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ABOUT:



Joy of Community works directly with schools in the Kazo District to connect students in need with international sponsors to cover the monthly costs of school fees, boarding supplies, and meals. Sponsorships also provide students with access to a healthcare facility through our collaboration with HEVIA Uganda. Joy of Community also serves the broader community in the through development projects and infrastructure improvements. We continue to focus our efforts in the Kazo District, as our multi-year relationship with community leaders allows us to provide the attention to detail necessary to target both emergent and long term goals for community development. Joy of Community Foundation's American and Ugandan teams work hand-in-hand to turn philanthropy into the joy of community.

JOY OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S MISSION

Joy of Community Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, whose mission is to improve livelihoods through access to education, healthcare, and community development projects in Kazo District, Uganda.



FOUNDERS STATEMENT

Joy of Community Foundation has been a labor of love from the beginning.

The tangible improvements we have seen in our sponsored children's and families' lives has been profound. Hope for a better life can be felt through correspondence, many of them writing about how their schooling is giving their families a reason to be optimistic about the future.

Our partner schools' abilities to provide a safe and effective learning environment for all students, regardless of any learning disabilities, and our partner healthcare provider's ability to address a variety of the communities needs has improved in a multitude of ways.

We have also built the capacity of our staff to continue to manage an organization which holds high standards in accountability, program implementation, outreach services, and communications.

We look forward to continuing this work for many years, and creating ways in which our partners in Uganda can be self-sustaining as much as possible.

Thank you!

Jesse Coker, Founder of Joy of Community Foundation

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A YEAR OF GREAT SUCCESS

You have helped the children of Kazo District, Uganda continue to exceed expectations. Despite many challenges from the pandemic to the regional droughts, your sponsorships have allowed these children the opportunity to focus on their education and remain hopeful for the future. We thank you for the joy you have made.



On behalf of Sya Bright Future school and the community at large, we extend our sincere appreciation to you all sponsors for your endeavours.

The sponsorship fees you provide to the less privileged have become more meaningful to the school and the entire community.

Sya Bright Future school staff, infrastructure and academic have greatly improved due to your support and dues which are paid timely.

We proudly inform the JOCF team that Sya Bright Future school students passed highly in their primary leaving examinations merged among the first 10 best schools in Kazo district out of 68 schools and number one in Engari sub county.

The whole community, the district and everyone is very happy about the school's performance.

Generally children from the sponsored families have always been the best students. We therefore continue encouraging members to join and continue welcoming the sponsorship idea.

They are so many needy awaiting to join Sya Bright Future school from your Sponsorship.

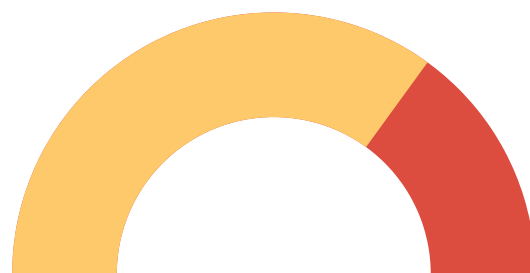
Sponsorship team, well wishers thank you very very much. As Sya Bright Future school continues to set the pace for the children and for the entire community .

From
Catherine Birungi
Sya Bright Future school
Director



SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

Joy of Community Foundation's sponsorship program speaks to its initial mission: to connect international well-wishers with students in need living in Uganda. There are many hidden costs that inhibit children from attending school in Uganda, including boarding costs, books, transportation, tuition, school uniforms, meals, and other fees. Our sponsors believe that all children deserve an education regardless of their financial status and contribute to our partner schools to create a safe learning environment for all students.



**53 out of 76
students are
currently
sponsored**

HEALTHCARE PROGRAM



Supporters of Joy of Community Foundation understand the significant role of healthcare in a students' ability to achieve educational goals. That is why a portion of all sponsorship funding goes towards basic medical care, vaccinations, and healthcare referrals for students. Deus Mwijuke, the overseer of our team in Uganda, operates the health clinic in Engari, Kazo District which provides these services to sponsored children, called Health Vision Agency (HEVIA) Uganda. HEVIA Uganda's services are also available and essential for the broader community in Engari.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community development projects are supported by donors to our general fund, in addition to sponsors who chose to provide special support to the sponsored students' families. Completed infrastructure projects in collaboration with community members have included repainting of the entire school and a new entryway for Solomon Memorial Primary School, new classrooms and a damming system to collect rainwater for Bright Future School, as well as expansions, repairs, and construction of farming space, buildings, livestock facilities, and storage for specific families struggling to subsist.



