and mentored our OVC's as a way of ensuring that they are nurtured holistically.



◆ Nutrition and Food Support :

Food-insecure orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) together with their household members, receive food support on from MCC. This is intended to ensure that our children have a longer-term food security, and to promote proper nutrition standards for proper growth and the required academic excellence. Social Workers deliver the food rations to the guardians' homes, and also sensitize on proper nutrition practices as well as proper home hygiene for disease prevention. Issues discussed include; feeding on a balanced diet for all, how to prevent malnutrition among growing infants

and the young ones, taking properly cooked and stored food and water to prevent water-borne diseases like dysentery.



ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND GARDENING

Miryante's children are working diligently in the gardening and with farm animals, especially so in this month where the weather has been dry and harsh. Much of the gardening work has been in relation to clearing, and tilling the gardens in preparation for planting in the upcoming rainy seasons. Fortunately, using available local irrigation measures we were able to grow and harvest some onions that have enabled us to improve on the ingredients of children's diet. Our children are engaging and learning animal rearing and gardening activities with the help of our model farm, as a way of inculcating in them practical agri-prenuership skills required for future success and fighting food shortages.



Buyende: Miryante's Eastern Uganda Project

At every beginning of the month, we provide the sponsored Buyende children with food to sustain them for the month. The distribution of corn flour to the Miryante children helps address nutritional challenges and support their growth, development and learning. Ensuring access to nutrient-dense foods is crucial for the children to thrive. However, Buyende district continues to face severe challenges due to persistent drought conditions affecting most of the families. Drought significantly impacts the education of orphans and vulnerable children by reducing school enrollment and hindering academic performance. The food support has improved nutritional status, promoted educational success, and enhancing overall well-being. The initiative has created a nurturing environment that empowers the children in this special program to thrive and aspire for better futures. In addition, families are participating in a Community Nutrition Project (CNP) that educates families on how to prevent malnutrition in children. This program includes visits to hospitals and family homes to offer support and educational resources. Social workers are giving families rice booster backs to assist in recovery.



HELP SUPPORT A CHILD



SEEKING SPONSOR!

JOEL MAYEGA

Meet Joel Mayega! Joel is nine-year-old boy who is looking for a sponsor. He stays with his grandmother who is 85 years old and the only bread winner in their family. His mother died when he was two years old and no one knows his father's location.

Joel goes to Gwanika primary school where he is in primary three class. His favorite subjects are English, mathematics, art and crafting. He greatly enjoys his schooling and is happy for educational opportunities.

Joel also loves playing soccer in his free time. His favorite animal is a goat, his favorite color is blue. He wants to be a doctor when he grows up so he can help other people like those in his community. He is a very active young man.

Are you able to sponsor Joel? He is looking for a sponsorship now!

If you would like to sponsor Joel or another child in receiving programming, please visit Miryante's website: miryanteorphanage.org.



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BEATRICE NABATANZI

Beatrice is a ten-year-old girl who is new to the Mirynate program. She stays with her mother and her four siblings. Their father abandoned them and they have not had communication with him in five years.

Beatrice's mother is suffering from stage four cancer of the feet, and both her feet are heavily devastated. Currently there's no sole breadwinner of the family and some of her siblings have resorted to dropping out of school because of lack of school fees and scholastic materials. This is a very difficult situation for Beatrice's entire family.

Beatrice is in grade five of school. She is a bright, well disciplined, faith-filled and loving girl. She enjoys skipping rope with her friends and siblings. Her favourite colour is white, and her favourite animal is a goat. She wants to be nurse when she grows up.

Beatrice is hoping to finding a sponsor soon!!

If you would like to sponsor Beatrice 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:

◆ **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:

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website: miryanteorphange.org

Health Improvements

Over the past month, we have seen significant improvements in the overall well-being of the children, particularly among those who are receiving antiretroviral medications (ARVs). With the help of our social workers, routine check-ups have shown that the children are thriving both physically and emotionally. This holistic approach ensures that children not only receive material support but also guidance and encouragement, empowering them to envision a brighter future. This positive trend has been attributed to multiple factors, including access to nutritious food, regular medical care and the unwavering support from our dedicated sponsors.



NEW UNIFORMS

Our children at Buyende were very happy to get their new uniforms. These t-shirts, sponsored through donations to Root Cause Uganda, are available for our children to wear and be easily identified on their days of visiting campus.