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2017: Building an Education from the Ground Up



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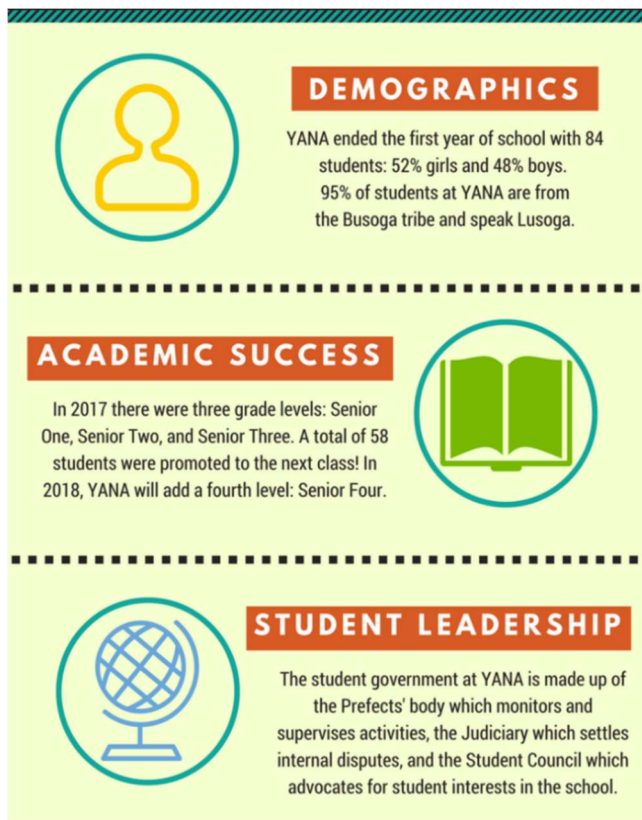
Yana CHS - A Work in Progress

My Tusubira Story – Carol Bogezi, President of Tusubira

2017 - our scholarship program has developed from only ten students to greater than seventy in a community-centered school-based approach. This has been a big, exciting and daunting step for our small and 100% volunteer-run organization. Looking around the new school premises on over a year ago, drew me back to more than 15 years ago when I first set foot in Kamuli district as a student volunteer teaching science and reproductive health. Below you can learn more about our progress as we have grown from a plot of land to a fully running school and more!

A Glimpse from the Ground

2017 was a massive year for Tusubira and our Ugandan partner organization CEP. One of our board members had the privilege of visiting the school in session this summer. What had once been an unused facility and field was transformed into a vibrant school with deep community involvement and investment. Students took dedicated notes, teachers led lessons with zeal, and community members shared incredible stories of gratitude. We are happy to report that your generous giving has now enabled dozens of students to attain an education that would not have been possible only a year ago. We continue to expand, building a sustainable enterprise by collaborating with our Ugandan partners to help ensure Yana CHS can thrive beyond the lifespan of Tusubira.



Fantastic Fundraising Leads to Impact

Thank you! With Tusubira's shift to a "school-based" approach, we pushed fundraising efforts into overdrive, and you answered the call. Our major fundraiser was Seattle Foundation's GiveBig campaign. In 2017, twelve donors continued their support and nineteen new donors contributed to Tusubira to raise a total of \$14,539. This put Tusubira in a strong position to support YANA school's first year of operations. Tusubira's 2018 fundraising target is \$17,000 for school operations (\$13,000) and building a structure to house the vocational program (\$4000). We invite you to continue supporting Tusubira's education partnership in eastern Uganda.

Days for Girls

In June 2017, Tusubira was contacted by a Days for Girls (DfG) group at Bellevue Christian Reformed Church (WA) who were eager to provide reusable sanitary kits (menstrual pads) to YANA teachers and students. Tusubira arranged to send 50 kits to YANA and funded a two-day reproductive health training led by Uganda-based staff. The Bellevue DfG group has pledged to provide sanitary kits in the future, and Tusubira plans to support making this sanitary kit distribution and training into an annual event at YANA. Eventually we would like to develop a pilot project where vocational students can produce kits and sell them locally.



We Need You - Carol Bogezi, President

Since January 2017, we have partnered with CEP to establish YANA Community High School.

Thinking about my journey with community development work in Uganda, I feel that I have come full circle, starting by volunteering as a teacher at a school, and now partnering to establish a school. I am very excited to be part of this new level of Tusubira's growth towards supporting community development through education. Thank you for joining us!

Save the Dates

April 15 – Spring Event & Jewelry Sale
May 9 – GiveBig Fundraiser