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Teacher Trip Under way



Our volunteers on the Teacher Trip led by Marymount University Professor Dr. Elizabeth Langran have arrived in Uganda to conduct teacher training workshops for our teachers at Arlington and Matuwa Junior Schools and the outreach schools. Among the travelers are: Inga Shoenbrun and Jennifer Leach from Arlington Traditional School, Somachi Kachikwu and CJ Williams, both students at Marymount University. We thank them and wish them a successful trip. If you'd like to join a similar trip next year, email us at info@reachforuganda.org.

Shipping Books for Our Libraries





On March 12th, we organized a book-packing event to ship donated books to the new Marianne and Jeremy Rusk Library at Matuwa Junior School. We had more than 20 volunteers show up to help pack 81 boxes, containing approximately 6,000 books!! A very special appreciation to those who donated books and money to ship the books. Thank you to Arun and Bobbi-Jo Pankaj for your leadership, and our parent liaisons to Tuckahoe- Janine and Tim Hartman for coordination, and Amy Angel for

managing the logistics. We shall wait patiently for the books to arrive in three months. We could not have done it without many friends who contributed books and financial resources for this project. Additional books will be purchased in Uganda to supplement these. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Please Save the Date for Our Thank You Picnic!

Our annual picnic is a thank you event for our donors, child sponsors, and volunteers. It is also an opportunity to meet our staff and board members, as well as recently returned volunteers. Many of the 2023 Teen Trip participants and Adult and Family Trip participants will also be attending, and they will all

be interested to hear about your experiences with REACH and our Ugandan students.

Join us if you're in town on Sunday, May 21st, 5:00-8:00 PM at <u>Lyon Park Community Center</u>. We hope to see you there!

Congrats to our Recent Graduates



We congratulate our recent graduates and their sponsors who have supported them some from primary school all the way to university or Technical institutions. These brings the total number of students who have crossed that line to 250. If you would like an opportunity to start a journey with a student in need, you can <u>select a student from here and sponsor</u> and walk that journey with them. We appreciate current sponsors and partners who make the education of many of these students possible.

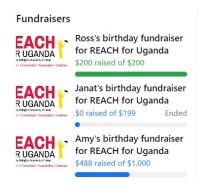
Reading Challenge Booklet

Every year a team of retired ATS teachers - Lorraine Gandy, Lois Grubb and Cynthia Margeson- create a fun themed booklet which encourages reading for our Ugandan students. The idea began 18 years ago when the teachers created a Reading Challenge to parallel the summer reading program at Arlington Traditional School. This year's theme is, "Wild About Reading." The Challenge will be used by AJS and MJS students to develop a love for reading. You can

donate towards the cost of printing these booklets. If you make a donation, please indicate that it is for the printing of the Reading Challenge.

ATS will have its 12th Used Children's Book Sale in June. Money raised from this will be used to purchase books in Uganda for our libraries. If you have any children's books that you no longer need bringing them to the REACH picnic on May 21. If you have any questions, contact Cynthia Margeson at cdmargeson@gmail.com.

Host a Fundraiser for REACH



There are many ways to support REACH for Uganda, most notably through child sponsorship. You can also host your own fundraiser by signing in your donor account or via Facebook. Have an event at work or school, invite us to speak at your next company event. We appreciate the efforts of Ross Sargent from Charlottesville, VA, Janat Kamuli from Melbourne, Australia, and Amy Angel from Fairfax, VA for their birthday fundraisers for REACH for Uganda. Please consider including

REACH on your special day.

International Women's Day



We joined the rest of the world in celebrating International Women's Day on March 8th, 2023 a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.

We embraced United Nations theme of "DigitALL": Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality". It aims to emphasize the importance of technology in bringing gender issues to light. We applaud all our girls in the AAH program from primary to tertiary and support their embrace of technology.

We applaud all women who make a difference every day in the lives of others in many ways. We lean on the shoulders of giants and we salute you all. A special shout out to **She's The First** and other partners who support what we do. You are an inspiration to all our girls.

REACH for Uganda is proud to have a focus on girls so our female students can have the resources needed to help them reach their full potential.

Your donation will make a significant impact on our girls. Your donation covers her education, mentorship, access to sanitary products, and comprehensive health and sexual education.

Donate here and Invest in our girls programming! The future is with her.

Meet REACH's new Development Director



We are pleased to announce that REACH for Uganda has hired a Development Director, Yvette Murray. She holds a degree in Sociology from Florida International University with a concentration in Global Jewish Studies. Her skillset in grant writing, research, and strategic fundraising has allowed her to successfully leverage and raise funds for programs in the fields of education, healthcare, renewable energy, technology, social services, and many more. In her free time, Yvette loves to spend

time with family, blogging, traveling, and giving back to the community. You can reach her at: yvette@reachforuganda.org.

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