

Amazing Love Development Organization

# Quarterly



We thank you for your dedication to the Amazing Love School community. You are touching countless number of children and families and changing destinies. Thank you!

It is said that giving is not bound by wealth, age, or reason; it is a selfless act of generosity. Thank you for your support in helping us put children in grades four to seven back in school. Each and every child in the school is valuable and we are deeply grateful for your continued support. Your gift today makes a big difference today and every day! Your support gives hope to the children. We could not do it without you.

As our supporter, you know that one of our greatest challenges is to pay teachers' salaries. A living wage is \$200 per month.

This ensures that more students get the opportunity to study. We appeal to you to continue to support our students and help them achieve their potential and an opportunity for a better life.



# **Constructions and** Infrastructure Improvement



The heavy rains had affected the walls that had not yet been plastered or painted. The original classroom block was intact while the most recent ones looked impaired. We applied colored roughcast on the walls, as an affordable way of preserving the

Most of the buildings except the storied building and guest house have the roughcast. The next phase is painting the inside of the

We also plastered the walls of the storied building and completed the verandah.

#### **ALDO Volunteer Board of Directors**

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Amazing Love School, Nakyere Uganda





# The Covid-19 Impact

Covid-19 has put tremendous stress on families, especially the most vulnerable all over the world.

In Uganda, kindergarten children and children in grades one to three have been out of school for over 15 months! Other classes have returned to school for only three months since the COVID pandemic.

Please consider helping us pay our teachers who are doing a

tremendous job to help students who have been out of school for a long time. 100% of the money donated goes to the school. Our volunteers and board members cover the operating costs. Thank you so much.



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

- Henry Adams

# A VERY URGENT NEED FOR CLASSROOMS

The social distancing requirements have left many schools unable to accommodate learners.

The classrooms that had a capacity of 40-45 students can only accommodate 15 students.

Due to the impact of Covid-19, we need five more classrooms to accommodate all the children we had in 2020.

We are concerned that the gains in enrollment and the opportunity for the students to study may be derailed by the impact of the pandemic. So far, children are returning class by class to help with classroom shortages in the whole country.

# SAVE THE DATE ALDO Virtual Fundraiser October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

This year's fundraiser will be different, but exciting. There is a lineup of creative, fun-filled, engaging presentations and demonstrations.

We will introduce you to some of our students from Amazing Love School and let you heat their stories. You peruse a silent auction, watch authentic African dancers, music and much more...

Please save the date, encourage your friends to participate, donate and support this worthy cause.

# **Our Sponsors**

#### **Clare Izard**

I have been supporting the Amazing Love School for the past few years now because I believe wholeheartedly in the power of education and specifically educating young girls. As a mom, I make sure that my young boys know that education is important and that they must never take their education for granted.

It means a lot to me to be able to help fund the school and its teachers, through personal donations and fundraising efforts, so that the education of the children at the Amazing Love School can continue. I enjoy hearing and seeing updates about the school and seeing the smiling faces of the students and teachers.

I highly respect Phoebe and James for their dedication to making the school a success. I believe in their kind hearts and generosity, and it makes me feel good to be a part of such an amazing project.

### Michelle Lewis & Craig Blackwood

Our family became involved in the Amazing Love School over a decade ago. Since that time, our understanding of grassroots education and its impact on the well-being of these students has grown. We believe that education is the most crucial step to reducing poverty and improving the lives of children, girls in particular. Educated young people have more skills and knowledge to increase their opportunities, grow their income and break down the inter-generational effects of poverty.

We try to impress upon our own family the importance of education, not only for themselves, but also for other children who may not be as fortunate. Through collecting books and supplies, making reusable menstrual products, and regular





monthly financial contributions, we hope to have taught our children the importance of service work and improving outcomes for others – even halfway around the world.

Through the Amazing Love School, we have been able to have close

relationships with the organization and its leadership, which gives us the opportunity to see a real connection between our giving and on-the-ground results for these children. We hope our contributions have made even a small difference in the lives of these children.



#### Our volunteers

#### Ricardo Fiorini

The Grant Writing committee has been extremely fortunate to work under the direction of one of ALDO's dedicated supporters, Ricardo Fiorini. We are pleased to report that we drafted our first ever grant proposal for the kindergarten redesign and submitted it at the end of May under Ricardo's guidance.

#### Mai Ito

A 2<sup>nd</sup> year student in the International Development and Political Science at McGill University. Mai passionately desires to contribute to the betterment of society through innovation.

Mai is from Japan but studied in Switzerland for almost a decade. Mai redesigned our newsletter and has written plays, and social study program for the children.

#### Eirini Triantafillou

Eirini is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergrad at Carleton University, studying International Relations with a specialization in Law and Social Justice.

Eirini is passionate about International Studies and has made the Dean's list at Carleton University. Eirini speaks three languages.

Eirini has designed our fundraiser flyer and is helping us prepare for our virtual fundraiser scheduled for October 23, 2021.

# **Our Projects**

The rabbits and goat project is progressing well. We have 23 rabbits and three goats. We rented land and have planted beans, corn, and a variety of grass for the animals.

Machinery is usually used at the clearing stage only; the rest is labor-intensive. Children in school are enjoying attending to the animals.





# Teacher and student sponsorship

A teacher is integral to the functioning of the classroom and the child's learning. He/she opens the door of opportunity to our students' education. ALDO's biggest challenge is the recurring monthly salaries for teachers. The families of the children are asked to pay a small fee for the children's attendance, which often goes unpaid.

Sponsor a teacher's monthly salary for one of our 15 teachers for \$200 / month.

For people who prefer to sponsor and have a personal connection with one of our students, ALDO is introducing a Student Sponsorship program. Please reach out if you are interested.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

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 donation 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