# CHILDREN OF HYPE FAITH







#### SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE

#### **EDUCATION FOR ORPHANS. HOPE FOR COMMUNITIES.**



#### FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Many young people in Tanzania continue to face a major challenge to attend school, receive an excellent education and gain employment. We help children at every stage of development to reach their full potential. In this newsletter we highlight examples of our young people who have been sponsored through COHF and have returned to give back to their communities. There is also an update on the Hands for Hope program that helps at-risk youth to obtain skills for employment.

Please consider supporting our Lenten project to provide solar energy to St. Clare Girls' Secondary School. This will greatly help the school to provide the girls with an excellent learning environment and benefit the teachers and administration.

It is wonderful to participate in in-person events again! Thank you to St. Matthew Church in Champaign, St. Ambrose Church in St. Louis and the Divine Mercy Lenten Day of Reflection held at the Spalding Center in Peoria for giving us the opportunity to share about the mission of COHF. We continue to be most grateful for your sponsorships and generous support which has a vital impact on the lives of children and communities in Tanzania.

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us!

Jesus I Trust In You!

Jane Walsh

#### **FALL ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR**

We are extremely grateful to the artisans who gave of their time and talent at the Fall Arts & Crafts Fair. Thank you to all who attended and helped to make it a great success. A special thank you to Msgr. Deptula and St. Matthew Church for hosting the event. We greatly appreciate the wonderful job Cathy Fallon did as our event coordinator for the fair.



# SEEING OUR MISSION COME FULL CIRCLE



Grace John with new sewing machine

#### HANDS FOR HOPE

Thank you to all who supported our Hands for Hope program! Sr. Hyasintha is working with at-risk youth to provide training in tailoring, cake baking, making decorations for special events and gardening skills. This training will enable young people to sell their products at markets and earn an income. The grants Hands for Hope received from COHF enabled them to purchase 10 sewing machines, classroom furniture, fabric, and sewing supplies. An interesting aspect of this project is that the girls are making school uniform skirts for St. Clare Secondary School where we have sponsored girls as well as other school uniforms to sell at markets. This makes the girls very happy and is a help to the local schools.

Sr. Hyasintha saw a great need to help the elderly living in nearby rural villages who have very little food or basic care. The youth are also trained in basic home care and visit the elderly with the sisters. This training greatly benefits the lives of older people who suffer from lack of services. They are very happy with the visits and so far, have received the necessities of bar soap, salt, and sugar. Special thanks to the women who donate their hand-crafted items for sale to support the Hands for Hope program.

# STUDENTS GIVING BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

One of the aims of COHF is for our sponsored students to become leaders and to give back to the communities where they grew up. Four of our young people are highlighted who were sponsored through COHF and have returned to serve in their communities. We are very proud of them and happy for their success.

**Fr. Arsenius Muhabuzi** was sponsored at St. Alfred Secondary School and was ordained a priest for the Kayanga Diocese in 2017. Fr. Arsenius is helping many people through his priesthood. He was Chaplain at St. Augustine Secondary School where we have sponsored



Fr. Arsenius, Assistant Pastor at St. John Paul II Church

children. Currently Fr. Arsenius is Assistant Pastor at St. John Paul II Parish. This is a new Church for Nyakatuntu and the surrounding area, which is the home village of Fr. John. There is also St. John Paul II Primary School associated with the parish.

**Agripina Zilimu** was sponsored at St. Joseph and Rukole secondary schools. She recently graduated from St. Augustine University with a teaching degree. Agripina had the opportunity to return to St. Peter Claver School to teach in the kindergarten program. She is pictured in one of the kindergarten classrooms which was built through COHF. Agripina is currently employed as a teacher at St. Clare Girls' Secondary School where we also have sponsored students.



Agripina teaching at St. Peter Claver School

Elivinus assisting Sr. Dorosela with a patient

Innocent Emmanuel was brought to Angel Home Orphanage as a baby. He has been sponsored since first grade at St. Peter Claver School and attended

## **Elivinus Alfred** was sponsored a

was sponsored at the Rubya Health Training Institute. He graduated with a nursing degree with a concentration in obstetrics. As reported in our last newsletter, there continues to be an increase in the number of mothers coming to St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center to deliver their babies. Elivinus is greatly needed to assist Sr. Dorosela and Dr. Makonge with labor and deliveries.



Innocent with Sr. Clevina who oversees Angel Home

St. Charles Lwanga Junior Seminary for secondary school. Innocent is currently a seminarian for the Rulenge-Ngara Diocese at Holy Family of Nazareth Major Seminary. Innocent returns to Angel Home to help the sisters mentor and care for the younger children. He is a wonderful big brother and role model for all the children who live there.

## LENTEN PROJECT

# SOLAR ENERGY FOR ST. CLARE GIRLS' SECONDARY SCHOOL

We have been sponsoring girls at St. Clare Secondary School for the past eight years and this is the first project we have undertaken to help the school community. They need a reliable source of electricity. The school can obtain some electricity through the government, but it is very unreliable and sporadic. They have requested assistance to install a solar energy system. Since it is a boarding school, solar energy will generate electricity for lighting so the girls can study after dark and provides a safer environment at night. It will also help with the administration of the school, teaching and use of computers during the day.

The total cost of the project is \$9,813

# The cost of the major components of the solar energy system:

Solar Batteries (7 needed) \$300 each Inverters (4 needed) \$225 each Controllers (4 needed) \$160 each Solar Panels (7 needed) \$140 each



Some of our sponsored girls at St. Clare Secondary School

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED FROM FORM IV

Hekima Girls' Secondary School: Beatha
Loreto Secondary School: Odetha
Rhec Secondary School: Elias

St. Augustine Secondary School: Betrida, Immaculatha,

and Rotrida

St. Clare Girls' Secondary School: Eveline and Lina

**St. Joseph Secondary School:** Aron, Baraka, Erick,

Evance, Lydia, Sr. Albina,

and Sylivia



Betrida Cyliakus receiving diploma from St. Augustine Secondary School

# STUDENTS IN NEED OF PARTIAL AND HALF SPONSORSHIPS

There are many children in need of sponsorship or scholarship to attend school. An excellent education is the most important gift we can provide a child to give them the possibility of a much better future. Some people prefer to have a half sponsorship of a student. Students who currently have a half sponsor and need another half sponsor are shown below. There are also many students in need of full sponsorships.



Peter Thomas, University of Dodoma \$300/yr for 3 years



Neema Henry, St. Peter Claver School \$400/yr



Avila Jacob, St. Clare Girls' Secondary School \$400/yr



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