

CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITHSM



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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

We continue to be most grateful to our sponsors, donors, and volunteers! Your amazing generosity enables COHF to provide education for children one grade level to the next, to finish one project at a time to improve the daily living conditions of children in school and, to step by step improve both the access to health care and the quality of medical care available to those who live in poor rural areas.

In this newsletter we report on the building of a new home for older children at Angel Home Orphanage. Pictured above are the children and sisters in front of the new home after the dedication ceremony. Everyone is excited about the better living situation for the older children who are now young adults!

We highlight the pressing need for water at St. Joseph Secondary School and the continued need for medicines to treat the increased number of people coming to St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center seeking medical care. Assistance for those in great need would not be possible without your loving and generous hearts.

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us! ■

Sincerely in Christ,
Jane Walsh

CHILDREN AT ANGEL HOME IN NEED OF SPONSORSHIP

There are three children at Angel Home who need sponsorship to attend St. Bonaventure Primary School in January.

Full Sponsorship \$700/year
Half-Sponsorship \$350/Year



The younger twin boys Dawson Butoi Daniel (left) and Denis Bukuru Daniel (right) will start kindergarten year 1 and Johnson Niyomugizi (middle) will start first grade.

PROJECTS AND UPDATES



Older girls who will benefit from the new home

ANGEL HOME ORPHANAGE Home for Older Children

When Children of Hope and Faith started all the children at Angel Home were very young. The Franciscan Sisters of St. Bernadette began to keep the children in the hope that they would be sponsored in Catholic primary schools. The first group of children are now young adults! They all attend upper-level secondary school or have started post-secondary education. The dormitory at Angel Home is too small to accommodate both the older and younger children. A home for the older children to call their own was long overdue!



Children in the community (living) room

A sponsor of one of our children from Angel Home who is now in secondary school made a bequest in a will to Children of Hope and Faith. The money was used to build the home for the older children as it would directly benefit his sponsored child. Sr. Clevina and all the children at Angel Home are thrilled with the new home! Our older children greatly appreciate having a place to live when they come back home. Thank you to all who have supported Angel Home through the years. You have made it possible for these children to receive an excellent education and to thrive. The grand opening and dedication of the home was on September 1, 2022. ■

HEALTH CARE UPDATE

There continues to be a significant increase in the number of women coming to St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center to deliver their babies. Many thanks to all who donated toward two new labor and delivery beds to supplement the one very old bed. As the Health Care Secretary for the Diocese, Fr. George said, "No day passes without a new baby at Rwambaizi Health Center".



Sr. Dorosela and Dr. Makonge with the two new labor and delivery beds

St. Francis Rwambaizi has also been able to continue the highly successful Outreach Program to provide medical care and health education to pregnant women and children in the remote villages because of the generosity of one of our health care supporters.

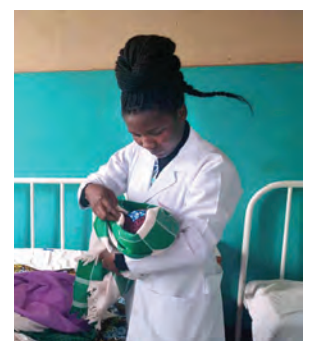
We greatly appreciate the grant we received from the Dominican Sisters. This grant provided funding for some of the laboratory equipment needed before surgeries that may be performed at St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center. The items obtained were a small refrigerator for laboratory reagents, a small centrifuge, a hematology analyzer, and a monitor. The monitor machine will measure blood pressure, temperature, oxygen levels, and ECG. The doctors and other health care personnel are most grateful for their kind assistance.

In Tanzania it is not unusual for doctors, nurses, and staff to live at the health care facility, which is a similar situation to the teachers and staff living on site at the schools. There has been a great need for renovations of the living quarters for the new doctors, Dr. Makonge and Dr. Justine, and for our sponsored students Adeltha (new Clinical Officer) and Elivinus (new obstetrics nurse). With your support, we were able to help with some basic improvements to their rooms and renovate an underground water tank.

