

Our Dream secondary school is open!

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Hawthorne-Scribner High School opens with S1, S2, and S5 Classes!



On February 3, 2025, our new secondary school, the Hawthorne Scribner High School in Kikholo Town Council, Bududa District, opened its doors for the first time. Three grade levels - S1, S2 and S5 - are operating at this time. But the joy of parents, students, staff, and the community was electric, as they witnessed this years-long dream come to pass. Our president, Dick Burk, and his wife Carole, joined our founders John and Joyce Wanda and the entire Arlington Academy of Hope leadership team in Uganda to welcome the students as they walked into their new secondary school for the first time. The school is now fully operational. The Principal and Head of School is [Dennis Owor](#), a prominent and experienced educator from Kampala who has embraced his new role with zeal. He is supported by a team of 16 teachers and 30 non-teaching staff.

While school has started, the official opening ceremony will be held in July 2025. The REACH Board of Directors and guests from the US will join the Uganda team at that time in celebrating the accomplishments to date and launch our next phase of construction for the official opening of the school. You can learn more about the school by visiting the school website at: www.hawthorne-scribner.ac.ug or reach out to us through email at: info@hshs.ac.ug or call +256 200 946 933 or +256 787 818 047.

We thank all donors who have made this first phase of construction possible. Each and every person who has made a contribution to this school is helping the dreams of many young kids come true. Our organizational partners, including the Gupta Family Foundation, She's the First, the US Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Segal Family Foundation are very much appreciated. Above all, individual donors in the US and our Board of Directors who have given their personal support and resources, are greatly appreciated. Your contributions will be acknowledged and recognized on the buildings and special programs we have designed. **While we know that there is a long way to go, we are grateful for how far we have come. Thank you!**

Phase Two of Construction: What's next?



We are grateful for the generosity of our donors which has allowed us to start on phase two of the Hawthorne-Scribner High School, as students use the first phase buildings. The next construction phase will cover the science building, a multipurpose building, athletic facilities, as well as provide water, sanitation, and solar power capacity for the school and surrounding communities. **We have matching funds available for Phase Two of construction, and ask you to please consider supporting us. Your contribution will have double or triple the impact!**
Please click here to learn more.

There are still spots available on our upcoming trips!

Pay your deposit here and join us!

For the experience of a lifetime
TRAVEL WITH US!

Teacher Trip: April 9-April 19, 2025 (now full!)
Led by Dr. Elizabeth Langran & Dr. Nicci Dowd in partnership w/ Marymount University

Adult and Family Trip: June 28-July 13, 2025
Led by REACH President Dick Burk & Board Director Carole Burk

Teen Trip: July 10-July 30, 2025
Led by Board Director and teacher Ani Arzomanian

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION!

Take the trip of a lifetime and travel with us! Volunteer in our schools and clinics, visit some of Uganda's most iconic natural habitats, learn the culture, and go on safari. Secure your spot with a **deposit here**. We especially invite high school students, who are interested in taking the trip of a life time, to connect with our amazing board member and trip leader Ani at ani@reachforuganda.org.

Please email us for additional details on how to join the trip at info@reachforuganda.org.

Register for our Global Strides 5k on Sunday, April 13th, at Bluemont Park in Arlington, VA!



REACH
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Global Strides

5K RUN & WALK

IN SUPPORT OF REACH FOR UGANDA
Improving education, healthcare, and community development in Uganda.

**SUNDAY
APRIL 13TH**

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. PLEASE SCAN:



Starts at Bluemont Park in Arlington, VA
9:00am
REGISTRATION \$40 PER PERSON
INCLUDES T-SHIRT*, SNACKS, AND CHIP TIMING.
LATE ENTRIES AFTER APRIL 7TH WILL BE \$45
*T-SHIRT NOT GUARANTEED AFTER APRIL 1

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Come run or walk with us! **Register to participate here!**

We're excited to invite you to be a part of this year's **Global Strides 5k on Sunday, April 13, at Bluemont Park in Arlington, VA!** This event is a great opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of those we serve in rural Uganda. **This year, your support is more important than ever.**

By participating, you'll help provide life-changing opportunities in education, healthcare, and community development. Your support is truly what makes this work possible, and we can't wait to see the incredible impact we'll have together! We appreciate Ritch Viola for leading this event once again.

