

The Mityana Charity

Dedicated to helping the people of Mityana, Uganda

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Nasanda Scovia in her workshop

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Vocational Training

As in the UK, not all our students are suited to academic study and so we have been sending some students to Gayaza Technical Institute outside Kampala now for three years. The students board there and the college seems very supportive. Two of our students who found writing too difficult to pass exams were allowed to stay on in the college kitchen for an extra year at no cost so that they could develop their skills sufficiently to earn their living in a commercial kitchen.



Matouva Ibrahim studying electrical installation



A group photo of all our Gayaza students

Scovia is doing so well that she has managed to buy a second sewing machine (we provided the first) and taken on a trainee. She has promised to take students from Gayaza Institute for work experience during holidays. Nambi Amina who is being allowed to work in the college canteen is learning to increase her skills beyond making soup.

Sponsorship renewal

It is now time to renew your sponsorship. The children are very grateful for your continued

commitment to providing help for their future. We hope you will be hearing from your child soon when the next visitors return from Mityana bringing their letters.

You will have received an email from Jenny Penfold if your child needs boarding fees for P7 or for starting secondary school. Please see fees below:

SPONSORSHIP FEES

FEES ARE STILL THE SAME FOR 2019 (AS LONG AS THE EXCHANGE RATE DOESN'T DROP ANY FURTHER!).

• **£125 A YEAR FOR PRIMARY FEES FROM NURSERY TO P7**

• **PLUS £150 FOR BOARDING FOR THOSE GOING INTO P7 SO THEY CAN CONCENTRATE ON THEIR FINAL END OF PRIMARY EXAMS.**

• **SECONDARY FEES ARE £250. FIRST YEAR SECONDARY NEED AN EXTRA £70 TO HELP SET THEM UP WITH THE EQUIPMENT THEY NEED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL.**

Pay directly

You can pay direct into our account but please do inform us when you do.

Sort code 40-47-09

Account number 41515667

Your Sponsored child

All the sponsored children value having someone who cares about them. It would be lovely if you could write a letter to yours and tell them about your family, even include a photo so they can relate to you as a person. You might also like to send a Christmas card.

Please do not send it to us! Please send to:

Name of child,
c/o Partners for Community Transformation,
PO Bo 289,
Mityana,
Uganda,
East Africa.

If you would like to give your child something for Christmas please transfer the money into our account (or by cheque payable to Mityana Charity to *Bob Riddaway, 57 Trevelyan, Bracknell Berks, RG12 8YD* saying what the money is for) by 21st November so we can transfer the money at the end of the month.

Please DO NOT send a cheque or cash to Mityana.

Some ideas for Christmas gifts:

- Over the last few years many people have given their sponsored child's family some money for Christmas so they can enjoy a meal with meat and rice rather than the monotonous daily diet of steamed plantain (a type of banana) or posho, which is maize porridge. This has been a great success for many families. Another idea is to provide a solar panel which can be installed on the roof so it is safe from thieves. A battery can then power two light bulbs. This costs £35.
- You could also provide money for clothes or shoes

Please note:

Gift Size

You could send small gifts to your sponsored child through the post to the address above but we have been asked by the committee in Mityana that they should fit into an A4 envelope, size 15x23 cm (6x9 in.) and no larger. This is because larger items incur high custom fees which cause a financial hardship to the Charity. Also, disposable cameras are not allowed as a gift to a child and will be confiscated for safeguarding reasons.

Primary Sponsors

If you wish to send money for Christmas presents please do so as soon as possible. Transfers to Mityana will sent in the first week of November and the first week of December. January is a bit late! Please send an email to Jenny Penfold (jen.penfold@virginmedia.com) and tell her

the nature of your gift. This will help us when transferring the money. Jean Ajin will be out of email contact for six weeks from 29th October, so please do not write to her.

Secondary and tertiary sponsors

As above but please inform Jo Riddaway of the nature of your gift (joriddaway@yahoo.co.uk).



Change of name for Mityana Uganda Charity

Initially the Mityana Uganda Charity (MUC) just carried out projects in

Mityana district, but now MUC's activities have expanded into the neighboring areas of Mubende, Kibogo, Kyankwanzi and Gomba. Consequently, the Ugandan government agency for NGOs advised our MUC partners that the name be changed so as to clarify the area of operation. The new name, **Partners for Community Transformation (PaCT)**, was agreed at their annual general meeting. This change has no effect on the name of the UK charity.

