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WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Hello, and welcome to The Hoffman Family Foundation's newsletter: The HFF Dispatch. This is a quarterly newsletter to help keep you updated with all that the Hoffman Family Foundation is accomplishing. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for different communities, empowering women, families, and schools giving children quality education.

The Hoffman Family Foundation's vision is to leave a legacy of love, transforming lives and communities around the world.

With this newsletter, we hope to share with you the improvements we are making in other people's lives across the globe. Perhaps you'll be inspired to help in your own way or to donate for one of our causes. With your help, we can truly make a difference.





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CHANGE OF SCHEDULE

By Carrie Wingfield | Creative Director

We wanted to take a second to say **THANK YOU** to all of our amazing supporters and prayer warriors out there. None of this would be possible without you and God's everlasting love. We are so appreciative to our family and friends for sponsoring our kids, for donating their time and for keeping us in their prayers, you are helping our kids, women and community thrive in the Lord's name!

As we are sure you realized, we did not send out a Fall Newsletter last year. We are moving our schedule around this year for our newsletter release dates. This is to allow our dedicated volunteers to enjoy more time during the holidays with their families and to give the HFF team some wiggle room for launch dates, as we all know, life happens in God's time.

With that being said, our winter newsletters will now be launched at the beginning of the new year and our fall newsletters will be wrapping up the end of the year. We know these newsletters are stories about what God is doing through HFF and many of you look forward to the articles, pictures and updates that come with each one. As of right now, we will continue to print and send the newsletter but they are also always available on our website at <https://www.hoffmanfamilyfoundation.co/the-dispatch>. Thank you so much for your patience during this change and we are so excited for the future that God has in store for HFF.

Here is our tentative newsletter release schedule for 2020!

Winter 2020 Newsletter (THIS ONE!) - Issue No. 18 : January/February

Spring 2020 Newsletter - Issue No. 19: April/May

Summer 2020 Newsletter - Issue No. 20: July/August

Fall 2020 Newsletter: - Issue No. 21: October/November

Thank you again to our entire community for your unending love, support and prayers. We love you all and wishing you all God's blessing for your 2020 year.



THANK YOU!



REACH ONE

By Kelvin Belfon | US Sponsorship Coordinator

Finally, I'm back, I said to myself, while walking through the Entebbe International Airport. "I'm back in the motherland!" Even more exhilarating, I had returned to Uganda, the pearl of Africa. The long wait was officially over!

I love the nation of Uganda. The lush tropical foliage reminds me of Grenada, the land of my birth. One can enjoy an adventurous rafting trip down the Nile River or enjoy the coveted wild-life during a safari in Queen Elizabeth National Park.

The Ugandan culture is rich and flavorful, and the people, industrious, gentle, and hospitable. They will go the extra mile in service, to make their guests feel welcome. Everywhere we went, we were greeted with an intentional and genuine warmth and courtesy, which was extremely refreshing.

On day two, after settling in, Dave and I visited a small home for disabled children called Daughters of Charity. We brought food and supplies to the students and staff. Although a familiar visit, it was one filled with an array of emotions.

Over the next three days, the reality began to sink in: forty-two million people call Uganda their home! The vastness of the needs in this country can create a sense of helplessness, which can then lead to thoughts of discouragement. How great of an impact are we making? Can my giving change a country this large, with so many needs? Are we making a significant difference?

I knew the answers to these questions, but even I too had moments of struggle, in light of such harsh realities. That was until day eight, when we visited the home of a woman, who will remain anonymous. Four years ago when we first met her, she was an abused Muslim woman, living with her two daughters and one son, in a tiny dilapidated shack in the slums.

Although her voice was taken, her light was not completely snuffed out. Obviously, this woman was determined to

do better for herself and her family. I saw strength in her effervescent smile, and despite her bleak circumstances, her joy was contagious.

Now, four years later...

This woman has a new home built by the Hoffman Family Foundation. We were able to enjoy a tasty meal in her living room! She owns land, goats, and chickens, and is a proud business owner. Most importantly.....she has become a Christian who loves Jesus! I was delighted, what a testimony!

