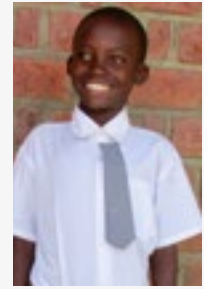


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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

A heartfelt thank you to all of our sponsors, donors and volunteers! Through our prayers, talents, and financial contributions, we are making a positive impact on the lives of children and giving hope to communities in Tanzania. Since the formation of the Kayanga Diocese in 2008, COHF has assisted with sponsorship of children in schools and the funding of several projects. A letter of appreciation from the Rt. Rev. Almachius Rweyongeza, Bishop of the Kayanga Diocese, is included in this newsletter.

Our health care initiative to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy is off to a wonderful start! Thank you to the very generous donors who contributed to the projects for St. Francis Health Center.

The construction of classrooms continues to be a great need for the schools in Tanzania. Although the funding of classrooms is a challenge, it is vital to the continued outstanding academic success of schools in the country.

A special thank you to our faithful and generous sponsors who are the backbone of our organization! There are many more children in need of sponsorship. Please consider giving a child the lasting gift of an excellent education. St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us! ■

Sincerely in Christ,
Jane Walsh

SAVE THE DATES

12th Annual COHF Garage Sale

The High School of St. Thomas More, Champaign, IL
Friday, July 15th, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

(Early Bird Sale, \$2 admission)

Saturday, July 16th, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Items for sale will be collected July 11th through July 14th at rear entrance of the school. We need volunteers both prior to and during the sale, and we also need cookie/brownie bakers!

Arts & Crafts Bazaar 2016

Holy Cross Parish Center, Champaign, IL

Saturday, October 29th, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 30th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

For more information about the Garage Sale or the Bazaar, or to volunteer, please contact Tracy Duchinsky at (217) 721-2524 or tded@sbcglobal.net

Eat Dessert First

Spalding Center, 419 NE Madison Ave., Peoria, IL

Saturday, November 5th, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Paula Gottemoller at (708) 925-1633 or paulagottemoller@gmail.com

ST. PETER CLAVER SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM

St. Peter Claver School was started in 2003 with the leadership and vision of the current principal, Mr. Gratian Rutayuga. Only a year later, we started sponsorship of our first three students in first grade. From the very beginning, COHF has had the privilege to assist St. Peter Claver School with various projects. The school has consistently ranked extremely high academically on both the regional and national levels (Top 0.1% in the nation). In 2015 the school was ranked 1st in the region and 6th in the nation (out of 15, 867 schools). We are very proud of their outstanding academic achievement! In addition, our sponsored students who graduate from St. Peter Claver School are admitted to the best high schools.

The school has been most grateful for our assistance through the years and is in need of our help. Two years ago, Mr. Rutayuga asked COHF for funding to establish a two-year Kindergarten program. Young children need good preparation before starting first grade. They benefit from learning English at an earlier age, and it will help ensure good enrollment for the school. The Tanzanian government has mandated that all primary schools have a 2-year kindergarten program for children ages 5-7 years old. The parents are clamoring for a kindergarten for their children, but the school is located in a rural, poor area and they do not have the ability to fundraise for the construction of classrooms and dormitories. COHF would like to provide funding for the Year I classroom with a mini-storage, staff room and bathroom.

The Dominican Sisters have provided the St. Peter Claver Kindergarten program with a \$5,000 grant.

CAN YOU HELP MATCH THIS GENEROUS DONATION?

Roof: \$2,940

One Window: \$165

One Wall: \$950

1,000 Bricks: \$30

Ceiling: \$845

General Support: \$XX?

TOTAL REQUIRED: \$18,069

**FROM: RT. REV.
ALMACHIUS
RWEYONGEZA,
BISHOP OF
KAYANGA DIOCESE**

**Ref: Appreciation for
Support from Children
of Hope and Faith**

"May Grace and Peace be yours in full measure" (1 Pet 1:2).

I avail myself of this opportunity to greet you in Christ's name. May I also take this occasion to thank you...for much love and efforts you are showing in supporting the Church of Christ, in particular my young Diocese of Kayanga, which was created on 14th August, 2008. In fact, I lack sweet and appropriate words that can suffice to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation...to your Not-for-Profit Charity (COHF) as you have devoted yourselves to support my young Diocese, especially for the education of orphans and poor children as well as Rwambaizi Health Center since then till today.

