

# **Quarterly Newsletter**

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#### Dear Friends and Supporters,

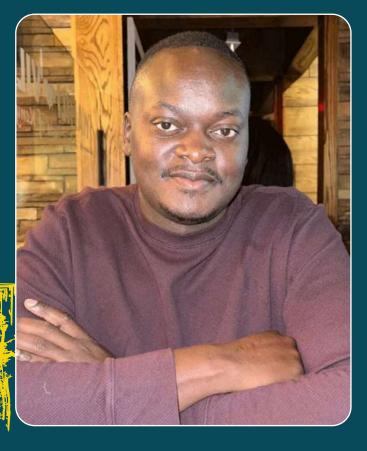
Greetings from Divine Hearts Foundation! It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to another edition of our newsletter.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support and dedication to our cause. Your generosity and commitment make a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals and communities we serve. Just last year (2023) Your generosity enabled us sponsor 33 students in primary school, 17 in secondary school, 5 in vocational school and 2 at university. Together, we are transforming challenges into opportunities, nurturing and bringing hope where it is needed most.

Your continued support is invaluable to us. It not only sustains our ongoing initiatives but also fuels our passion to expand and reach even more lives in need. As we journey forward, I encourage you to stay engaged with us, to continue giving generously, and to share in our vision of creating lasting change through education and community empowerment.

Together, we can make a meaningful impact and build a brighter future for all. Thank you once again for being a vital part of the Divine Hearts family.

Warm regards.



**Benjamin Musasizi** Founder | Visionary Divine Hearts Foundation



## Introducing Our New Website: Powered by Hostalite

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new website, a dynamic platform powered by Hostalite, renowned for its excellence in web hosting, design, and software development. This milestone marks a significant enhancement in Divine Hearts Foundation's digital presence and our ability to connect with our global community.

#### Sleek Design and User-Friendly Interface

Our new website boasts a sleek and modern design that reflects our commitment to professionalism and transparency. Designed with the user in mind, it offers intuitive navigation and easy access to information about our mission, programs, and impact. Whether you're a donor, volunteer, or community partner, navigating our site is now simpler than ever, ensuring a seamless user experience.

#### **Speed and Performance**

Speed is crucial in today's digital landscape, and our website delivers. Powered by Hostalite's cuttingedge technology, it offers lightningfast loading times and optimal performance across devices. This ensures that visitors can access information guickly and efficiently,

enhancing engagement and satisfaction.

#### **Enhanced Accessibility and Functionality**

Accessibility is a priority for us. Our new website is designed to be accessible to all users, including those with disabilities. Features such as adjustable text sizes, contrast options, and screen reader compatibility ensure that everyone can easily engage with our content and participate in our mission.

#### **Interactive Features and Engagement Tools**

We understand the importance of engagement and interaction. Our website includes robust features such as integrated donation portals, volunteer sign-up forms, and a blog to keep our community informed and inspired. Visitors can explore our stories, participate in campaigns, and share their support effortlessly, fostering a sense of belonging and collective impact.

#### Robust security protocols and Security and Reliability

Security paramount when is handling sensitive information and transactions. With Hostalite's SSI encryption, our website provides a secure environment for online donations and data handling. Visitors can trust that their information is protected, ensuring peace of mind as they support our cause.

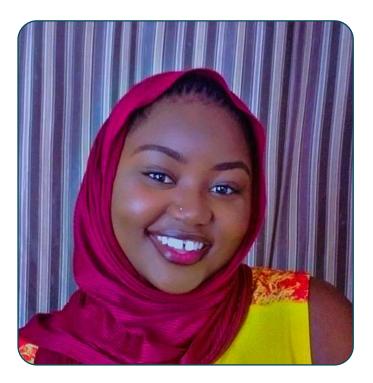
#### **Optimized for Growth and** Impact

As Divine Hearts Foundation continues to grow and evolve, our new website is poised to grow with us. Scalable and adaptable, it allows us to expand our outreach, launch new initiatives, and communicate effectively with stakeholders worldwide. This scalability ensures that we can continue making a meaningful impact in the communities we serve.