Let's run, walk, and make a lasting difference. Thank you for being a vital part of this mission!

Interested in **sponsoring the race** and getting the word out about your business? Please **click here to see sponsorship levels** and contact us for more information!

Donate to our Scholarship Fund for Students to attend Hawthorne-Scribner High School!



We have many students who are top performers, but who come from very needy backgrounds, and won't be able to attend high school without your support. We have created a scholarship fund to help support all of our top performers who have qualified to come to HSHS. We want to ask each and every one of you to contribute toward this cause - a small amount can help support a talented student reach their full potential. Please [learn more and donate to the scholarship fund here](#)

International Women's Day Celebrations at our new secondary school



HAWTHORNE-SCRIBNER HIGH SCHOOL

Celebrates

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

"May the seeds of empowerment blossom into a garden of success for women around the globe".

THEME: Accelerate Action

8 MARCH

Enrol Now For S.1, S.2 or S.5

REACH FOR UGANDA **ARLINGTON ACADEMY OF HOPE**

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality. Arlington Academy of Hope students in our primary and secondary schools in Uganda came together at the new secondary school, put on performances, and joined the rest of the world in celebrating International Women's

Day on March 8th with a call to increase the urgency of promoting gender equity, and women's and girls' rights.

REACH for Uganda at the United Nations



The sixty-ninth session of the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women took place at UN Headquarters in New York City from March 10-21, 2025. Part of the focus of the session was the review of challenges affecting the achievement of gender equality, and promoting rights and empowerment for all women and girls. Invited country representatives from UN member states, UN entities, and some NGO's from all regions of the world attended.

Quality education is key to empowering all girls around the world. This was one of the outcomes for the Global Girl-Led Dialogue which aims to prioritize girls' rights and emerging issues at the UN. We are continuing to look for partners to support our gender equity and girl empowerment initiatives.

It was such an honor to have our Co-Founder and Executive Director Joyce Wanda participate in this conference at the United Nations for the second year in a row. She attended in partnership with She's the First, which champions girls' rights and education around the world. Arlington Academy of Hope Uganda and **REACH for Uganda** is delighted to have championed equal representation for women and girls for over 20 years!



Marianne and Jeremy Rusk Library - making a difference.

Three years after being built, the library at Matuwa Junior school has made such a difference for the Matuwa Junior School students and surrounding communities. We are deeply indebted and grateful to the Rusk family for their continued support.



Our clinics are able to:

- Provide essential medical services
- Improve health outcomes
- Build community resilience

April is our health focus month- look out for our clinic updates!

Our Beatrice Tierney clinics in Bududa and Namisindwa districts serve over 30,000 patients each year. Our clinics are crucial for the students in our schools and the people in the surrounding communities. Stay tuned for updates coming up the entire month of April.



Letters from your sponsored students are out!

Did you receive a letter from your student? Our students are excited to send their first letter of the year to their sponsors. Please **login in here to read your student's letter** and respond from there. Please **see a video on how to write a letter to your student.**

Upcoming Events!

Date: March 19th- Nottingham
Multicultural night - Arlington VA

Date: April 9th- Marymount Teacher Trip
departure to Uganda.

Date: May 14th - Presentation to New Hope
Lutheran Church, Beaver County,
Pennsylvania

Date: June 7th - Pancake Breakfast at Lyon
Park Community Center, Arlington

Date: April 13th- 5K Global Strides at -
Bluemont Park, Arlington VA

Date: April 17th - Presentation in Oregon
City, OR

Date: May 10th - International Night ATS,
Arlington VA

Date: Oct 19- Gala- Please Save the date.
More info to follow

If you can host an event for REACH,
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