

2020 AMAZING LOVE SCHOOL PROJECT

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**Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah and a
very Merry Christmas to you all and
Best wishes for 2021**

*“The way things are right now is not the way they will
be forever. It is just a season in our lives. “*

We want to extend our appreciation for the variety of ways your support helps us provide the students at the Amazing Love School with opportunity to continue with their studies. Without your help, we could not have accomplished as much as we have, especially with the demands of the pandemic. Thank you so much.

ALDO BOARD

In late October 2020, the ALDO Board hosted a Virtual Taste of Africa via Zoom that showcased African cooking, updates from our Board President and school founders along with videos of our teachers and students. We received overwhelming encouraging feedback regarding this event.

Overall, attendees enjoyed hearing directly from the teachers and students. Many of our supporters have never had the opportunity to travel to Uganda to meet the children in person, so having the opportunity to hear the children’s concerns about the pandemic and thoughts on their education was very much appreciated. We are incredibly appreciative of the funds raised, which came to just over \$11,000.



STRATEGIC PLAN

Our 5-year Strategic Plan was drafted and finalized this fall. This plan outlines our goal to continue to expand access to quality education, training, and leadership skills to the children of Nakyere and surrounding villages in Namutumba District to help them achieve their full potential. Additionally, we will continue to provide access to school and hands-on skills training to children who would otherwise go without, due to harsh living conditions.

This plan has been carefully crafted to identify gaps in the sustainability of not only the school and our academic achievement as a student body, but also of the village. We have researched, outlined, and approved special projects to improve outcomes for the children and families in the village. Some of these projects are already underway, like our rabbit farm, which will teach the children about raising livestock, and provide the children with meat for consumption and for sale.

OUR OWN EXAM CENTRE

We are happy to report that Amazing Love School was granted the status of an Examination Center. Our children will take their 2021 exams from the school.

“Education is a powerful “vaccine” against the pandemics of
poverty, disease and ignorance”.

OUR Grade Seven Candidate Class and Their Future Aspirations

 <p>3 Siblings Loves music</p> <p>Wants to become a Tailor</p>	 <p>6 Siblings Singing</p> <p>Wants to be a Nurse</p>	 <p>4 siblings Sciences</p> <p>Wants to become a Doctor</p>	 <p>8 Siblings Love people</p> <p>Wants to be Social Worker</p>
Godfrey age 14	Lillian age 15	Francis age 14	Purity age 12
 <p>2 Siblings Cooking</p> <p>Wants to become a chef</p>	 <p>9 Siblings Netball</p> <p>Wants to become a doctor</p>	 <p>10 siblings Loves singing</p> <p>Wants to be a Doctor or Musician</p>	 <p>9 Siblings Playing a piano</p> <p>Wants to be a Builder</p>
Oliver age 14	Proscovia age 14	Pamela age 12	Gerald age 16
 <p>7 Siblings Love the teachers</p> <p>Wants to become a nurse</p>	 <p>One sibling Loves teachers</p> <p>Wants to be a Soldier</p>	 <p>3 Siblings Loves Travelling</p> <p>Wants to be a Travel Guide</p>	 <p>4 Siblings Loves singing</p> <p>Wants to be an Accountant</p>
Mariam age 15	Agnes age 14	Maliza age 14	Prossy age 13
 <p>7 Siblings Library</p> <p>Wants to be a Doctor</p>	 <p>4 Siblings Library</p> <p>Wants to be a doctor</p>	 <p>4 Siblings Library</p> <p>Wants to be a Teacher</p>	 <p>9 Siblings Loves the teachers</p> <p>Wants to be a Teacher</p>
Victor age 13	Shalithah age 13	Jane age 14	Angela age 14
 <p>6 Siblings Reading</p> <p>Wants to be a Policewoman</p>	 <p>9 Siblings Library</p> <p>Wants to be Radio Presenter</p>	 <p>5 Siblings Loves teachers</p> <p>Wants to be a Teacher</p>	 <p>8 Siblings School environment</p> <p>Wants to be a Lawyer</p>
Sumaya age 16	Derick age 16	Peter age 19	Alex age 16

MORE ABOUT AMAZING LOVE SCHOOL AND ALDO

ALDO MEMBERSHIP

Join the ALDO Board to get involved in changing not only the lives of our students, but also the generations to come. We are reaching out to all our supporters to join the membership drive that we are introducing this year. We are better together in our effort to create a positive impact on underprivileged children with great potential. There are membership perks for joining. Membership is only \$20 per year.