Fg.1 A piggery constructed for a sponsored student

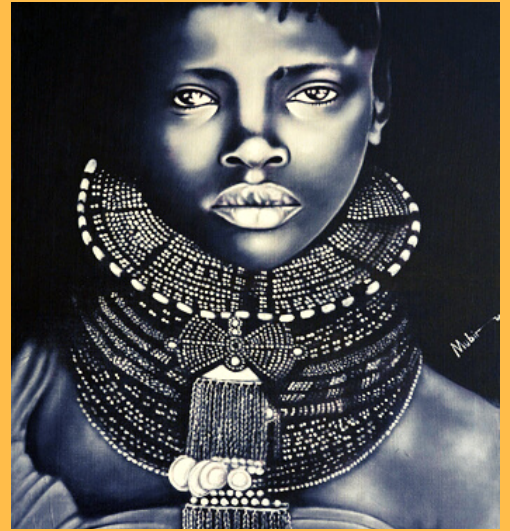


Fg.2 Repairs mad to glass windows and drainage of a partner school



Fg.3 Replastering of the HEVIA healthcenter

ART PROGRAM

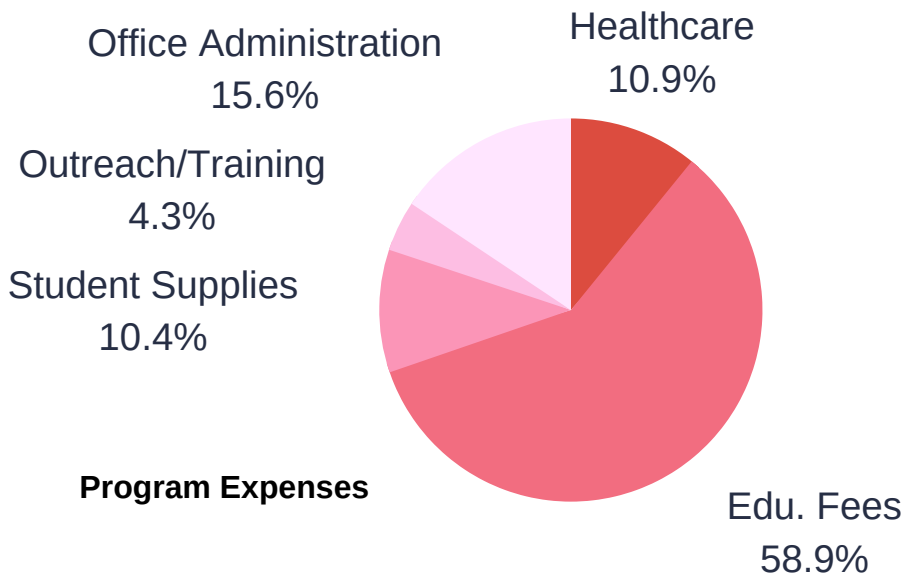
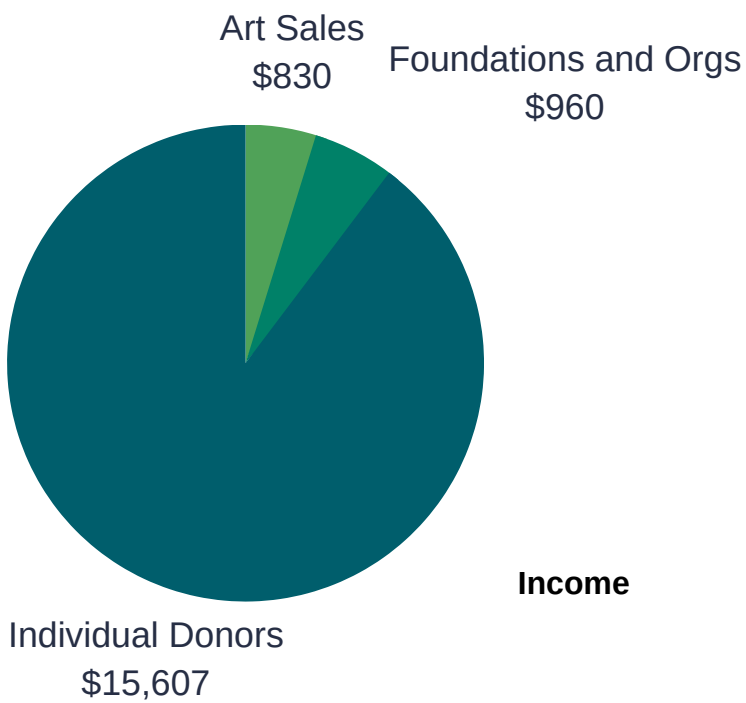


