

MIRYANTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

SAVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of Miryante,

We are pleased to share several highlights in this newsletter. We are very busy and our children have enjoyed many activities. We are happy to report that all of our children are healthy and well. Through steadfast partnership and commitment, all are receiving school services and learning to better their lives.

We have enjoyed many special activities at MCC. For the support, we are grateful. We are especially pleased to celebrate the Day of the African Child, which is an important opportunity for child welfare organizations to share our mission of helping children live healthy and happy lives and become positive adults.

WITH CHRIST,
DOREEN TIGAH



Program Updates

◆ Centre Days

Miryante conducts Centre Days on Saturdays as a routine activity. Social workers meet all our children within the communities. The social workers meet children and interact and offer psychological support and counseling, share stories, teach them how to write letters and sensitize on the various life skills, so as to have successful, fruitful children. Children do shade pictures, network and interact freely with their fellows, participate in music dance and drama (MDD), and most importantly share knowledge amongst each other. Children with various life coping challenges are offered counselling, they are also given eats and drinks for breakfast.



“DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILDREN” MUBENDE CELEBRATION

Uganda celebrates the Day of the African Child annually on 16th June 2024, however Mubende district local government celebrated this day on 27th June 2024 at Busenya P/S in Kalonga Subcounty under the national theme **“Education for children in Africa: Time is now”**. Hence Miryante community centre as child welfare and rights registered NGO joined the commemoration in solidarity with other non - government private partners and community members with the objective to promote, protect and uplift children’s rights and welfare of the Ugandan child. Hence there was a call for collective children centered policies, practices and zero child abuse among families and the general community. Please enjoy pictures of the celebration!



Miryante Community Centre (MCC) is deeply grateful for the recently successfully concluded donor’s visit of our international Rotary friends. Our visitors played games, danced, enjoyed food, and learned about Miryante’s campus and culture. In addition, our children were provided with new uniforms which they can wear as their shirts on Centre Days. Several of our children received new sponsors and were able to share information about their lives and history with their sponsors. We thank them for their visit and friendship.



HELP SUPPORT A CHILD



SEEKING SPONSOR!

HEZEKIAH IRADUKUNDA

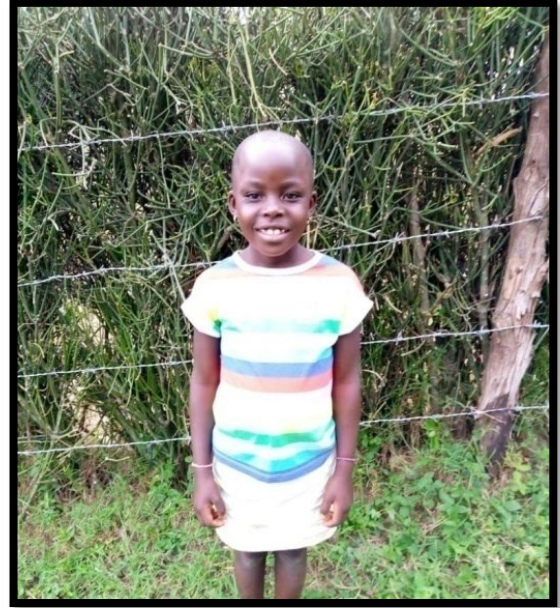
Hezekiah Iradukunda has appeared in the Miryante newsletter before and is still looking for someone who is willing to sponsor him!

Hezekiah is a nine-year-old boy. He stays with his mother, who is in the only breadwinner of his family. He is the third born of five children, and his older sisters dropped out of school very early to marry so they were not a financial burden to the rest of the family. Hezekiah's father abandoned the family approximately five years ago, and they have not known of his whereabouts since this time.

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

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

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



SEEKING SPONSOR!

SPECIOZA NAMUGERWA

Specioza Namugerwa is still seeking sponsorship! This is her third appearance in this document and she is hoping to find someone who is willing to sponsor her!

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.



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

School Promotion

We are pleased to inform you that our children are progressing well at school. They are in their second term of the academic year 2024. It brings us pride to know that we are raising good citizens for the next generations through promoting education. We understand that an education can help to bring families out of poverty.

This term is characterized with sports competitions among students and schools to enhance talent identification and development. See below as children take instruction.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

We are pleased to share that Robinah Kayesu had a very special birthday in June when she turned 15 years old. She celebrated with a very special cake which she shared with all of her friends. They also enjoyed dancing, drinks and delicious food. Happy Birthday, Robinah!