Due to the increase in the number of patients at St. Francis Health Center, Fr. George Furula, Health Care Secretary for Kayanga Diocese, reported that the top priority of needs was for more medications. He requested \$3,000 to purchase the needed medicines for pregnant women and children. ■



Dr. Makonge with a patient



Dr. Justine with a newborn baby

ST. JOSEPH SECONDARY WATER PROJECT



Water tank constructed by COHF in 2017.
Pictured are Jane Walsh, Fr. John Zilimu and Fr. Jeremiah Kiiza

St. Joseph Secondary School celebrated their 10th Anniversary this year and Fr. Jeremiah Kiiza has been the principal from the beginning. One of the goals of the school is to narrow the gap between boys' and girls' secondary education. A good education will enable girls to participate effectively in all spheres of decision-making. We have sponsored students at St. Joseph School since 2013. During this time the school has grown to 420 students, 21 teachers and 20 staff members. COHF funded a water tank project to store rainwater for the school in 2017. However, they do not have a nearby source of water and the increase in enrollment has caused an acute shortage of water. The advances in technology and the formation of new drilling companies have made the drilling of wells more feasible in Tanzania.

Fr. Jeremiah has requested funding for a well to be drilled to help provide a more reliable source of clean water. Access to water is one of the greatest needs in this part of Africa. A supporter of COHF who has a heart for water projects, has generously donated \$6,000 toward the funding. The remaining cost is \$9,010. Please consider a donation for the life-giving gift of water. ■



Sponsored children who recently graduated from St. Joseph Secondary School

GRATITUDE FOR LOCAL CHAMPAIGN SUPPORT

F.A.S.T. EVENT AT ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL

St. Matthew School had a wonderful Festival of Arts, Service and Talent (F.A.S.T.) event during Lent. The show performed by students entitled "Lessons and Fables" gave modern day examples of the practice of virtue using the classic fables written by Jean de La Fontaine. Students in 5th - 7th grades did a great job with the songs and the students in 8th grade used their talents to write and perform the skits. All the students created beautiful artwork for purchase. A special thank you to Sr. Mary George (Music teacher) and Mr. Bill Geerdes (Art teacher) for sharing their expertise and time to organize the event. Proceeds from the program and sale of artwork provided food and medical care for the children at Angel Home Orphanage, where their sponsored child Erick lives.



F.A.S.T. event

STEPPIN' OUT GROUP AT ST. MATTHEW PARISH

Many thanks to the seniors involved with the Steppin' Out group. They hosted a raffle to support COHF at one of their monthly gatherings. Proceeds were used toward the purchase of one of the labor and delivery beds for St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center.

FISH FRY CAKE SALES AT HOLY CROSS PARISH

Thank you to Holy Cross Parish for the sale of cakes at their fish fries. Proceeds of the sales support their sponsored child Lydia who lives at Angel Home.

DRESS DOWN DAYS AT OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Thank you to Holy Cross School, St. Matthew School and The High School of St. Thomas More for the dress down days to support their parish or school's sponsored child. This is a great way to sponsor a child! ■

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Please remember Children of Hope and Faith for your Year-End giving, Matching Gift Programs, or Estate Planning. Donations are tax deductible as subject to the current tax code. 2022 donation statements will be provided by January 31, 2023.

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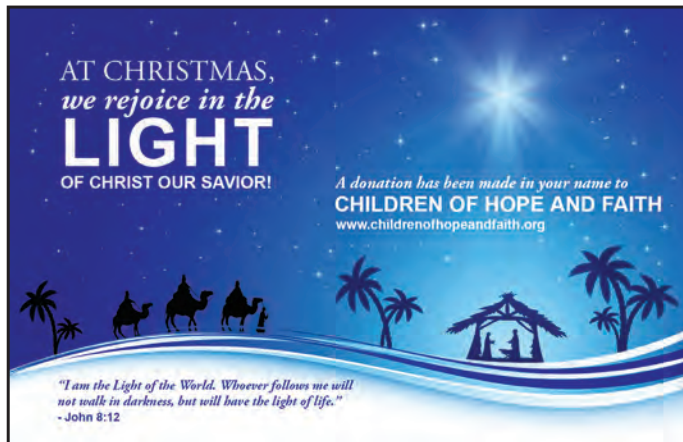
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