As part of the mission of Joy of Community Foundation, a partnership has been fostered with local Ugandan artists in Kampala. These local artists are compensated for their work and generously allow us to sell their pieces, any additional funds from these sales go back into the programming at Joy of Community Foundation. Each art piece can be shipped either stretched on a borderless frame or delivered unstretched. Please visit <https://www.joyofcommunity.org/artwork> to view and purchase more pieces.



2022 Budget	
Income	\$17,397.64
Individual Donations	\$15,607.64
Art Sales	\$830
Foundations and Organizations	\$960

Expenses	\$40,432.52
Program Activities	
Healthcare	\$2,503.30
School Fees	\$13,565.95
School Supplies	\$1,465.50
Boarding Fees and Supplies	\$923.31
Special Projects (Teacher training, borehole construction)	\$314.12
Misc. (outreach, transport)	\$669.20
Overhead	
Transfer/Banking Fees	\$706.68
Uganda Office Expenses	\$677.42
USA Office Expense	\$420.54
Fundraising Events	\$1,800
Uganda Team Compensation	\$1,903.00
USA Team Compensation	\$15,483.50



MOVING FORWARD INTO 2023

In conjunction with Joy of Community Foundations' expansion effort, we have identified two major areas that will address currently unmet needs in the Kazo District: reproductive and sexual healthcare and vocational training. In an effort to best support the students involved in our programming, Joy of Community Foundation will be reaching out to donors to help provide reusable menstrual kits to the girls and women of Kazo District.



Another major need identified is the lack of HIV testing program accessible to impoverished community members and a strong need for access to birth control, abortions, prenatal care, and labor and delivery services. Finally, The Skilling Project is an ongoing effort by JOCF to construct and operate a vocational training school in the Kazo District. This vocational training school will provide additional opportunities for youth in the Kazo District to expand their skills and knowledge and gain exposure to potential career paths. In order to achieve these goals, Joy of Community Foundation will be expanding its partnerships and reaching out for additional support from our generous donors. We believe that together, we can continue to help foster joy and opportunity in the Kazo District.

MEET THE TEAM



Deus Mwijuke: Healthcare Programs

Owen Amutuhaire: Education and Development Programs

Catherine Ninsiima: Business Administration and Accounting

Obed Mazirwe: Information Technology Services

Diphas Tayebwa: Public Administration and Advisement

Siera Carusone: Grants, Fundraising, and Capacity Building

HEALTH AND VISION AGENCY UGANDA (HEVIA)

HEVIA Uganda is a local nonprofit founded in 2013 which works to bring healthcare to rural communities in Uganda. HEVIA Uganda was founded through the diligent work of local youth and led by Mr. Deus Mwijuke, our Healthcare Program Director . Your generous monthly sponsorships provide students with access to HEVIA healthcare facilities. Moving into 2023, JOCF and HEVIA will continue to use your contributions to expand healthcare facilities and access for the local community. HEVIA Uganda and JOCF thank you for these contributions.



BackUp Uganda is nonprofit organization which provides training to teachers across Uganda with skills and resources to provide quality education to all students. Your contributions in 2022 funded the training of teachers in our three partners schools. This training ensures that students with any number of disabilities or learning challenges can receive the additional support they need to succeed. BackUp Uganda and JOCF thank you for these generous donations and your support of students' in the Kazo, District.

