



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Congratulations to Our **New Graduates** 

Graduates Scholarship

Our Volunteers

**New Board Members** 



## **Our President's Note**

Welcome to spring. Warmer temperatures mean the arrival of flowers, no more layering when heading outdoors and new beginnings. Here at Amazing Love Development, we are also in the midst of many new beginnings. Our grant writing efforts are now reaping the rewards, due to the generosity from our donors. Thank you.

Keep reading to learn about what's kept us busy in the later part of 2023 and what we hope to accomplish in 2024:

- our achievements and volunteer activities
- new board members who bring special talents to the organization.
- a very successful holiday feeding program.
- a new boarding facility for our female students.
- a spring make-over of our newsletter by a new board member.





Sheilagh Clifton



# WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS

Amazing Love School has 400 young boys and girls receiving education, training, and care that empowers them to thrive. We know some of our graduates have completed higher learning and/or are gainfully employed.

Our mission to provide quality education to students is only possible with the help from our generous donors. We are eternally grateful.

We thank all our supporters and donors for the great support we receive. We cannot do this work without you. We want to highlight some of the things our supporters are doing to help us.



### Clare Izard and her mum Louise have

been faithfully collecting, sorting, counting, and selling corks for over 7 years, to generate income for the school. The sale of corks has been generating almost \$1,000 a year. Thanks Clare and Louise for your continued support.



#### Gilma and David Simon

have been hosting garage sales for us over the years. We are grateful to them for opening their home, donating, and storing the items for our use.

Michelle Lewis Blackwood and her group have been making sanitary pads for girls since 2012.



These pads have helped our girls to attend school regularly. Thanks Michelle for this great service.

Many of you have done similar things to raise money to support us. Many of you have supported our holiday feeding, girls' dorm, preparing meals for the fundraiser, serving, providing silent auction items and many more. Thank you very much for all the support.

Chevonne Wint, a Gr. 5 elementary school teacher and ALDO volunteer, along with her grade five students at Immanuel Christian



School in Oshawa ran a fundraiser and raised money to buy a projector and a screen. Securing

projectors and screens

for the Amazing Love School will enhance the learning experience for the students there. We thank them for their creativity.



**Fahim Rezwana** is volunteering for our Google Ads update and maintenance. Fahim is a freelance digital Marketer and QA analyst.



**Cora Ho Ka Yeung** has volunteered for the position of Data Analyst. She is helping us create an ALDO database of funders.





### **OUR ACHIEVEMENTS**



We began our year on a high note and would like to congratulate our 22 young graduates who are now embarking on their journey towards achieving their future goals. Through high school and beyond we wish them the <u>best</u> and <u>look</u> forward to what their achievements will bring.

The new term of Amazing Love School began on February 5, 2024, and will end on May 3, 2024, while the second term will start on May 27, 2024.

# **ROBOTICS**

Nothing is impossible for our children! We won again!!

Our hearts fill with pride for our young Robotics champions. The Robotics program was introduced in 2022. In 2023, our team won two trophies.

This year, our team participated in the URL Robotics Championship on March 12, 2024. They won the 2024 Line Follower Championship!



Did you know?

ALDO addresses <u>UN Sustainable Development</u> Goals 1 to 7 through the activities at the school.



Trophy won



# SCHOLARSHIP FOR OUR GRADUATES



In honour of two past board members who recently left ALDO, Prince Ghoddoussi & Shyam Ranganathan, we created a scholarship in their names for our 2023 - 2027 outstanding graduates.

### The recipients:

- 1. Babirye Cissy
- 2. Nakisikwe Joanitah
- 3. Lukwagana Latifu
- 4. Kyoyagala Sandra









CONGRATULATIONS!
OUR YOUNG
GRADUATES

RECEIVED FUNDS
TO EASE THEIR JOURNEY
TO HIGH SCHOOL









# **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

ALDO is delighted and grateful to welcome our new board members to support our children at the Amazing Love School at Nakyere, Uganda.



**Devon Saunders** has worked as a public servant since 2004. He also works with the Real Estate Council of Ontario (RECO).

As a member of the Discipline and Appeals Committee, he adjudicates a plethora of discipline and appeal matters. He is a board member of a charitable organization in Durham Region, where he provides training in Conflict Resolution and Leadership skills, for youth and adults.

Devon assists with preparing grants and funding applications and assists with monitoring projects to ensure that the funders reporting requirements are met.

He has a passion for empowering people and believes that we need to teach people to fish rather than giving them a fish.



Mauricio Avila moved to Canada in 2014 as an international student, where he completed programs in Human Resources Management and Entrepreneurship. He presently resides in London, Ontario.

Mauricio learned about the important work of ALDO and the impact we make on the lives of hundreds of children, he wanted to contribute to such a beautiful cause.

Mauricio is motivated to support and guide children through developing self-confidence by teaching values, and guiding them to achieve their goals. He is completing a Data Analytics Bootcamp and is pursuing an ECBA certification.











## Holiday feeding and beyond:

VIVA church and several individuals contributed towards the holiday feeding and the special Christmas meal. We thank you for your generosity towards these children. The Feeding was a lifesaver for these children. Thank you.

The grant we received from Scotia Wealth Management of \$10,000 will feed 360 children for the first term. This, in addition to the sponsored children, will help to cover the current enrolment of 420 children in the school.

We are very grateful that all children will have food until May 20024.

# **New Boarding Facility for female students**

We received a grant of \$25,000 from the Luke 4 Foundation to construct an additional dormitory to support girls' education.

Dormitories help girls focus on their education in a supportive environment with fewer distractions and provide security to develop life skills such as time management, work ethic, and responsibility.

More girls are graduating from elementary section, and we have seen a reduction in early marriage that is detrimental to the education, health, and economic outcomes for young girls.









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### Did you know?

Uganda is named after the Buganda Kingdom that once encompassed the southern part of the country where Kampala is located.

Thank you Monica for the spring make-over of our newsletter