"I thank my God for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the gospel...And so I am sure that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it on until it is finished..." (Phil 1:3-6).

I accompany you with prayers and blessings for the current and future plans you have set for my young Diocese.

May God's abundant blessings remain with you as you praise and bear witness to His merciful love in this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy.

PROGRAM UPDATES



A woman and her young child at the St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center.

Pregnant Women and Children in Dire Need of Help

Death of women in childbirth is still a very big problem in this region of Tanzania. The communities around Rwambaizi are very poor and some of the women cannot afford to pay the \$25 for delivery at St. Francis Health Center. Instead these pregnant women decide to deliver at their homes, which is very risky. A few mothers, who do decide to come for delivery at the health center come late with labor complications. Babies who are delivered at home and have medical problems are also brought late to St. Francis for treatment.

Children continue to die from treatable childhood diseases including malaria, pneumonia and diarrhea. It is possible to obtain malaria medicine and antibiotics for treatment but many parents cannot afford the medicine.

The doctor and staff at St. Francis Health Center have asked COHF to start a fund for labor and delivery charges for women who would otherwise deliver at home. The fund would also include the cost of medicine for treatable childhood diseases.

A donation of \$25 could literally save the life of a mother and her infant or the life of a young child. ■



Refurbished Ambulance at St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center, made possible by a generous COHF supporter!

Thank you from St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center

A huge thank you from the doctor, staff, entire Rwambaizi community and Fr. Ben Rwegoshoro (Supervisor) to the donors who funded the electricity installation project, repair of the ambulance, and construction of three latrines for St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center. The entire medical facility now has electricity, not only to provide basic lighting, but also to enable the use of medical equipment. For example, equipment to provide oxygen can now be used to save the lives of newborns and their mothers who sometimes have breathing problems after birth.

The ambulance has been refurbished and is ready to provide emergency transport for pregnant women and children to the Nyakahanga District Hospital, which is over 20 miles away. The repaired ambulance will also enable health care personnel to travel to six villages and other outlying areas to provide health education and medical care to pregnant women and children. ■



Students are shown performing one of their songs. The boys enjoyed drumming with basketballs, hockey sticks and skate boards! What a fun touch!!

F.A.S.T. Event to Benefit Angel Home Kindergarten Program

Many thanks to the 5th-8th grade students and their teachers at St. Matthew School for the 6th Annual Festival of Art, Service and Talent! The theme for this year was "Mercy Alive." Students performed skits and songs to depict the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. What an inspiring theme for the Jubilee Year of Mercy!

The proceeds from F.A.S.T. fund the preschool/kindergarten classes at Angel Home Orphanage. This program is vital to prepare children for sponsorship in grade schools that teach in English. A HUGE thank you to Sr. Mary George and Mr. Bill Geerdes for all of their hard work and dedication! ■

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I WILL GIVE HOPE...

- Catholic elementary school, \$60 per month
- Catholic secondary school, \$60 per month
- I am interested in sharing a half-sponsorship of a child
- Yes! I want to help the St. Peter Claver classroom project
- I will **GIVE HOPE** with a gift for scholarships and specific projects (please specify amount)
- I would like to support the Health Care Fund and Medical Projects

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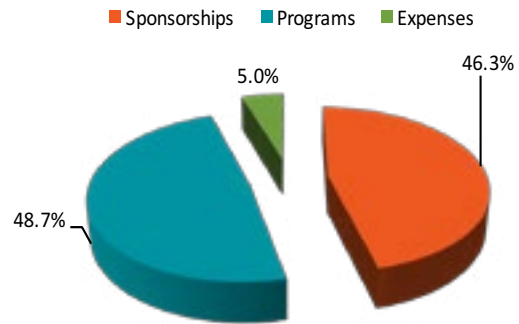
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THEY NEED YOUR HELP!!

Florence Costantine (on the cover, left) and Felician Costantine (on the cover, right) are brothers whose parents both died. They live with their elderly grandmother who cannot afford to pay their tuition at St. Severine School. Afra Zilimu needs assistance to attend St. Joseph Vocational Secondary School and Vaileth Syldion needs support to attend Hekima Catholic Girls' Secondary School. Visit our website to learn how you can make a real difference in the lives of these children:

www.childrenofhopeandfaith.org ■

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