BACKUP UGANDA

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Thank you to the Coker Family Living Trust for their generous contribution and to Greenwich Wood Products for their support of our Art Program.



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Thank you to both the individual donors and our monthly sponsors who make all of the Joy of Community programs possible.

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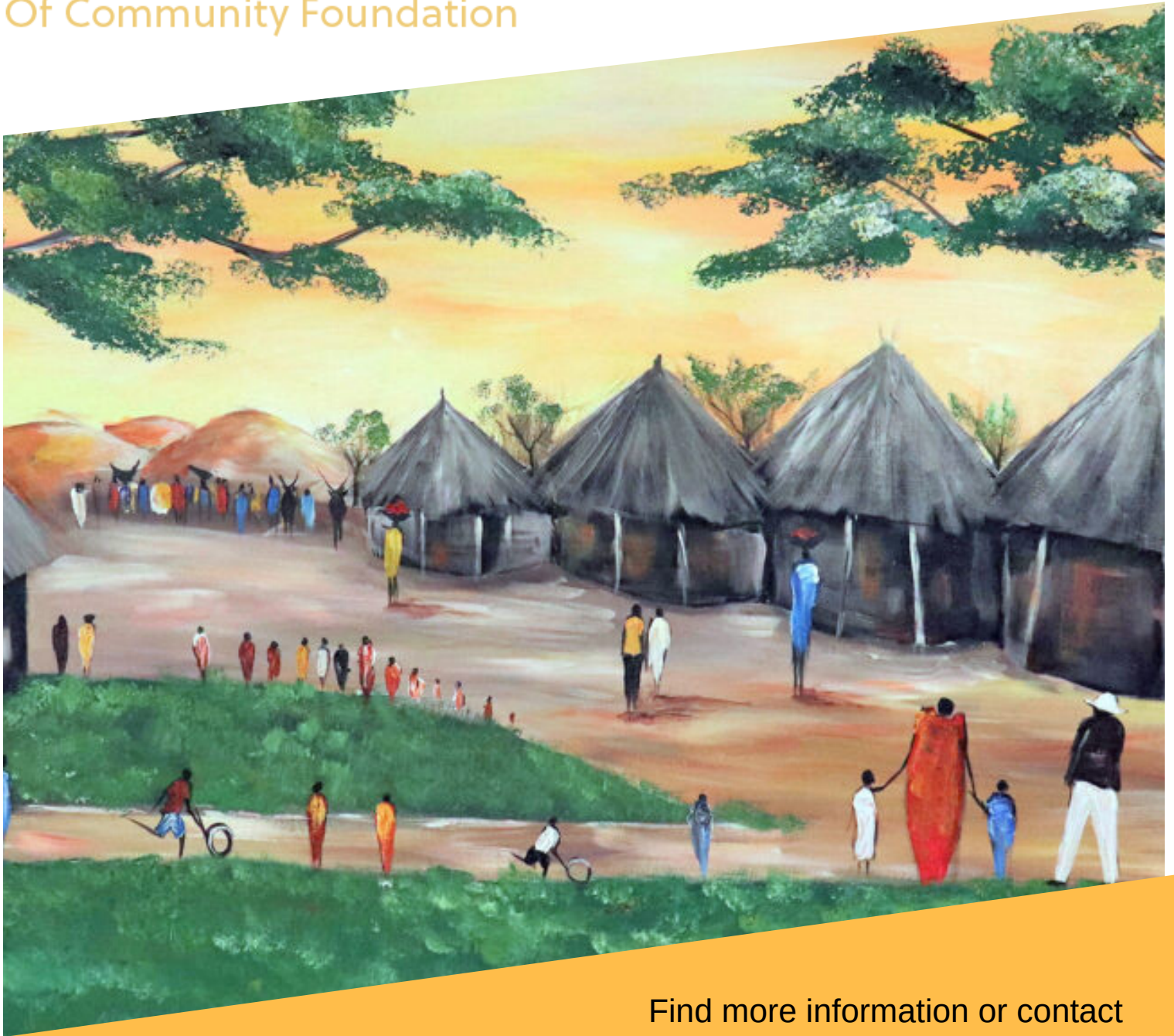
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