Dear CIYOTA friends and supporters,

Thank you for your generous donation to CIYOTA. With your help CIYOTA now has secured a permanent fundraising place at the GlobalGiving website and raised $6225.

I cannot tell you how much your donation means to us, the two permanent hostel buildings will enable refugee and underprivileged Ugandan Children get access to better and functional education, practical social entrepreneurship and leadership skills. Today, CIYOTA students have started many social innovative ventures in their communities and positively impacted many lives.

The first hostel opened in 2008 in Hoima, Uganda, a town 80 km from Kyangwali. It has 100 members, including Ugandans, and refugees from D.R. Congo, Rwanda and Sudan. Through a partnership with government-run schools, hostel members attend for free under a universal education initiative that did not previously accept refugees and has not reached rural communities. Our students excel academically and assume school and community leadership positions. They are planting trees to protect the environment, doing HIV/AIDS prevention, fighting malaria, and helping the needy.

We will continue to develop the Hoima hostels by building two permanent structures and making them financially sustainable by starting income-generating projects that the hostel members help run. The primary need addressed by the hostel–lack of access to quality education–is prevalent. We envision one day spreading our hostel model to other communities throughout the world.

For us to continue supporting youth, we need YOU, your friends, your family, your co-workers, church members, and neighbors to help us raise $100,000 by June 30th, 2012!

This will not happen without you!  Please tell your friends, family, co-workers, church members and neighbors.  Ask them to invite 10 friends to give and tell them why you gave. Post the link on your facebook page, tweeting or emailing or anything else you can think of!

Thank you again for allowing CIYOTA transform communities in Africa by preparing, developing, and empowering a unified group of young leaders to tackle the greatest challenges facing our communities.

Sincerely,

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