

CHILDREN OF HOPE AND FAITH



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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

We are excited to announce our new look with an updated logo and website! Thank you to our board members Cathy Fallon and Eli Lazar for taking the lead on the project. We are grateful to On Fire Media for the amazing work they did on the website design (childrenofhopeandfaith.org).

In this issue we highlight St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center as they continue to make progress in developing their facility. Many thanks to our health care donors for their role in increasing both the quality and access to medical care for those most in need. Assistance is still needed as they strive to begin surgeries and continue their Outreach Program. Pictured above is Sr. Dorosela distributing mosquito nets to pregnant mothers as part of the Outreach Program. We also share the plight of St. Augustine Primary School who are in dire need of a kitchen and dining hall to ensure health standards and food safety.

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the well project for St. Joseph Secondary School! The project was successful, and the school community has a reliable source of clean water. Our sponsored students continue to thrive at all levels of education. All these accomplishments would not have been possible without your generosity! Thank you for making a lasting impact on so many lives in Tanzania.

May Our Lord Jesus always grant you many graces and blessings for your kind support of COHF.

St. Josephine Bakhita, pray for us! ■

Sincerely in Christ,
Jane Walsh

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Get a Jumpstart on Your Holiday Shopping!

Vendors will feature handcrafted items including holiday décor, sewn creations, jewelry, crafts made from vintage materials and wood, sweet treats to go, and more!

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
NOV 11 & 12
8AM-1PM

St. Matthew Feeney Hall
1303 Lincolnshire Dr, Champaign, IL

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PROJECTS AND UPDATES

HEALTH CARE UPDATE

Thank you so much to our health care donors who continue to help health care personnel provide quality medical care. A few years ago, we visited and held a clinic for eyeglasses at St. Vincent Businde Dispensary. The health care facility was not in good condition and needed assistance. COHF was able to help by providing some medical equipment and solar energy. The Dispensary was recently painted, and the flooring, windows and bathrooms were renovated. The renovation of existing health care buildings is crucial as there are no funds to build new facilities. Because of our donors, Fr. George reports that Businde looks like a new building!

St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center continues to make strides toward meeting the required standards to perform surgeries. Our generous supporters funded a chemistry machine which aids in diagnostics, including kidney and liver function, medicines and a few new hospital beds and mattresses. We are also grateful to the donor who continued to fund the Outreach Program to provide ambulance service and visiting nurses to treat pregnant women and children in the surrounding villages.

Fr. George, Secretary of Health Care for the Diocese, requested continued assistance for St. Francis Rwambaizi. The priority of requirements for the health care facility are a blood bank freezer to store blood for surgeries (\$2,000), a new anesthesia machine (\$5,000), and continuation of the Outreach Program (\$3,000). ■



Renovated St. Vincent Businde Dispensary



Technician operating the new chemistry machine



Requested Anesthesia Machine



Fr. Robert with students in front of the temporary cooking facility



Students eating in the temporary shelter.

KITCHEN/DINING HALL FOR ST. AUGUSTINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Augustine Primary School is the poorest school where we have sponsored students. A few years ago, the school was in crisis due to a lack of water and inadequate sanitation. The government said they would be shut down. COHF provided a large water tank, bathrooms, and good sanitation. Since then, the school has grown in numbers and now has 375 students. Another problem was the lack of a kitchen and dining hall. One of the minor improvements was a temporary cooking facility and shelter for meals. However, a permanent kitchen and dining hall for meals is now required for health standards and food safety, otherwise the school will be shut down as a boarding school. The closing would be devastating for the community as it is the only Catholic primary school which educates students from very poor families in this remote area. Although a building project is more difficult to fund, it is necessary to keep the school in operation.

COHF was able to contribute \$10,000 toward starting the project. The remaining cost of the project is \$33,552. ■

ST. JOSEPH VOCATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL WATER PROJECT



Students collecting water for bathing.

Many thanks to our supporters of the water project for St. Joseph Secondary School! The digging of the well was successful! Fr. Jeremiah Kiiza, principal, and the students, teachers and staff are all most appreciative of your kind gift of water! An additional reliable source of clean water will obviously help with cooking, laundry, and promoting the health of the community with good sanitation and hygiene. ■

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR COHF

Thank you so much for your gift of prayer! We email prayer intentions for COHF and our supporters during the first week of each month. If you are not receiving the emails but would like to be added or if you are receiving them but would like to discontinue, please email Jane at childrenofhopeandfaith@gmail.com.

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. 2023 donation statements will be provided by January 31, 2024.

Children in Need of Sponsorship

FULL SPONSORSHIP – \$800/YEAR

HALF SPONSORSHIP – \$400/YEAR



Faith

St. Peter Claver Primary School



Alfa

St. Peter Claver Primary School



Francisca

St. Bonaventure Primary School



Erica

St. Augustine Primary School



Amelia

St. Augustine Secondary School



Alista

St. Augustine Secondary School

Special thanks to our sponsors for their commitment and generosity to provide a child(ren) with an excellent education. Additional students who need sponsorship are featured on our website: childrenofhopeandfaith.org

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 again this year. The songs and skits performed by students entitled "Climb Higher" were about students striving for more virtue by following the lives of the saints. For the artwork, each student made a clay food item, and their pieces were displayed on "restaurant tables". Many thanks to Sr. Mary George, Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. Hoerner for their direction of students for the program. ■



Eighth grade class who wrote and performed the skits for "Climb Higher"

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- I am interested in sharing a half-sponsorship of a child
- I will **Give Hope:** Scholarships for Education
- Support for Angel Home Orphanage
- St. Francis Rwambaizi Health Center
- St. Augustine School kitchen/dining hall
- # of Christmas Gift Cards ; Suggested donation \$25 each
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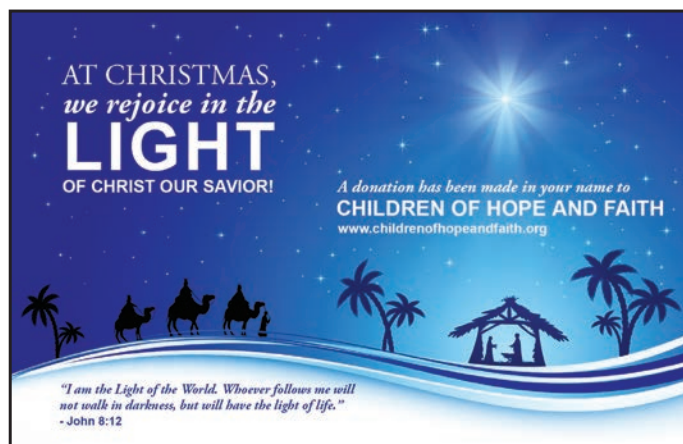
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