



Our organization is led and run by volunteers and we rely on donations from the public to ensure that we can continue to provide the support and care that the children of Mbale need. Saved by Music Foundation is dedicated to helping vulnerable children. Street children and children that come from the poorest families within our community are our main focus and priority.

Challenge

For the past 8 years, we have been operating under a rented house and this has always limited what we can do in terms of reaching out to the many vulnerable children who are in need of help to transform their lives. This has not been sustainable at all and has been and is a threat to our own future existence as an organization. The current place is too small and expensive with limitation from the owner on what we can do from it and we will be evicted soon.

Solution

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 (for the first phase) to go towards purchasing land and construction of a permanent home for Saved by Music Foundation. So far we have managed to raise \$350.00 from music concerts. As at 24/12/2017 we need to raise \$24,650 more to reach our goal. Think about us next time you are lining up to get your morning coffee.

Long-Term Impact

We hope to grow Saved by Music foundation over the coming years and help as many young people as we can, we hope you will join us in this mission as our partners and gain the benefits which you will deserve for funding SMF and its work and message. Once we have a place of our own, we will be able to support more street children through our music programme and help them return home and school so that they can have a brighter future.



CONTACT US

CURRENT LOCATION:

We are currently working in the slam areas of Namakwekwe Mbale mid-city.

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“Restoring lost hopes”

About

Saved by Music FOUNDATION

Saved by Music Foundation is a registered as a non-government community based organization and was started by ex-street children with the aim of helping vulnerable children (many of which are street children) and those coming from the poorest families in the community so that they become skilled, productive and self-sustainable to overcome poverty through using music as a tool for social transformation.

Many of the children go on streets because either their all or one of their parents died of AIDS and other related and tropical diseases or because they are abused by their parents due to the high level irresponsible drinking of alcohol that render these parents being not in control of providing the necessary basic family needs hence children resort to streets in search of a living.

Many children in Uganda are homeless (street children) and impoverished.

OUR VISION

Saved by music foundation aims to offer a high quality standard of living to the disadvantaged children and total orphans through providing them shelter, food, clothing, medical care and high quality education and equipping them with skills that can grant them a competitive living in this world.

OUR MISSION

Saved by music foundation to bring up and provide holistic development to orphaned and needy children and young adults by finding ways and means of meeting their spiritual, physical and social needs.

Bryan's Story



When 12-year-old Bryan's father died, his step mother did not want to care for him and sent him to look for his mother knowing very well that she had passed on two years back before she came in as the new wife. But he got lost on a trip looking for refuge and decided to approach different people in Mbale for help. They offered no assistance.

Without money or contacts, Bryan turned to the streets, and one year after, he remained homeless. Bryan said that he feared his encounters with the older street boys more than anything else during this period. "One day, I was sleeping and three older street boys came and started beating me.

They beat me so badly on the ankles, knees, and elbows that I couldn't move. They also beat my friends who were sleeping. Then one older boy said 'Who has money so that we leave you alone?' [My friend] Peter had 300 shillings (US\$0.10). The older boy took it. This happens always in the night." The nights are often penetratingly cold and without blankets or any form of shelter, the cold rain and damp ground can make a night seem excruciatingly long. Five of us huddle up on a piece of cardboard and cover ourselves with a sack and a piece of plastic on top of our frail thin bodies. Any unfamiliar noise awakens us; the constant fear of attack, robbery or what might be worse: a threat of Sodomy alarmingly lurks at every night-fall! says Bryan

These street children boys live a terrifying life, constantly haunted by thugs, watchmen and even the police; their

entire existence consists of surviving through the starkest poverty, relentlessly forced to move from one place to the next, seeking shelter in abandoned buildings or empty half-roof shops in the market place during the cold nights. The street is all they have to call "home".

Before long, dawn breaks and their day begin.

Their clothes are damp and dirty, smothered with mud, ash and feces; the stench from each of them is enough to make your stomach churn!

All this changed for Bryan when he was picked up by Saved by Music Foundation Social workers.

OUR APPEAL

FOR MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & SPONSORSHIP



SMF is driving an appeal seeking donations of brass band and other musical instruments, to help with our Music Programme for social transformation of vulnerable children. We urgently need replacement drums, trumpets, saxophones, trombones, tubas, valve oil and percussion instruments. If anyone knows about any bands, former band members or bands that have gone into recess have instruments stored away that they are not using and could donate to a worthy cause, it would be greatly appreciated. SMF right now can't afford to recruit any more members to its project - because we have run out of instruments and the current ones we have are too old, broken and beyond repair.

For any donations, CONTACT US to see how you can help. Don't mind how old the instrument is, believe me it will transform a life.

Every person will live, and leave, a legacy. Perhaps yours will be "helping street children". Your time, ideas, connections, and resources all can be used to save more innocent lives via **SAVED BY MUSIC FOUNDATION**.

Your Support will be greatly appreciated.