I was further impressed during a conversation with her twenty-one year old son, whom we had also met four years earlier. During our talk, he expressed his gratitude for Tami and Dave, saying, "You guys gave us hope! Thank you for caring and believing in us!" Then he continued, "Pastor Kelvin, I completed school and I'm now working full-time. I am able to support my mother and sisters. We are self-sustainable!"

God spoke to me in that moment about the sacredness of one soul. "Kelvin, in the Kingdom of God the one matters." It was reassuring. Yes, our God will leave the ninety-nine to seek out that one lost sheep (Luke 15:3-7).

What we do does matter! One soul matters.

Our prayers and giving impact the Ugandan people. We are helping to make a difference in the life of one person, one family, and one village at a time. You and I may not change 42 million Ugandan lives, but that does not diminish the overwhelming significance being made in the lives of so many precious children and families within this village. And while you may not live here, your prayers and contributions are the loving hands that help to create sustainable changes in the Kingdom.

Help ONE. Touch ONE. Love ONE. Focus on reaching ONE. Make a difference in the life of ONE person today!








FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS DELIVERED WITH LOVE

By Tami Hoffman | Executive Director

The 450 friendship bracelets were delivered for the Thanksgiving day celebration. The children waited in anticipation as each one of the children at Rays of Grace received this special gift. Specially designed with purple, orange, and white threads. PURPLE means royalty, ORANGE means sanctification, and WHITE means purity. The children felt completely loved and valued from two special girls who spent their time hand making each one with LOVE! Thank you Angelina and Allison for this beautiful gift you sent across the world.

You girls are AMAZING! *"A sweet friendship refreshes the soul."* - Proverbs 27:9



Let us be grateful to the
people who make
us happy; they are the
charming gardeners

**WHO MAKE OUR
SOULS BLOOM.**



NO MORE FENCES

By Kelvin Belfon | US Sponsorship Coordinator

One of my most memorable hobbies as a teenager was growing kitchen gardens. I enjoyed planting and nurturing a variety of vegetables, such as tomatoes, peppers, beans, carrots, lettuce, eggplant, okra, to name a few. I welcomed the challenge of implementing whatever I had learned from my agricultural science class.

My greatest concern, however, was the protection of my crops from stray dogs, goats, sheep and chickens. They were everywhere! In response to these growing threats, fences were erected around the parameters to secure my gardens.

Those experiences reminded me of how necessary fences are for the purpose of creating a boundary to protect what's valuable to us. Not only do they protect our material possessions, but they also protect human life, thereby giving us a sense of security. Fences are good!

However, during my recent trip to Uganda, I was impacted by an experience that caused me to view fences in a different light.

On this particular day, Dave and I attended the Rays of Grace Primary School's End-of-year Thanksgiving celebration, a day filled with many festivities. The students sang songs, recited poetry, and performed their traditional folk dances. Scattered throughout the 8 acre compound were over 800 people in attendance. Invited guests included dignitaries from the surrounding community, as well as government officials. Every aspect of this event was outstanding.

In the midst of such a glorious occasion, a particular image caught my attention. Looking out towards the very back of the school, there were children gathered behind the chain-linked fence. This group consisted of approximately fifteen to twenty boys and girls, ranging in age from toddler to pre-teen. Their innocent faces were pressed against the gray-wired fence in a way that remained a memorable fixture in my mind.

Naturally, these wired fences were placed there for good reasons. These fences protect the compound, including its classrooms, library, computer lab, clinic, dorms, teachers' quarters, kitchen, and much more. Robert Kiwanuka, our HFF Uganda Director has also installed cameras and 24-hour guards. More importantly, these fencing and security measures are there to protect our 450 students and staff. It's inarguable that securing these lives is of paramount importance.

As I observed these eager faces, peering from the other side, my heart was moved with compassion. Yet, it was clear that they were not just being barred by a visible fence. Instead, what prevented them from joining the Rays of Grace students was simply a lack of funds. It pained me to watch these kids, longing to be a part of all that was going on, yet unable.

Despite the fact that this kind of situation cannot be remedied by a mere removal of a physical structure, it is not at all hopeless. With the right opportunity and education, I know that any one of these children can grow up to become a nurse, doctor, teacher, pastor, or any contributing member of society. The possibilities are limitless.