OTHER VOLUNTEERS

ALDO is seeking to strengthen its Board of Directors with individuals with unique skills and experience necessary to take the organization through the next stage in its exciting development. ALDO is looking for the following skills:

- a) **Information Technology** to help with our website and online fundraising projects.
- b) **Leadership and Strategy** to help with the strategic planning and direction.
- c) **Project Management** to help with sustainable projects and capital development.
- d) **Charity Lawyer** to help with legal issues.
- e) **Public Relations, Marketing, and Administration.**

SCHOOL PROJECTS

ALDO will be engaged in income generating projects to supplement the funds raised through fundraising and the nominal contributions made by the parents. Some of the projects include:

- Goats, rabbits, and chicken
- Renting land for farming
- Constructing a granary to store grains when in season (the prices are cheaper)

SECURITY

There is no fencing around the school which makes it extremely difficult for the security personnel to ensure proper safety of school property, staff, and children. Fencing is urgently needed around the school.

CONSTRUCTION

- A perimeter wall has been constructed around the girls' dormitory to enhance security of the girls. It encloses the pit latrines and the newly constructed bathroom and the lavatory.
- The Storied building has been plastered on the outside wall and to prevent the rainwater from seeping into the foundation, the verandah around the building is being built.
- The floors, walls, and ventilation of the teachers' quarters need some maintenance work. We have also started painting their rooms after the solar installation.

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.”

Henry Adams

COVID-19 RESPONSE

COMPLETING THE STOREYED BUILDING

This building is very essential as we do not have a lot of land to expand horizontally. The second and third levels will house the administration office, girls' dormitory, and additional classrooms. With COVID-19 issues, we shall need extra classrooms to be able to practice safe distancing. Boys will be moved to the current dormitory used by girls.

COVID-19 PROGRESS

Covid-19 will go down in history as a time of great indecisiveness. Uganda grappled with the consequences of re-opening the schools. Uganda re-opened school for the candidate classes only on October 15, 2020. For Amazing Love School, this is grade seven only.

Several purchases were made including 5 foot-operated soap dispensers, liquid soap for sanitation, sanitizers, thermometers, fire extinguishers in addition to first aid and school supplies.

To reduce exposure to Covid-19, the school only allowed boarding students. All Grade 7 children, 20 in total, (six boys and 14 girls) reported back to school. ALDO organized training for the students, parents, and staff. Both students and staff were provided with masks and all the other requirements.

STAFFING

We recalled four teachers to teach Grade 7. We also recruited a part-time school nurse, school cleaners, a school bursar, a Matron and Patron, and a project administrator to manage the coordination of Covid-19 metrics with the district, manage the water well drilling, installation of solar power, construction and repair and the projects we shall be starting.

OTHER STUDENTS

Since the closure of the school, students in rural regions have missed out on school. ALDO is considering photocopying a few passages for reading, laminate them and then have the students borrow them, so that they will continue improving in their reading skills.

COMPLETION OF THE GIRLS' DORMITORY

A six-foot protective wall was constructed to create a secure and private environment around the dormitory, 5 spacious bathrooms, curtain walls and the matron's accommodation.

SOLAR POWER IN THE STAFF QUARTERS

Solar power has been installed in the entire teachers' quarters inside with security lights outside, and some rooms painted.

FEEDING

The school plans to rent additional land and use it to grow corn, beans, sweet potatoes, cassava, and vegetables. Weather permitting, this will provide the teachers and students with more nutritious meals.

THE WATER WELL

The water well will be drilled from December 17, 2020 to December 23, 2020. That will be a great relief as the village gets into the dry season.



3-storied building - work still goes on



Thermometers



Foot operated hand washing equipment



Water Vehicle passing dried up borehole

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.
Edward Everett

TEACHER SPONSORSHIPS

A teacher helps the whole classroom by giving more children an opportunity for education. ALDO's biggest challenge is the recurring monthly salaries of the teachers. The school requires parents to pay a small fee for their children's attendance, but often this fee goes unpaid. Our teachers need a living salary.

- ***Sponsor a monthly salary for one of the 15 teachers for \$200/month***

STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS

For people who prefer to sponsor and have a personal connection with the children, ALDO is introducing a student sponsorship of \$40 per month.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

In 2020, we raised the following Amounts

Virtual Taste of Africa	\$11,406
Christmas Fundraiser	\$630
Expenses (Zoom, Auction site, IT)	<u>(\$433)</u>
Net from Fundraiser	\$11,603

Sale of corks	\$1,445
Other Donations	<u>\$15,120</u>
Total for the year	<u>\$28,168</u>

We needed your generosity, and you came through for the Amazing Love School despite your own needs. Thank you very much.



2020-21 Candidates



Water well trucks at the school



Girls' Dormitory



Girls' Bathroom- work goes on



Water tank located at the gate



2020-21 Candidates



2019-2020 Candidates & teachers



Support Staff



2020-21 Candidates

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 donations of **\$20** 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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