Human Rights and Prison Project



The skills training at Mityana Prison is progressing well and six inmates including one male have continued to learn new skills to help them earn a living once they are released from prison. The sweaters made are sold off and they earn money to buy a few necessities needed

while in prison most especially sanitary pads for women.

Child Rights Conference 2018

The two day conference, funded by Orange House, Wellington College, will be held at Kasenyi Church conference Hall. It has been publicised in the regions by a live radio talk show at Heart FM in Mubende and attended by the District chairperson Hon. Kibuuka Amooti who is also spearheading the conference. A number of other CSO and NGOs including Gloryland Children's Home, Kasaana Child Development Centre, Mubende District NGO Forum, FIDA Uganda among others have joined the organizing team.

School Debating competitions

Three debates were conducted during July with the Theme: **"Leave no Child behind for Uganda's Development"**. The schools included ; Mityana Trinity College vs Pride Secondary School, Mityana Secondary School vs St. Elizabeth Girls' School and Mityana Modern School vs Royal Giant high School.

Out of the three, Pride Secondary school, St. Elizabeth and Royal giant emerged winners. The motion for the three debates was the same stating **"Respect of Human Rights is a Precondition for Development in Uganda"**. This aimed at enabling participants appreciate the importance of human rights in regards to the development of their country. The debate at St Elizabeth girl's school was a special one as it was attended by the Regional Manager and other officials from **Uganda Human Rights Commission** who applauded PaCT's efforts to promote child rights in the region.

Thank you again Orange House for supporting these important debates.

WASH Projects by Hugh Wakeling

New Clinic at Rwamashengyero

Good progress continues to be made on the new clinic at Rwamashengyero. The main building and the latrines are now heading

towards completion. Money has been given to cover the cost of staff accommodation, and a start has been made on two staff flats.

Here is a closeup picture of the front of the Clinic:



Here is a picture of the latrines with the main clinic building in the background:



These buildings are being built with money given by some very generous people. However, at the moment we are short of money when it comes to providing the clinic with medical equipment. We also have no funds at present for furniture for the staff accommodation, and for solar panels to provide lighting in the staff accommodation. We have already started to install solar panels and lighting equipment in the main clinic building. If anyone would like to contribute to funds to help us to complete

this project we will be glad to hear from them.

Thank you so much to all of you who have contributed to our WASH (Water and Sanitation Hygiene) Fund. You make a real difference to the lives of those living in Uganda.

In the last newsletter we reported that we had completed a set of latrines at Kiyogaanyi Primary School. We are now able to report that we have completed two more sets of latrines. Here is a picture of the latrines at Namukomago Primary School:



Here is a picture of the latrines at Kibaale Health Centre:



In the last newsletter we also reported that water tanks had been provided at Kiryokya Primary School, and St Peter's Primary School Busubuzi. We are now able to report that a new tank has been provided at Nakyenyi

Secondary School with money provided by the Franciscan's Aid Fund. Here is a picture of the new water tank at Nakyenyi Secondary School:



We hope to provide further latrines and water tanks later this year, as funds allow us to do so. Thank you very much to all of you who have contributed this year and enabled us to provide clean drinking water and latrines to those in great need of them.

Training Centre Progress

Building has started!

We are delighted to show photos of the Community and Training Centre complex which has begun. Our aim is to ensure the charity is self-sustaining in Mityana with offices and hall facilities to let which will gain income and also provide courses and training facilities for our children and community to use. These are the foundations for Raglan Hall being funded by Raglan House at Wellington College.

The admin, office and resource centre is being started tomorrow. We have enough money to do the foundations but we do need money for the rest of the build.

Please help us by contributing and speaking to any businesses who might be able to help us get this finished so the charity will become self-sustaining.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mityanacharity>

You could donate:

- Bag of Cement £7
- Trip of Sand £45.00
- Bricks - Small truck £45.00
- Bricks - Big truck £85.00
- Iron bar £15.00
- Piece of Timber £5.00
- Piece of Timber (big for roofing) £10.00
- Big window £110.00
- Small Window £65.00
- Big Door £170.00
- Small Door £80.00
- Trip of concrete stones £55.00
- Iron sheet £20.00
- 1kg of nails £2.00



Fantastic Fundraisers



Congratulations to Peter Shrimpton from Mandeville Recruitment Group in Burnham and 3 friends who gallantly swam the English Channel. He raised over £2,000 towards the building of our new Community and Training centre.