What if you and I could help remove these financial 'barriers' and allow these children to experience a better opportunity? What if you and I could impact the life of one child through our prayers and our giving?

Will you consider assisting us in removing barriers that fence out families due to financial lack? Will you consider becoming a Guardian Angel Sponsor? This program helps to provide these children with food, an education, uniforms, and so much more.

Help us make a difference today.

No more fences, no more barriers!



HFF WOMEN'S
EMPOWERMENT
♀
GROUP



GOD IS SO GOOD.

By Dave Hoffman

Global Director

*Celebrating
God's
Goodness*

The first week of October, 2019 I was able to take a short trip to Uganda to visit Rays of Grace School . On this trip to Uganda I spent time with the staff of HFF, getting to know each one of them better. I was also able to meet our new partners at SBI, the construction company in Kampala that donated the Computer Lab to Rays of Grace in June. This lab is now teaching our children computer skills. SBI has been very generous to Rays of Grace School and even donated a teacher to help our children in the computer learning process. Dotan Hameiri and his team at SBI are great people and it was wonderful to be able to spend time with them getting to know exactly what they do. Thanking God for new friends like this team, and so appreciate their help. We are grateful for their partnership.

I was able to spend the next few days at the school with the teachers and children and just getting to know them better. I love this time with the children. They are so appreciative of their school, meals, uniforms and to be in community together. This is so beautiful to watch. The progress at the school is amazing. A new teachers quarter is being built. The new nursery/preschool/ kindergarten is well under construction and the new soccer field and sports complex is about ready for players. The school is definitely expanding and becoming one of the best schools in Uganda for children to live, love and learn. Rays of Grace school is now part of the local community and we are supported by the people and families that are in the area. We are here to love, serve and bless these children and this community

The teachers and staff at the school are the backbone of this operation. These teachers really care about our children and work continuously to prepare them for the next steps in education. A big "THANK YOU" to our dedicated teachers for your service, together with all the different supporters, the house mothers, cooking staff, and the administration. I am thankful that we are building a better environment for learning, loving, and being in community.

I was able to have some time with our Women's Empowerment Group. I am so proud of these ladies that are changing their families lives and also their community. The

seeds we have invested in these women are producing a HARVEST!

One of my favorite things to do in the community is to give candy to the local children in the area outside of the school. The joy you see in these children when they get a piece of candy is humbling. Most of these children live off the land and rarely get a sweet, they are beautiful children and hopefully soon we can help more of them to the opportunity of education for a better life. This is our mission here.

I later returned the last week of November to attend the Thanksgiving Day celebration. On this trip our US sponsorship coordinator, Pastor Kelvin Belfon accompanied me on this trip to be a part of this wonderful celebration. The party was held at Rays of Grace campus. It was a daylong gathering for the 450 students, their parents, grandparents, guardians, and friends. All the teachers and staff and local government officials were in attendance. We had dancing groups, speakers, music, plays and even a Kindergarten graduation. We had preachers and priest presenting the gospel and prayers for the entire group of over 750 people. It was a grand day in our beautiful community. Thank you all that participated in making this the best Thanksgiving Day celebration I have ever attended. We will continue this event in 2020 and I look forward to attending it again. The presentation of the FEAST (food) was awesome. We had three buffet lines with meats, cheese, vegetables, fruit, local dishes, and every one got plenty to eat. The event was truly a Thanksgiving holiday. It is something you must experience at least once. I would like to thank my friend Pastor Kelvin for taking his time to attend the celebration with me. Thank you to all the supporters of HFF and Rays of Grace School, we could not do this without you. I assure you that we are changing lives for the better. I always say: Be apart of the cure.... not part of the disease. With God's help we will continue our mission here in Uganda:

To Provide Love.....
To Provide Education.....
To Provide Food.....
To Provide Jobs.....
To Provide Personal Guidance.....and
To Provide Christian Principles To Live By.





**“ONLY GOD COULD HAVE SET
THIS UP SO BEAUTIFULLY!”**



DEFENDER

By Val M. | Guest Writer

You've just got to hear this song that's been on my heart!" I explained to Tami (HFF Founder) upon entering her jeep for carpooling to a recent event. "I'll warn you right now, it's eight minutes long..but well worth it!" As I proceeded to play the song "Defender" by the group Upper Room, she nodded in agreement. My excitement with the theme of its lyrics distracted me from an intention to read her newest HFF newsletter during our commute and discuss items of interest.