#### Join Us in Making a Difference

We invite you to explore our new website and witness firsthand how technology is empowering change at Divine Hearts Foundation. Whether you're looking to learn more about our work, get involved as a volunteer, or support us through donations, our website is your gateway to making a difference. Together, let's continue transforming lives and building a brighter future for all.

## **Empowering Lives Through Education:** My Journey with Divine Hearts Foundation



My name is Nasuna Patricia Milka, and my life journey has been deeply influenced by the transformative impact of the United Methodist Church in Uganda, Divine Hearts Foundation's educational sponsorship program, and the Hope for Africa Children's Choir.

I was born into a born-again Christian family in Uganda, where life became incredibly challenging after my father passed away when I was just six years old. With my mother struggling to provide for me and my three siblings, we were forced to stop schooling in 2006 due to financial constraints. However, providence smiled upon us when the Hope for Africa Children's Choir and Divine Hearts Foundation visited our church, Wanyange Central United Methodist Church, seeking vulnerable children in need of educational support.

Selected by the team, I was chosen to receive sponsorship and taken into a children's home supported by the Foundation and the United Methodist church in East Africa. There, beyond receiving education, I learned invaluable lessons about love and worshipping God, which shaped my personal and spiritual growth. My involvement in the Hope for Africa Children's Choir further broadened my horizons, leading me to travel to the USA to raise funds through music and poetry performances.

### **Nasuna Patricia Milka** Volunteer Divine Hearts Foundation

These efforts were fundamental in funding my educational journey. With Hope for Africa and Divine Hearts' support, I completed primary school in 2012 and attended Mt. St Henry's for my ordinary level exams. Subsequently, I pursued a nursing certificate at the International Institute of Health Sciences Jinja, graduating as an enrolled midwife. Today, I contribute to my community's wellbeing through my work at Health Plus Pharmacy as a dispenser and volunteer as a case manager at Divine Hearts Foundation.

My story is a testament to the profound impact of Hope for Africa and Divine Hearts Foundation's sponsorship initiatives. By providing not just education but also fostering personal and spiritual development, the Foundation equips individuals like me with the skills and resilience needed to break the cycle of poverty. Through their support, they have empowered me to contribute meaningfully to society and pursue my dreams.

Divine Hearts Foundation's commitment to education extends beyond academic achievement; it creates opportunities for personal growth and community development. My journey serves as a reminder of the transformative power of education and the ripple effects it can have in transforming lives and communities for the better. I am grateful for the opportunity and determined to pay it forward by helping others achieve their aspirations, just as I have been helped.

In conclusion, I invite you to partner with us in our sponsorship program, which not only changed my life but also continues to impact countless others. It illustrates the profound difference education can make in breaking barriers and fostering a brighter future for all. Given the opportunity, I aspire to further my education and become a registered nurse.

## With Gratitude: Thank You for Supporting us



## Dear First United Methodist Church, Horseheads,

My name is Azziza, and I live in Namunkanaga - Kigulu village. When I was little, my father left our family, and my mother has been working very hard on our small farm to take care of us. But it was hard to have enough food, and we couldn't pay for my school fees.

Then, Divine Hearts Foundation helped us because of your donations. Now, I can go to school again, and I am so happy! I want to be a great engineer when I grow up because I love math and science.

Thank you so much for helping me and my family. I hope you can help other children like me too. Your kindness has changed my life, and I pray that God blesses you for all the good you are doing.

With thanks, Azziza



#### Dear Ogden Baptist Church,

I am writing to you with a heart full of both sadness and gratitude. My name is Lilian, and I come from Namunkanaga - Kigulu village, where life has not always been easy. I lost my father when I was only two years old, and my mother, though she tries her best, has struggled to provide for me and my four siblings.

