



Amazing Love Development Organization



“Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.” John Wooden

We hope you and your family are doing well and have had a good Summer.

Schools in Uganda are still in lockdown. For our students, being out of school not only leads to learning loss, but increases mental distress, missed school-based meals and potential abuse. Remote learning is out of reach for our students.

Many of these students have overcome tremendous obstacles to be in school: walking long distances to school, pressure to work to support family, lack of funds to pay for school fees, health and nutrition and overall poor-quality environment. 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.

Helping students catch up on their learning, post Covid-19 school closures, is our priority. It will take a great effort to bring the children up to speed. We very much appreciate your support and encouragement especially during this challenging season. Your work of love is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE
ALDO Virtual Fundraiser
Saturday October 23, 2021.

A reprise of last year's successful virtual fundraiser will be held on **Saturday October 23, 2021**, to enable Amazing Love School to operate unhindered.

It is in this light that we appeal to your generosity through your presence at the event and/or donations.

The **virtual program** will entertain you with **African culture - music, dances, and culinary demo of an iconic dish, as well as a silent auction**. You will also meet some of the students and teachers who will give you school updates.

Please encourage your friends and family members to participate, donate and support this worthy cause.



Recent Construction and Infrastructure Improvement

We have started the construction of the second level using the \$20,000 donated by ETFO. We still need an **additional \$30,000** to complete the construction of the second level classrooms to accommodate the increasing student population. In addition, the classrooms that had a capacity of 40-45 students can only accommodate 15 students due to COVID-19 social distancing measures.

For the existing structures, we had to fix the walls due to the damage caused by the heavy rains and flooding. Plastering and roughcasting were done as an affordable and effective way of preserving the walls. We also painted some of the buildings not painted before.

Please donate to help us construct extra classrooms for these students. Each classroom costs \$10,000 to construct. Thanks for your support.



New Sub- Committees

Programs Sub-Committee

This sub-committee will focus on activities that affect the school community directly. Three programs are currently being undertaken:

- ◆ A cultural education-based correspondence project that has run for the past years between the Amazing Love students and elementary schools in Ontario.
- ◆ The garden and animal rearing project to teach children about raising rabbits and goats, and provide a future source of sustenance to the school, and
- ◆ An outreach project that sees Gr 3 and Gr 6 students going into the community to educate parents about hygiene practices and causes of diseases.

Future programs include having guest teachers conduct:

- ◆ Virtual mini-cultural education sessions to help children learn about other countries.
- ◆ Lessons about Ugandan and North American heritage through dance or drama, and
- ◆ Ideas to enable teachers to strengthen their skills in teaching and improve their welfare.

Fundraising Sub-Committee

This sub-committee is responsible for raising funds needed to run the school programs. They:

- ◆ Develop an annual calendar for the committee's activities, including critical dates, milestones and required board actions.
- ◆ Plan the logistics of the campaigns, publicize, and conduct fundraising activities
- ◆ Report progress toward fundraising goals to the Board and review the effectiveness and success of campaigns once they conclude, and
- ◆ Maintain ongoing relationship with sponsors, donors, volunteers, and supporters.

Grant Writing Sub-Committee

This sub-committee drafted the first ever grant proposal in May, although the response was not favorable. ALDO has had many changes over the years, but the future we are facing, with ever-increasing enrollment and attendance, means we need to expand. The Board is hopeful that this effort, and future effort of this, will result in big changes for the children of Amazing Love School. We are still waiting for our charitable status to apply for other grants.

Celebrating 15 Years of Making a Difference

Looking back at our 15-year timeline, ALDO has made such a big difference in students' lives.

<p>2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Borehole / Water Well • Goat And Rabbit Project • Infrastructure Improvement <p>2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Virtual Taste of Africa Fundraiser • School Examination Center Status • Five-Year Strategic Plan <p>2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six volunteers from Canada • Added 7 buildings • Final Official School Certification <p>2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Taste of Africa Fundraiser • Teachers' Accommodation • ALDO Board Expansion <p>2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Stakeholder Engagement • First Candidate Class - National Exams • First Canada-Uganda Student Engagement <p>2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oshawa Community Fundraiser • Science And Social Studies Exhibition • 16 Laptops for the School 	<p>2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started Work on the Storied Building • Hired Qualified Teachers • Installed Playground with Swings • First Borehole (dried up in 2019) <p>2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed the 4-Classroom Building • Started Reading and Literacy Classes • Increased Enrollment to 340 <p>2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Site for the Elementary School • Enrollment Increased to 185 • Opened School Bank Account <p>2008</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation for the First Classrooms • Eight Visitors from the United Kingdom • Enrollment Increased to 105 <p>2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed the Multipurpose Building • First Kindergarten in the Village • Started with 46 Children • Two Teachers and Six Board Members
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