At the conclusion of our evening experience, as we re-enter the jeep for a return ride, I extracted the newsletter from my bag, along with announcement: "I'd like to sponsor a child in honor of my mom who recently passed from this life." Tami replied, "Check out the four students featured in this issue!"

As I perused the pages, searching for the children available,

the thought came to me, "A meaningful name is important."

My scan across their photos landed on the fourth and final youngster pictured: SANDRA—my mom's name!

It was at this juncture Tami mentioned how our mutual friend who had first introduce the two of us is also named Sandra!—and that same Sandra had pulled Tami aside during our event tonight with a special gift for a sweet lady in Uganda and her daughter's name is Sandra!

We marveled at the convergence of all 4 "SANDRA'S".....which prompted me to google the meaning of this lovely name. Imagine our surprise to discover it means "DEFENDER" the title of that song I eagerly shared upon entering the jeep!!

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HOW TO BECOME A

GUARDIAN ANGEL

What is the Guardian Angel Program?

The Guardian Angel Program was designed to help local Ugandan parents provide a more safer, happier, healthier and purposeful life for their children. We believe that together, we can make a difference in the future generations one child at a time. Through the Guardian Angel Program individuals, can make a personal and lifetime impact in one our amazing need-based Rays of Grace children. For just \$50.00 a month, sponsors can help our dream-seeking children pay for their education, boarding, school uniform, food, counseling, and any hygiene or medical needs.

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CHILDREN
At Rays of Grace

254

 Boys

205

 Girls

ONLY 32

CHILDREN
Are Sponsored

What is covered through your monthly donation?

- A safe, happier, and healthier environment where children can spread their wings and soar
- An robust educational curriculum which includes reading and writing skills, arts, drama, music, counseling, and sporting activities such as netball and soccer
- School uniform
- A faith-based Christian classes
- Well-balanced meals are covered Monday through Friday
- A clinic and full-time nurse to care for the medical needs of the children
- A dormitory facility for those children who live far distances
- Transportation to and from events in our HFF bus mobile



What is unique about the Guardian Angel Program?

100% of your donation goes directly towards your sponsor child

Your \$50.00 per month contribution goes directly and specifically to your child's needs.

There's no administrative fees, or any other miscellaneous costs that are deducted from your contribution.

Live interaction with your child

Communicate with your child via Zoom at least twice per year!

Written words are good but seeing the beautiful smiling face of your sponsor child is absolutely priceless and adorable.

We continue to work hard in the improvement of technology through the recent construction of our computer lab.

Fully staffed Ugandan team

Our staff in Uganda is comprised of local Ugandan natives.

We don't intend to hire teachers or staff members from the Western-World.

We believe Ugandans are best to know the conditions and needs of their own people.

Long-term sustainable community impact

When a child is sponsored, the family and ultimately the community are empowered.

We help families build stable homes, start sustainable businesses and help feed their children.

We want to empower men and women to provide for their own families.

The goal is to not give people a hand-out but rather a hand up.

Our desire is to encourage a healthy patriotism, independence, self-reliance and sustainability.

We are a non-profit

All donations are tax-deductable.

We are a 501(c)(3) Non-profit Organization in Golden, Colorado.

Is anyone paid a salary?

Yes, the members of our Ugandan team are paid from the resources of our generous founders.

US Team members serve as volunteers.

Become a Guardian Angel today!

If you are interested in joining our Guardian Angel Program or if you would like more information, please give us a call at:

(303) 949-0831.

BECOME ONE OF HFF's GUARDIAN ANGEL



MEET BENNAH

When I grow up I want to be a teacher!

Age: 13 Birthday: October 3rd, 2006

Bennah lives with her mother, 2 brothers, and 2 sisters. Her mother is a farm laborer but despite her efforts, it is difficult to meet the family's needs. They are growing up in a poor area in Uganda where the HIV and AIDS crisis has severely damaged the social fabric of the entire community, leaving many children without parents.

