

2018 Annual Report



Introduction

The Arlington Academy of Hope, US, (AAH US) partners with communities in rural eastern Uganda to improve the quality of their daily life and realize their future potential through improved education, healthcare, and community development.

By engaging a community of caring volunteers and committed professionals, AAH's educational, healthcare, and vocational programs transform impoverished villages into vibrant, self-sustaining communities.



Key Stats

Educational Reach

350

primary students
at Arlington Junior School

332

secondary students at accredited schools

36

primary students
at Matuwa Primary School

171

post-secondary
(65 vocational, at certificate
& diploma granting institutions;
75 university, at degree granting institutions)

The Outreach Program

26

primary schools

16,000

students

44

new graduates from
universities and tertiary programs



of Arlington Junior School
P7 students passed the
Primary Leaving Exam

Key Stats

Sponsored Students

711

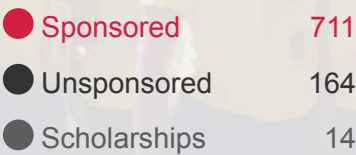
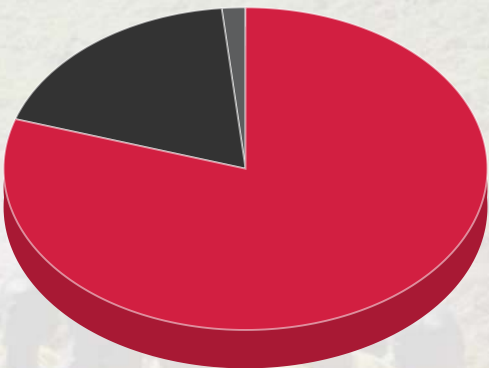
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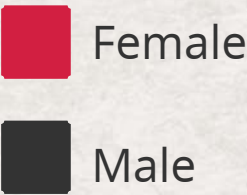
local or government scholarships

164

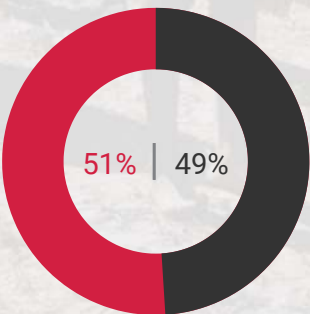
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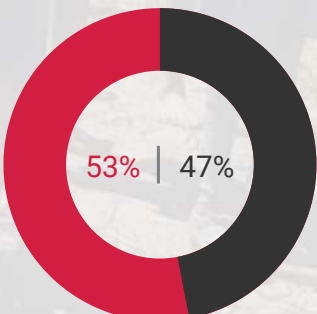
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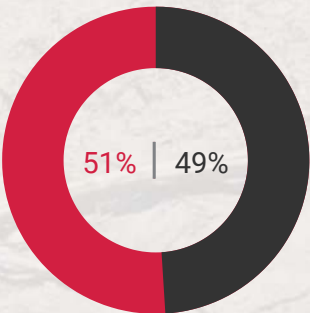
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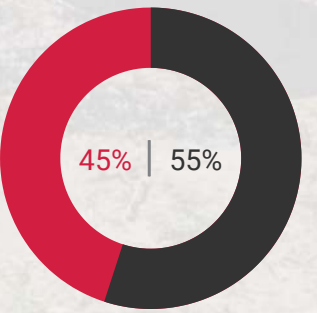
Primary



Secondary



Post-Secondary



Key Stats

Healthcare

26,252

patients (+ 9% y-o-y*)

3,477

malaria treatments (+26% y-o-y)

6,615

immunizations to children under 1
(-13% y-o-y)

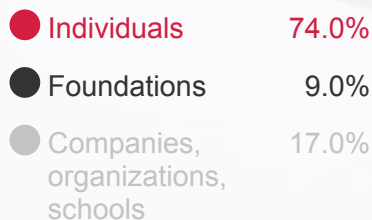
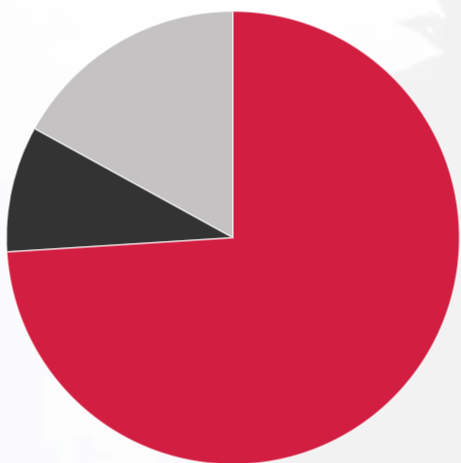
204

babies delivered (+ 10% y-o-y)