He wrote: 'We completed a very rough crossing of the Channel starting at 21:30 Thursday evening - it took us 15 hrs 39 mins. Definitely the most mentally challenging event I have undertaken because of the cold water and having to get back in 4 times to swim an hour - swimming in the dark was a little scary too!'

Thank you...

To Waverley School for donating pencil cases and books bags for our children in Mityana.



To Team Jackson from NCS the Challenge for the donation of sanitary products and miniature cosmetics. They have also supplied a number of soaps, pencils, pens, rulers, pencil sharpeners and lined paper

To St Sebastian's Church for their generous contributions of £100 per month to the **Rwamashengyero** clinic project. The clinic will serve a remote part of Uganda where patients have previously had to travel up to 8Km to the nearest health facility.



Congratulations to Jean Ajin who completed a 1 km sponsored swim of 50 lengths. Jean would like to thank everyone who sponsored her in aid of the new Community and Training Centre in Mityana. **She raised over £2,000.**



Staff News from Mityana

Grace Musaasizi

It is with sadness that we write to inform you that Grace will be retiring at the end of this year. She has been the sponsorship coordinator for over 20 years and has developed the sponsorship programme in Uganda, into what it is today. She has supported our sponsored children and their families in too many ways to list here but always effectively and generously.

Initially Grace fulfilled her role as coordinator, whilst working as a physics teacher. At this stage she was a volunteer receiving no financial support from the UK. Eventually as the number of sponsored children grew she resigned her teaching post to take up the sponsorship project fulltime, as she felt it was God's work. Gradually, as we had more funds, we were able to send her a small salary but never enough to reflect everything she did. We appreciate her always generous response to the extra demands we have made on her to keep spreadsheets and keep as close a contact as possible between the children and their sponsors.

We thank her for all her hard, unstinting work over the years and wish her a happy retirement with her husband John.

Congratulations to Hajarah our sponsorship assistant on the birth of her baby boy



Combatting Malaria

Did you know that more than 200 million people worldwide contract malaria from mosquito bites. In sub-Saharan Africa, 100 million clinical cases of malaria are reported every year, resulting in almost one million deaths. Malaria has been implicated in the causation of deafness in several studies in the West Africa subregion.

Two years ago, each child was given a mosquito net but by now they will need replacing. ***Anyone wishing to raise money for this cause please contact us.***

Are you Christmas Shopping?

If you have trouble buying a gift for someone for Christmas then please look at our gift list on

http://www.mityanacharity.org/donations_gifts.php

*(Please **DO NOT** send to Penny if it's for a sponsored child but please send to Jean, Jo or Jenny with an email explanation.)*

If you are shopping online for gifts please help us raise money for us, at no extra cost to you, by signing up to [you can sign up](#) here to raise free funds via Amazon, M&S, John Lewis, Tesco and many more well-known stores



Visit to Mityana in 2019

Visiting Mityana is a wonderful experience.

It allows you to have a greater understanding of the challenges which Ugandans face in their daily lives and also the work that the Mityana Charity is carrying out in a variety of projects

There is a visit going on 26th Feb arriving back 13th March. If you are interested in joining us and visiting Mityana please contact enquiry@mityanacharity.org

Finally, a few financial reminders.....

Are you a **tax payer**? If so, please consider completing a Gift Aid form downloadable at:

mityanacharity.org/form_ga.doc

Are you a **higher tax payer**? If so you can help us, below is the HMRC guidance.

If you pay tax above the basic rate, you can claim the difference between the rate you pay and basic rate on your donation. Do this either:

- through your Self Assessment tax return.
- by asking HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to amend your tax code.

Example You donate £100 to charity - they claim Gift Aid to make your donation £125. You pay 40% tax so you can personally claim back £25.00 (£125 x 20%).

With Payroll Giving, you don't pay the difference between the higher and basic rate of tax on your donation.

Are you interested in leaving a legacy to The Mityana Charity?

For further information please see:
mityanacharity.org/donations_legacy.html

A plea from our Treasurer

CAF donations

Please email enquiry@mityanacharity.org if you donate in this way, include:

Your name
The amount
The project for which it is intended

Thank you.
Bob Riddaway

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