

2019 AMAZING LOVE SCHOOL PROJECT

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THE TIME HAS COME

So much has taken place at Amazing Love School so far! We are excited to inform you of new developments, as well as the things that we hope to accomplish in 2019!

CHARACTER EDUCATION SUPPORT

Since school was not yet in session when we arrived, we focused on planning programs that would enhance Character Education, one of the key programs we emphasize that improves student learning. We met with our partners who have had a great impact in schools in Uganda and the communities. Over ten schools in the sub-county participated in the two-day training to introduce this program in each school, and also received resources to support Character Education through each individual student. We met in the school library, which opened up an exploration of partnership in the use of the library at Amazing Love School!

EDUCATION

We spent much time preparing our Grade 7 students for their 2018 National Examinations. **The exam results came back in mid-January with 25 in Division two and one in Division three.** This was an improvement from last year, and we are excited about the progress that is being made in our quality of education.



Renovated
Kindergarten
class



THE SECOND SUCCESSFUL TASTE OF AFRICA FUNDRAISER

We thank the Board members, a great team that is highly motivated and committed and worked hard to make the fundraiser a great success. We also thank everyone who donated, sponsored, performed and/or attended the event. We are very thankful for your support.

LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGICAL UPDATES

In January, we had the pleasure of having Gloria Mallory along with Sarah Lamb, come and volunteer their time with us at the school. Sarah is with us for three months. During the three weeks that Gloria was with us, she helped create a database of the 5000+ books that are in our school library.

She also brought over some remaining laptops donated by one of James' connections, and began training teachers and students on how to use them. This knowledge of computers will brighten the students' future career paths!

OUR SHIPMENT

We received only 20 boxes of books just before Christmas. The rest of the shipment is in Kenya pending payment of taxes. We hope to get them in March.

Unique Senior Citizen Demonstrates Amazing Love!

Mr. Alfred Driedger converted 10 electric, industrial sewing machines into manual ones. He also made and donated 50 slates that we use as writing boards in the kindergarten! Thank you very much Alfred! The slates arrived in the school but the sewing machines have yet to be delivered.

"An Investment in Knowledge Pays the Best Interest" – Benjamin Franklin



Parental Engagement



Board Meeting (and Sarah)



Learning in the Library



Solar in the Library

ALDO BOARD

CHANGE OF THE GUARDS

We want to thank Sheilagh Clifton so much for all the work she did as Board President. Thank you Sheilagh for the tireless effort and sacrifice you made leading ALDO Board. We also welcome Shyam Ranganathan as our new Board President and we look forward to the progress we shall continue making.

We just want to reiterate the importance of the work of the board in ensuring the sustainable development of the Amazing Love School. Shyam has identified the priorities for the board to pursue reproduced below:

The strategic plan for the years 2019 to 2024

- Raise funds to complete the remaining construction of the much needed physical infrastructure such as classrooms and teachers' quarters.
- Raise funds for building boarding facilities for students coming from long distances
- Establish a sustained school feeding program helping in the alleviation of hunger and malnutrition among vulnerable children.
- Install solar power to supply power as there is no other power infrastructure in the region.
- Establish total accountability of funds raised and continuously be efficient in fiscal management.
- Hire qualified teachers and retain teaching talent, provide teacher accommodation and at least one meal a day.

The above reflect the goals we have been pursuing and continue to pursue.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are also pleased to announce that we have had two new members join the ALDO board.

Daniel Raffi C.A.

Daniel has a background in accounting and business, and works at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), where he audits financial statements and has a clientele composed of 40% non-profit organizations. He has experience with financial analysis and budgeting, and is interested and passionate about contributing to the ALDO board and helping to further the education of the children in the school.

Tunde Igli MBA, CPA, CMA.

Tunde grew up in a small Hungarian village in Romania, where there was no running water, and no electricity in the afternoons. After learning about Africa in grade 4, she immediately knew that she wanted to visit it. She met Phoebe while working at the Ministry of Finance, and brings her business, organization, and managerial experience to the board. She is a certified Public Accountant (CPA), and a Certified Management Accountant (CMA), and holds a Masters of Business Administration degree.

PAST AND FUTURE DONATIONS

REPAIR AND CONSTRUCTION

- We repaired the floor of the kindergarten section and painted the inside of the classroom. We installed two permanent chalkboards as well.
- We completed a Guest House to accommodate our volunteers. This will enable volunteers to stay directly in the school compound where they are safe and close by.
- The girls' dormitory, bathrooms and pit latrines have been completed. It has 30 beds and the grade seven girls and a few from other grades have already occupied some of the beds. This is important, as staying at the school allows them to focus and prepare for their National Examinations.
- We completed the construction of the teachers' accommodation. We are remaining with completing the pit latrines and bathrooms for the teachers. Work was delayed because the teachers had not yet harvested their crops from the land allocated for that purpose.

