

MIRYANTE COMMUNITY CENTRE

OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

SAVING THE WORLD ONE CHILD AT A TIME

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

To our many supporters of MCC,

Thank you for your unwavering support of our orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC) as well as other development community programs. Your generosity has been instrumental in providing vital resources like education, healthcare, and psychosocial support. Your resources are creating transformative impacts in children's lives and the communities served.

With your partnership, we continue to see positive changes and resilience in the lives of our beneficiaries—the children served.

We are committed to broadening our reach and enhancing our services to meet the growing needs of these children and their care givers through foster settings. Together, we are not only changing lives, but also building stronger, more hopeful and successful communities.

Great thank you for your continued commitment and compassion towards the MCC Mission and Vision. We are very pleased with our progress this year and our continued partnerships!

WITH CHRIST, DOREEN TIGAH



Program Updates

Centre Days

The centre days at Miryante Community Centre were both productive and fulfilling for the children. Engaging in activities like cleaning, writing letters, and crafting bangles, as well as sports, music, dance, and drama, creates an excellent environment for socialization and learning. These experiences also foster their personal development and creativity, helping them build life skills in a supportive setting. It's wonderful to note that psychosocial support, including guidance and counseling, was available for OVCs with emerging needs, along with efforts to maintain personal hygiene and sanitation. The role of donors in enabling such impactful programs cannot be overstated. Thank you for all you do to create a safe and nurturing space for these children.



Health:

The health of our OVC's is well maintained, and it's great to hear that even those on ART are doing well under the care of the Social Workers and home caretakers. Although minor cases like flu, cough, diarrhea, and malaria have been reported, it's reassuring that these are being managed with timely medication and care. The diligent supervision and support for ensuring medications are taken as prescribed reflect the center's commitment to their well-being and are critical to the overall health for those diagnosed with HIV.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND GARDENING

Our children enjoyed participating in the farm work and connected with different practical activities. Engaging them in agriculture not only provides practical skills but also strengthens their understanding of food production and self-sufficiency. It's great that the harvested crops like beans, vegetables and onions are being used to supplement their diet, promoting both nutrition and sustainability. The Farm Manager's guidance also plays a crucial role in fostering responsibility and care for the animals and crops, hence offering long-term benefits in building their sense of stewardship and self-reliance. MCC envisions expanding this initiative to include more crops and additional livestock once fundings increases.



Buyende East Project Update

We greet you all, and we are extremely excited to share the positive effects of your collective passion and efforts. We deeply appreciate your unwavering love and support. MCC East continues to build a legacy that impacts the lives of vulnerable children and their families throughout Buyende District and the neighboring communities.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our generous donors for their invaluable contribution in purchasing land for our community. Your support is a crucial step toward achieving our mission and is making a lasting, positive impact not only on our local community but on our country as a whole. Here are some moments captured with community members and the Chairman during the land purchase. Thank you once again for being part of this transformative journey.

MCC-Buyende East, held a vibrant Centre Day to bring together the children in our community. The day was packed with engaging activities, including educational sessions and interactive games, allowing the kids to experience firsthand the impact of our program. The highlight of the day was the kids' potluck, where they shared their favorite games.



HELP SUPPORT A CHILD



SEEKING SPONSOR!

PATRICIA NAMATA

Patricia is a 13 years old girl who is extremely well-behaved and hardworking. She lost her parents at a young and tender age, and since this time she has been raised by her grandmother. Her grandmother is aging and now very weak. She is no longer able to provide for Patricia's basic needs and education.

Patricia goes to Gwanika Primary School, and she is in grade four class. Her favorite subjects are science and social studies. Her favorite animal is a goat, her best color is blue. She also very much enjoys playing dodge ball during her free time with her friends and peers at school.

Patricia wants to be a teacher when she grows up. She enjoys education and wants to help other children learn their studies.

And she is looking forward to finding a sponsor!

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



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KATONGOLE ASHIRAF

Please meet Katongole Ashiraf who is looking for a sponsor. He is nine years old, and he is an extremely intelligent and outgoing. He makes friends very easily because he likes to have fun!

Ashiraf enjoys going to school because he likes to spend time with his friends and meet other children. Unfortunately, his mother is in a vulnerable position and is unable to continue paying for his school fees.

Ashiraf goes to Kitonzi Primary School. He is in primary three class, and his favorite subjects are English and science. He loves playing cards in his free time, especially when he can play with his friends. His favorite animal is a dog, his favorite color is blue.

Ashiraf wants to be a DJ when he grows up, and he loves to play music and dance.

Ashiraf is hoping to find someone to support him and make sure that he can continue going to school. If you would like to sponsor Ashiraf 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

Coffee Harvest Season

The coffee plant, a tropical shrub or small tree from *Coffea genus*, produces coffee cherries, which contain the beans used in making the beloved beverage. While there are various species, the two most commonly cultivated are *Coffea arabica* and *Coffea canephora*. Thriving in warm climates with rich soil, coffee plants require specific conditions like adequate rainfall and shade to grow optimally. In our community, coffee plants flourish in ideal conditions, and it's currently the harvesting season.



HOME VISITS

Our Miryante social workers continue to have impactful visits at homes and schools. They carefully monitor educational progress and engage in important and proactive conversations about making informed decisions, especially about their health and life options.