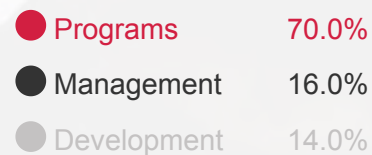
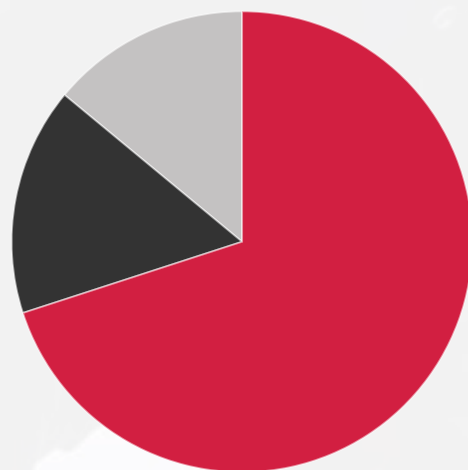
2,628

patients receiving HIV counseling
(+90% y-o-y)

Contributions



Expenses



2018 HIGHLIGHTS



Arlington Junior School (AJS) pupils participated in a regional singing competition and earned a spot at regionals by placing first in the zone, sub-county, district and regional level competitions. AJS students proceeded to the national level in the National Music Festival, emerging 10th best school in all of Uganda.

AAH Uganda launched the Better Housing Program that helps families in cementing dirt floors. 66 homes in Bududa and Namisindwa districts have been cemented. Having cement floors has been proven to greatly improve health and wellbeing. AAH Uganda's goal is to cement 120 houses annually as model homes so individuals and families can make similar home improvements on their own.



AAH started the process of expanding AJS, with the eventual goal of two classes per grade level to allow us to serve more students, while ensuring class sizes remain manageable to improve student outcomes.

Wm. J. Halley Elementary School in Fairfax County, VA has become our fifth sister school linking with Bumwalye Primary School in Bududa. The student bodies have begun to exchange letters and the teachers have exchanged supplies and methods.



2018 HIGHLIGHTS



We Love Mondays, a Broadway benefit concert for AAH raised over \$25,000! The event featured incredible performances by Tony award-winners Renée Elise Goldsberry of *Hamilton* and Nikki M. James of *Book of Mormon*, along with Kate Baldwin of *Hello Dolly!*, John Riddle of *Frozen*, the Grammy award-winning Broadway Inspirational Voices Choir, Shannon Rugani (who wrote an original song just for AAH), Stephen Brower ... the list went on! Members of the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations joined us, and the event also honored *She's the First* co-founders Tammy Tibbetts and Christen Brandt who partner with AAH to fight gender inequality in education by sponsoring female students.

Bigfoot Outdoors, Inc. generously donated 500 flashlights to the students at Matuwa Primary. The waterproof flashlights run on solar power and hand-crank capabilities, making them perfect for use in Bupoto. In a community lacking electricity, these flashlights allow students to read, study, and complete work without relying solely on the sun's hours. These portable light sources will make everyday tasks easier for the families who received one.





FROM OUR FOUNDERS

It has been 15 years since AAH began its remarkable journey when it built a school in a small village in Uganda. From our small beginnings in 2004, we are proud to say that AAH today is a major player in Eastern Uganda. The Arlington Junior School has helped overcome decades of apathy and is transforming Bududa and surrounding districts with its pedagogy and educational leadership. AAH students on secondary scholarships are leaders in their different schools. Many of those who have graduated from college and universities have returned home to work in their own communities, some as employees of AAH. Our remarkable interventions in healthcare and focus on improving the quality of life has lifted the spirits and imaginations of the local people. They see AAH as their advocate and ally that inspires them to make their lives better. They are the ones that are now pushing AAH for more educational opportunities. They are leading the efforts for the expansion of AJS, for a new secondary school in their community, and for more vocational opportunities so their kids can learn new skills and contribute to the betterment of the community. We have awakened a sleeping giant, and are confident that in just a few years, this region will take its rightful place in Uganda as a source of leaders, entrepreneurs, change-makers, and better citizens of the world. It has been our dream these last 15 years. It is exciting to see it begin to happen.

- John & Joyce Wanda

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