Bennah is at Rays of Grace primary school where she was given a scholarship of playing hand ball. Soon next year she is joining secondary level (high school). Bennah enjoys reading, dancing and singing. She is in satisfactory health. Your sponsorship commitment will help provide a good secondary school for Bennah after her scholarship is over with Rays of Grace.



MEET JUNIOR

Age: 4 Birthyear: 2015

Junior is a lively spirit at just 4 years old and brings so much fun and joy wherever he goes. Unfortunately his father abandoned him at a very young age and now Junior lives with his grandmother and eight other siblings in a very small and confined living arrangement.

Junior's family is suffering greatly from extreme poverty and struggles to meet their basic needs including food, shelter, and a clean living space. Because of this, Junior has missed the beginning of school several times as school is not the top priority at the moment for the family.

By sponsoring Junior, you are not only alleviating some of the pressure off the family, but you are giving Junior an amazing opportunity and future at HFF where all of his needs will be met.

Are you wanting to make a personal and lifetime impact on one of our amazing kids?

You have an amazing opportunity to become one of HFF's Guardian Angels. As a Guardian Angel, you will be supporting one of our need-based Rays of Grace kids. You will be lifting them up, helping guide them to graduation, and their personal prayer warrior. For just \$50.00 a month, you are helping our dream-seeking kids pay for schooling, boarding, clothes, food and any hygiene or medical needs in order to help them spread their wings and fly. If you are interested in joining our Guardian Angel Program or would like more information, please give us a call at (303) 949 - 0831.



MEET RITAH

When I grow up I want to be a doctor!

Age: 11 Birthdate: February 20th, 2008

Ritah is the third born of four children in her family and was abandoned by her father three years ago. She currently lives with her mother who struggles to find food and essential needs for her children.

By helping in cleaning her neighbors clothes and sometimes digging in people's gardens, Ritah's mother can sometimes get enough money to feed her kids and take care of their grandmother who is sick with cancer. Ritah has missed classes and exams several times due to failure to pay school fees.



MEET MUKASA

When I grow up, I want to be a pro-soccer player and an engineer.

Age: 10 Birthyear: 2010

Mukasa is the oldest of his five siblings at just 10 years old. Tragically, their family lost their mother while giving birth in 2018, and have been abandoned by their father. During this time, a soccer coach found Mukasa living on the streets of Kampala, homeless and forgotten. This coach took him to his home and taught him how to play soccer and was presented an opportunity to join the Rays of Grace boys soccer team in 2017.

Mukasa would so love to have a Guardian Angel family to not only walk alongside him as he grows up, but to connect with and to help him to achieve his dream of becoming a professional soccer player and an engineer.



OUR NEXT PROJECTS

CURRENT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

Our second floor Nursery/Pre-School/ Kindergarten is well on its way to completion. And the children will be transitioning to their new facility this year. We are grateful for the funding that God has blessed us with to accomplish this project.

We are now checking out equipment for the playground. This will be a fun place that will be filled with love and laughter. And maybe a few giraffes.... ??

We were also blessed with starting our project for the teachers housing. This will help facilitate our teachers with a nice place to live and be an added benefit to teaching at Rays of Grace.

OUR NEXT PROJECT: OUR NEW DORMITORY

Thank you for all of you who have graciously helped us with these projects. As you know we still have too many children that are outside of the fences. In 2016 we were able to build a dormitory which houses approximately 150 children. We are now in desperate need of building a second dormitory. We will make the first dormitory boys only and the second dormitory will be for girls.

The project is estimated at **\$125,000.**

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us to accomplish these current projects?

Our boarding children excel when living on campus. They come to school each day, they have a daily shower, they have three healthy meals, and a soft bed at night to sleep.

I have found that helping others is one of the simplest ways of finding joy and fulfillment. Life doesn't get better than this.



*The Hoffman Family Foundation's Vision is to leave a legacy of love,
transforming lives and communities around the world.*

Hoffman Family Foundation Mail-In Donation Form

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- ☐ Please find enclosed check as my donation to Hoffman Family Foundation
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WHERE I AM **TODAY** IS
PREPARING ME FOR WHERE
GOD WILL TAKE ME
TOMORROW.

I KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN
FORMED WITH A **PURPOSE.**

TODAY, I WILL
ENJOY MY JOURNEY.



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