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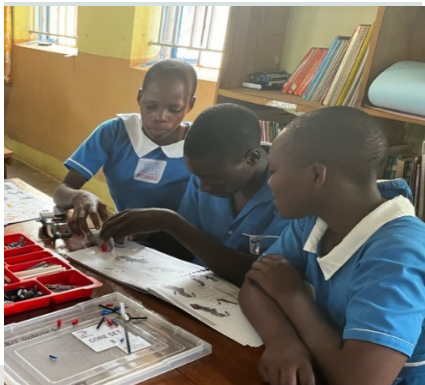
Education Leadership Training

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Hello again Amazing Love friends and supporters. As February leaves us, we can't help but turn our minds to a return to outdoor activities. For the children of the Amazing Love School, spring means the beginning of the rainy season (March until May). But this year, spring also brings with it new opportunities for our students.

In our September 2022 newsletter, we told you about two Ontario high school teachers, Michelle Massaro and Sara Hansen, (founders of Just Cause Education Outreach) who visited the school to educate the students on the wonderful world of robotics. They spent two days teaching the students how to assemble and then program robots using coding. Despite these skills being new concepts to the students, they caught on immediately. Later this month, a team of 10 senior students, aged 11-14, will travel to Jinja, Uganda to compete in a robotics competition. We wish them well! Stay tuned for our summer newsletter to learn how they did.



National exams

Last November, 19 grade seven students completed their Uganda Primary Leaving Examinations. We are very proud to report that not only did all of them pass, but 3 of them passed in the top mark category (equivalent to an A or A+ here in Canada) while 15 passed in the B to B+ range and 1 passed in the C to C+ range. From here, these students are eligible to continue their education in the secondary schools.

Holiday Feeding Program

Everyone at ALDO wants to thank you for helping the children with food during the holidays. The program ran between December 15, 2022 and January 29, 2023 and provided a daily meal to an average of 80 children per day. We had days when there were more than 100 children plus participating staff members. The response to the program even enabled us to provide a special Christmas meal to the children. (Pictures on pg. 3)





Updates from the Board ...

ALDO is always seeking partnerships with other organizations to bring improvements and additions to the infrastructure of the school. We currently need to upgrade our kindergarten space, provide curriculum text books to the elementary classes and stock the library with novels to support readers of all ages. To this end, the Grant Writing Committee has submitted various applications to donor organizations. Our applications are under review and we have been asked by one organization to give an in-person presentation to their membership in the spring. If you know of any organizations that support charities like ours, please reach out. Additionally, we are pleased to have the support of a talented volunteer with creating a list of potential upcoming opportunities.

The Fundraising Committee met in January to fix the date for our annual fundraising event for 2023. It will take place on **Saturday, October 28, 2023**. We will inform you at a later date of the nature of the event (person or virtual).

ALDO Nomination committee is in the process of reviewing the Volunteer Strategic Plan for 2023-2025. Various volunteer position descriptions are being developed and these positions will be advertised soon.

Thank you so much for your generous donations that support the work at Amazing Love School.

To Make a donation:

If you wish to make a year end donation to support our students, staff, additional dorms, and programs:

You can donate by E-transfer to: amazinglovedevelopment@gmail.com or using Pay-Pal on our website: Amazing Love Development Organization

Volunteers:

If you have grant writing skills and would like to help, please reach out to us and help us at sheilagh.clifton@amazinglovedevelopment.org

If you would like to join the ALDO board or volunteer in other capacities, please reach out to Sheilagh.



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We are better together

Consider joining the ALDO's Board of Directors for a rewarding opportunity to change the lives of the children of Amazing Love School. The Board's efforts improve the outcomes, not only for our students, but for generations to come by creating a positive impact on underprivileged children with great potential. ALDO is looking for **two** additional members with one (or more) of the following skills:

- ◆ **Information Technology** to help with our website and online fundraising projects.
- ◆ **Leadership and Strategy** to help with the strategic planning and direction.
- ◆ **Charity Lawyer** to help with legal issues.

ALDO Volunteer Board of Directors

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