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Thank you for all your support in 2022

Your support last year allowed us to successfully run our education, healthcare and community development programs in Uganda. More than 1,000 students are enrolled in our primary, secondary and tertiary education programs. We are grateful to those who sponsored students in 2022, but we need more sponsors. A sponsorship allows a family to experience the joy of building a relationship with a child in Uganda while changing their lives for the better and hopefully, changing your own life too. We treated over 25,000 patients in our two clinics. Thank you for being a true partner in helping us transform one community at a time.

Congratulations to our 2022 Tertiary Graduates

AAH now has 240 students who have completed degrees, certificates or diplomas in their respective fields. Among them are Miriam Seera, our first female lawyer from the program, Godfrey Mutawo, and Robert Wandulu who all will join Joshua Wanambwa as lawyers. We are so proud of our students. Thank you to all the donors and our **partner organizations** who make all these accomplishments possible. Special congrats to the individual donors of all our students who graduated this year.



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Excellent PLE Resuts for AJS and MJS!

Great news! We're happy to report that the Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE) results are in, and all of our students at Arlington Junior School (AJS) and Matuwa Junior School (MJS) have passed! The PLE is a national exam at the end of primary school that determines who is permitted to continue on to secondary school, so it's a very important milestone. We celebrate with our staff and students on this achievement.

PLE results are ranked by grades, the best performers in Division one, followed by two, three, four, and then U and X. Countrywide, 14% of the students passed in Division one. In the Bugisu region where Arlington Junior School is located, performance was even worse. Mbale and Bududa districts had 4% in Division one, while Namisindwa, Manafwa and Sironko districts all had 3%. Bulambli district got 2% in Division one.

Both our schools did exceptionally well with AJS students scoring 90% in Division One, placing it among the top 5% of schools in the country. The other students all passed in second division. The best performing boy and girl (Nasaka Prima and Watila Lawrence), both got 6 aggregates. AJS was the best performing school in Bududa District. For AJS, this was the best result in their history.

At Matuwa Junior School, we couldn't be more proud of their performance. This was the first time students at Matuwa sat for PLE, and on their first try, 65% passed in Division one, with the rest in Division two. Best performing boys: (Wepukhulu Zack and Konza Aaron) got 8 aggregates and best girls (Nakami Teddy and Wanyenya Aisha Shepe) got 11 aggregates. All these students will move on to secondary school. Many of them will be the first in their families to go to a secondary school (High school in the US).

This great performance at both our schools is a testament to our hardworking teachers, staff, students, their supportive families, and our wonderful sponsors and supporters! Special thanks go to our partner schools here in the US - the teachers, students and parents of <u>Arlington</u> <u>Traditional School</u>, <u>Tuckahoe Elementary School</u>, <u>Nottingham Elementary School</u>, <u>Discovery</u> and <u>Silverbrook Elementary School</u> for your involvement. The Marianne and Jeremy Rusk Library completion was a big boost for our Matuwa students.

As these students move on to secondary school, many of them have no sponsors. We encourage **you to consider sponsoring a student here today**.

2022 P.7 EXAM RESULTS

100% pass rate for P.7 students at AJS and MJS



ARLINGTON JUNIOR SCHOOL DIV 1- 90% DIV 2- 10% BEST PERFORMING SCHOOL IN BUDUDA



MATUWA JUNIOR SCHOOL DIV 1- 65% DIV 2- 35% AMONG TOP SCHOOLS IN NAMISINDWA

Tax statement for 2022

We are grateful to all of you who gave in 2022. All tax statements for 2022 were mailed to your home addresses. If you did not receive yours, please let us know or you can download one from your donor **portal here**. You can **watch this video tutorial of your donor portal account** Your donor portal is where you will find all your donation history as well as letters from your sponsor. To login, simply enter your email address and click forgot your password. You will receive an email to reset your password. Your student's letters are stored in your inbox. If you have a challenge signing in, please <u>email us or call us.</u>

Come with us this year to Uganda

Sign up to participate on the many trips below. After the close of registration, you can still join but planning will proceed with the group who already registered. Plenty of seats still left on the Teacher trip, Adult and Family Trip and Working trip. Only a few slots still left on the Teen trip. If you still have questions about the trip, please reach out to the trip leader.



<u>Registration Deadline:</u> January 31st

<u>Contact a trip leader to register:</u>

Teacher Trip (3/29-4/8): elangran@marymount.edu ani@reachforuganda.org Adult and Family Trip (6/28-7/13): dick@reachforuganda.org

Teen Trip (7/17-8/5): Work Trip (7/28-8/28): john@reachforuganda.org

Secure your spot and sign up today!

More information can be found here: https://reachforuganda.org/getinvolved/trips/

Visitors in Uganda for the Dec and Jan

AAH Uganda was delighted to host our partners from the Culture Connection Project (CCP) who travelled and worked with our team in Bududa in December. The Wanda family also travelled to Uganda in December and had a wonderful time They met with various stakeholders, including staff, students and community, and with the Bududa Development Association to seek input on next steps for the program. It was the first time in 12 years for all the family to be in Uganda at the same time. On December 31, the Wandas led a group of more than 200 participants on a hike of more than 20 miles through the Mount Elgon forest from Bududa to Masaba Secondary School in Budadiri. The trip retraced John Wanda's footsteps when he walked each term to and from school and challenges he went through to get an education. John has said that the trip will now become an annual event every December 31st for those who might be interested in participating. The Wandas also visited Namisindwa to check on AAH programs there. While in Matuwa, they joined the community in celebrating Joyce Wanda's mother, Mayi Loy's 80th birthday. The occasion was graced by many friends including Bishop of Mbale; The Rt. Rev John Nandaah and retired Bishop Samwiri. Wabulakha.



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