For two long years, I was unable to attend school because we simply couldn't afford the fees. But everything changed last year when Divine Hearts Foundation, through your generous donations, gave me the chance to return to school. It is hard to put into words how much this means to me. Because of you, I now have hope for the future and a dream to become a doctor, so I can one day treat and care for the people in my village.

Your kindness and support have brought light into my life and the lives of so many others. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to learn and grow. May God bless you abundantly for the difference you are making.

With sincere thanks and prayers, Lilian.

## **Divine Hearts Foundation Welcomes Dickson Mushabe** to Board of Directors



In a significant stride towards enhancing our impact, we are thrilled to announce the appointment of Mr. Dickson Mushabe to our Board of Directors. Mr. Mushabe will serve as Director in charge of Technology & Innovation, bringing with him a wealth of experience and leadership in the tech industry.

Mr. Mushabe is renowned as the Founder and CEO of Hostalite, a prominent Web Hosting, Design, and Software Development Company in East Africa. His expertise extends to founding Cinnamon Clubs, a Fintech company revolutionizing the automation of financial records for SACCOs, and Dolphin Fund, a digital crowdfunding and fundraising platform.

Adding to his accomplishments, Mr. Mushabe is a distinguished author, known for his bestselling business book "I am not sorry for my Mistakes," as well as the acclaimed "31 Keys to Restart your Business" and "Dear StartUP." His contributions to the business community have been recognized globally, and he holds certifications from the International Trade Centre SME Trade Academy as a Standards and Certifications Professional for ICT.

### **Dickson Mushabe** Director in charge of Technology & Innovation

Mr. Mushabe's leadership extends beyond his entrepreneurial ventures. He has served as a former Director on the Board of ICT Association of Uganda (ICTAU) and is currently a member of the Board of Directors at Makerere University Innovation and Incubation Center. He shares his expertise as a guest lecturer at Uganda Management Institute (UMI) and mentors aspiring entrepreneurs through initiatives like the Big Ideas Contest at the University of California, Berkeley. Additionally, he contributes to global dialogues as a member of the advisory council of Global Shapers, an Initiative of the World Economic Forum.

Academically, Mr. Mushabe holds a master's degree in business administration, complemented by certifications in Software Development from the University of Minnesota and Digital Marketing from the Digital Marketing Institute in Dublin, Ireland.

"I am honored and excited to join the Board of Directors at Divine Hearts Foundation," Mr. Mushabe expressed. "I believe in the transformative power of technology and innovation in advancing education and community development. Together with Divine Hearts, I am committed to leveraging my experience and network to drive impactful initiatives that empower individuals and foster sustainable change."

At Divine Hearts Foundation, we welcome Mr. Mushabe with enthusiasm, anticipating his strategic insights and visionary leadership to propel our mission forward. His appointment underscores our dedication to harnessing technology for social good and creating lasting impact in Uganda and beyond.

## Transforming Lives One Child at a Time



Helping one child at a time can truly change the world. Each child represents a spark of potential, where the impact of kindness, education, and support can ripple out far beyond that individual. When you invest in one child's future, you help build a more compassionate, educated, and empowered society. Small actions, when combined, can lead to remarkable change.

My story is living proof of how support and belief can transform a life. From humble beginnings to pursuing higher education, traveling the world to share my experiences and talents, and working to uplift my community—I stand as a true success story.

By choosing to partner with causes like Divine Hearts Foundation, you help create a ripple effect of positive change, paving the way for more success stories like mine. Please consider partnering with us; it's a deeply fulfilling journey.

#### Peter Mugga

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## Divine Hearts Foundation Welcomes Ronnie Sebakigye



We are excited to welcome Ronnie as an addition to our Washington, DC office. Ronnie is a solutions-driven expert who helps agencies use Splunk to improve cybersecurity, observability, and performance. He assists these agencies in achieving their critical goals, meeting compliance requirements, and driving digital transformation through data-driven decision-making.

