

Thank You!

‘With Your Support, we have offered shelter support to deprived, homeless, and hurting people.



We don't always do this! But we reached out in the most compassionate way this time because of your support. The grass-thatched main house of the family supported under the PCAU Road to Hope Program was erased by fire in October 2021. A frail father with his 5 children (4 girls and 1 boy) lost all household items in the fire. It was devastating to them.



The remains of the burnt house (photo on the right). This house was situated on rented land.

The family lives in the Western District of Kyankwazi in Uganda. Like all other families supported by the program, this is an indigent family. The mother of the home succumbed to cancer after a long period of sickness. At the time of her death, the family had sold off all the land they owned to meet the medical costs. It is a huge challenge to the deprived/indigent families in Uganda and Sub-Saharan Africa. The only property most of

these families have is the inherited piece of land. When long-term sickness strikes, they are weighed down by medical bills. In Uganda, there is still no national medical insurance. The medical costs of treatment for specialized treatment are extremely exhausting for average Uganda. It is worse for the poor.

When the house was gutted by fire, we supported the family with beddings and scholastic material to see the children go back to school. We also supported the family to get another house. This process was resourced generous donations and community members that we helped mobilize. The family has another house standing now. The process of support has been successfully accomplished.



The photos of the new house during construction and upon completion. We are grateful to all our partners, the sponsors, and the community in Kyankwazi for the support. Together, we bought land for the family and offered them this house. The family is even more thankful.

The need for improving the household facility will have to be complete with the construction of the pit latrine and the cooking area/kitchen apart from the main house. The process of addressing this need is ongoing and we bank on your support too.

The sustainability of this family, for their food, basic needs and other social economic wellbeing, they require a source of income. They stay in an area with fertile soils. They can have some domestic animals too.

To plant enough food, and kick start their goat rearing project they are banking on us for seed capital. This family will never be the same again. They have improved.



PARTNER WITH US TO RESTORE HOPE TO CHILDREN LOOKING AFTER THE SICK IN UGANDA

ROAD TO HOPE No Parents.

The Road to Hope Program (RTH) supports 34 child-headed families with social support and resources to improve the quality of life for over 160 persons in these families. Two unique things about these families are that: Most of these families are headed by a child below 18 years, and each family currently has a person living with severe health-related suffering due to life-threatening illnesses or someone who died recently. The majority sick in these families suffer from Cancer and or HIV/AIDS. The individuals in these families are beneficiaries of palliative care services. The RTH program offers access to palliative care for the ill, psychosocial support and basic needs for the entire family, and educational support to the children heading these impoverished families.

The problem is big

The 2016 Uganda National Household Survey shows 24,063 child-headed households in Uganda. In homes where parents are severely ill and need palliative care, children are often the primary caregivers. With no money, the child quits school to earn a living while caring for the dying parent. These children are more vulnerable to deprivation of parental love, psychosocial support, and various abuse, lack of education and healthcare, and food insecurity. The severely sick parent is further distressed that they cannot provide for the children. The children do all sorts of odd jobs and walk miles to correct routine medicals for their bedridden parents. The eldest child in a home is forced to shoulder the responsibility of heading the family to make difficult required decisions. In most cases, the children themselves face numerous health concerns. The young girls heading or living in child-headed homes face relatively different challenges from the boys due to gender and cultural matters.

Your contribution will restore hope, dignity, and comfort

The Road to Hope program supports child caregivers to continue education as they care for their sick parents. It also provides psychosocial support and works with extended family after the death of a parent/s to extend some social support, belonging, and love for the children. In most cases, the extended family members of these children live in poverty too. They are unable to provide the minimum food, clothing, and schooling for the orphaned children. This has been worsened by the pandemic. Additional funds from this project will support families with basic needs and strengthen the network of support between the RTH families.

Together we can bring lasting change in the lives of children

The RTH program offers a holistic approach to supporting child caregivers currently offers direct support to 52 children and their families. The RTH program works with parents/guardians, their communities, and the palliative care nurses in those communities to support the children. It DOES take a village! An additional 8 children will join the program, giving them a chance at education, healthcare, psychological support, and opportunity for a dignified life as they become more resilient and self-reliant in the future.

How to participate

Donate to support this project through
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