THERE IS MORE WORK YET TO BE DONE...

The school fence construction is underway. This is part of the official requirements for the school operation. The fence has a gate with an attached school canteen and security guard unit.

One of our greatest desire is to complete the storeyed building (\$150,000) that will provide space for offices, staffroom, a dormitory for boys, a computer room, and additional classrooms. This space is much needed as the school continues to expand in terms of staff and students.

PLANTING TREES AS A LIVE FENCE

With the help of four students who had just completed their national exams, we planted 100 pine trees, 100 fence shrubs, 200 decorative shrubs, four mango trees, two avocado seeds and some flowers. Unfortunately the drought destroyed many of the plants but we plan to replant as soon as the rainfall season starts. We are also hoping to start a vegetable garden.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Oshawa Community Church	\$20,867 designated	Accommodation, bibles
Lynn Gittens: Grove School	Laptops	Books
ETFO Humanity Fund	\$16,000 designated	Library solar & furniture
Rotary Club of Ajax	\$2,000	Shipping books
Alfred Driedger	10 Sewing machines, 50 writing boards	
High School Scholarships	\$4,500	Sheilagh & Shawn, Lydia & Ron, Yan Dai
Primary School sponsorship	\$100	Sarah Mugabi
Teacher Sponsorship	1,800	Barbara Ross (2018)
Teacher sponsorship	400 per month	Prince and Shyam (2019)
Yard Sale	\$1,018	Gilma and David Simon
Cork money	\$632	Clare Izard

*In addition to the donations above from organizations, sponsorships, scholarships and events, we are unable to list **all the generous financial and donations in kind (books, school supplies, teaching aids, clothes, ball etc.). Thank you all for your generous donations.***



Teacher Professional Day



Gloria and Jessica in the Library



Jessica, our Librarian



Students Borrowing Books

“Change is the End Result of All True Learning”

Leo Buscaglia

2018-2019 VOLUNTEERS TO AMAZING LOVE SCHOOL

- Sarah Lamb will spend three months at the school.
- Gloria Mallory was with us for three weeks in January
- Lydia and Ron Mahadeo spent two days painting part of the guest house.
- Karen and Steve Jealous will be arriving in July.

We hope many more people will make it to the Amazing Love School.

EMPHASIS ON READING COMPREHENSION

Sarah has brought a new emphasis on reading comprehension to the school. This has great value for the students, as many of them read, but have trouble understanding what they are reading. She did a workshop with the teachers to help them incorporate more interactive teaching methods that will increase the children's level of comprehension and learning. She has already made a huge difference in the learning environment.

A TASTE OF AFRICA DINNER FUNDRAISER

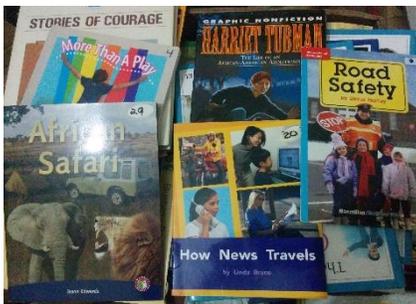
October 20, 2018

It was a GREAT SUCCESS! People enjoyed an evening of amazing authentic African dinner, entertainment, raffles and silent auction. Our guests bid on African fabric, crafts, artwork and many more to support the children of Amazing Love School

The Breakdown of the Finances to Run the Fundraiser

Item	Dollar Amount
Donations	\$10,600
Ticket sales	\$3,900
Silent Auction	\$819
50/50	\$100
Cost Incurred	\$1,771.75
Net income	\$14,247.25

You generously collected \$14, 247 through this fundraising drive! Thank you so much.



Reading Resources



New Dormitory+ Units



Gloria preparing laptops



Kindergarten class



Gate under construction



Fencing



Teacher Workshop



Slates for Kindergarten



Lydia and Ron painting



Newly Painted Classroom Building



Guest House

ALDO is a non-profit organization operating under the umbrella of the **Uganda Relief and Development Organization**. A tax receipt will be issued for any amounts of **\$10** and above.

Amazing Love School

A School where children attend regularly, learn effectively and complete successfully.

Vision:

Excellence through Education, Training and Leadership

Mission:

Inspire students to excel in their academics, social and spiritual development

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