Beyond his professional achievements, Ronnie is deeply passionate about promoting digital literacy and reducing poverty through education and development programs. This passion aligns perfectly with the mission of Divine Hearts Foundation, where we strive to make a positive impact in the lives of those we serve.

"Iamhonored and excited to join Divine Hearts Foundation," Ronnie shared. "I believe in the transformative power of technology and innovation in advancing education and community development. Together the rest of the team, I am committed to using my experience and network to drive impactful initiatives that empower individuals and create sustainable change."

We warmly welcome Ronnie to Divine Hearts Foundation and look forward to his strategic insights and visionary leadership. His dedication to driving digital literacy and reducing poverty aligns seamlessly with our mission. Ronnie's appointment highlights our commitment to leveraging technology for social good and creating lasting impact in Uganda and beyond.

## Update on Education Through Sponsorship: By Margaret Nalumaga



At Divine Hearts Foundation, we continue our unwavering commitment to transforming lives through education, thanks to the generous support of donors worldwide. This year, online donations have enabled us to sponsor 13 primary school students, support 9 students in secondary school, and provide essential school requirements for 2 students at Africa University.

Each sponsorship represents more than just financial assistance; it signifies a lifeline for students who would otherwise face barriers to accessing quality education. From textbooks to tuition fees, these sponsorships ensure that students have the tools they need to succeed academically and pursue their dreams.

Despite these achievements, the need for further support remains critical. Currently, 545 out of the 567 students in our database are still awaiting sponsorship. These children and young adults come from disadvantaged backgrounds, where access to education is often limited by financial constraints. By sponsoring a student, you not only change individual lives but also uplift entire communities by breaking the cycle of poverty through education. Margaret Nalumaga Sponsorship Divine Hearts Foundation

"Our mission is rooted in the belief that education is a fundamental human right," expressed Benjamin Musasizi, Founder and Visionary of Divine Hearts Foundation.

"Every donation, no matter the size, has the power to make a profound difference in the lives of these students. With continued support, we can provide more opportunities for education and empower more individuals to build a brighter future."

The impact of education sponsorship extends far beyond the classroom, empowering students to become leaders, change-makers, and pillars of their communities. It opens doors to better employment prospects, improved health outcomes, and increased social mobility, laying the foundation for sustainable development.

"We are grateful to our donors for their ongoing generosity and belief in our mission," added Benjamin. "Together, we can bridge the gap and ensure that every child in our program receives the education they deserve. As we look ahead, we urge individuals and organizations to join us in raising funds to sponsor the remaining 545 students in need."

We therefore invite individuals, businesses, and philanthropic organizations to partner with us in our mission to empower education. By sponsoring a student today, you can be a catalyst for change and help us fulfill our commitment to nurturing the next generation of leaders.

To learn more about how you can make a difference or to donate, please visit www.divineheartsfoundation.org

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## Hunger Crisis in Eastern Uganda: A Growing Concern

Eastern Uganda is grappling with a severe hunger crisis, leaving thousands of families in dire straits. The region, already vulnerable due to prolonged droughts and economic instability, has seen food insecurity reach alarming levels, further exacerbated by the long-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Recent statistics by the government of Uganda highlight the gravity of the situation:

- **42%** of households in the region are experiencing food shortages.
- **30%** of children under five are suffering from chronic malnutrition.
- **68%** of the population relies on subsistence farming, which has been severely impacted by erratic weather patterns.

#### **Causes and Impact**

Several factors contribute to the escalating hunger crisis in Eastern Uganda:

#### **Climate Change**

Prolonged droughts and unpredictable rainfall have devastated crop yields, making it challenging for subsistence farmers to produce enough food. The reliance on rain-fed agriculture has made these communities particularly vulnerable to climatic variations, leading to widespread food shortages and increased hunger.

#### **Economic Challenges**

Economic instability has further exacerbated the hunger crisis. Rising food prices and limited access to markets have made it increasingly difficult for families to afford basic necessities. The cost of staple foods such as maize, beans, and rice has skyrocketed, putting them out of reach for many low-income households. This economic strain is compounded by a lack of infrastructure, making it challenging to transport and store food efficiently.

#### **Pandemic Effects**

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted livelihoods, reduced incomes, and strained already limited resources. Lockdowns and movement restrictions hindered access to markets, further limiting the availability of food. The closure of schools also meant that many children missed out on school meals, which for some, were their only reliable source of nutrition. The pandemic's economic shockwaves continue to ripple through communities, making recovery a daunting task.

#### **Population Growth and Land Pressure**

Population growth is another critical factor contributing to the hunger crisis. The region has one of the highest population growth rates in the world, putting immense pressure on limited land and resources. As the population increases, the demand for food rises, while the availability of arable land decreases. This leads to over-cultivation and land degradation, further diminishing agricultural productivity.

#### Inadequate Government Support

Inadequate government support and policies have also played a role in the escalating hunger crisis. Insufficient investment in agriculture and rural development has left farmers without the necessary tools and resources to improve their productivity. Extension services are often underfunded and understaffed. Moreover, social safety nets and support programs are limited, leaving vulnerable households without a buffer against shocks such as crop failures or price spikes.

#### **Humanitarian Response**

Efforts are underway to mitigate the crisis, with organizations like the Divine Hearts Foundation leading the charge. The foundation is working tirelessly to provide emergency food aid, support sustainable agriculture, and promote nutritional education.

#### **Divine Hearts Foundation Initiative**

In response to the escalating hunger crisis, the Divine Hearts Foundation has launched an initiative to feed hungry families in Eastern Uganda. This program focuses on:

- Emergency Food Distribution: Providing immediate relief through the distribution of food packages to the most vulnerable households. These packages include essential items such as grains, beans, and cooking oil.
- Sustainable Agriculture Support: Offering training and resources to local farmers on climate-resilient farming techniques, enabling them to increase food production despite challenging weather conditions.
- Nutritional Education: Conducting workshops and outreach programs to educate communities about nutrition and healthy eating practices. This initiative aims to improve overall health outcomes by promoting a balanced diet.

Despite these efforts, the scale of the problem necessitates a more coordinated and sustained response from both local and international communities. Immediate and decisive action is needed to prevent further deterioration of the situation. Government agencies, NGOs, and international donors must come together to implement effective interventions and support long-term recovery efforts. The following measures are crucial:

- Emergency Food Aid: Providing immediate relief to the most affected households to prevent starvation and malnutrition.
- Support for Sustainable Agriculture: Investing in climate-resilient farming techniques and providing resources and training to farmers to enhance food production.

- Nutritional Education: Raising awareness about nutrition and promoting practices that can help improve food security and health outcomes.
- Economic Support: Implementing programs to stabilize food prices and improve market access, ensuring that families can afford basic necessities.

The hunger crisis in Eastern Uganda is a stark reminder of the urgent need for comprehensive and sustained efforts to address food insecurity. With the right support and resources, it is possible to alleviate the suffering of thousands and build a more resilient and food-secure future for the region. The Divine Hearts Foundation remains committed to leading these efforts, but the support of the global community is essential to making a lasting impact.

## The Dire Need for Clean Water in Eastern Uganda: How Divine Hearts Foundation is Making a Difference

In Uganda alone, 8 million people lack access to clean, safe drinking water. Over 70% of all diseases treated in the country stem directly from a lack of clean water or poor sanitation and hygiene techniques. This is particularly dire in the eastern regions of Uganda, where rural communities rely heavily on surface sources such as ponds, rivers, and lakes for their drinking water.

#### The Reality of Water Scarcity in Eastern Uganda

The scarcity of clean water in eastern Uganda has farreaching consequences. Many families spend hours each day traveling to distant water sources, often risking their health by drinking contaminated water. Children, especially girls, are frequently pulled out of school to help with water collection, perpetuating the cycle of poverty and limiting educational opportunities. The reliance on unsafe water sources leads to outbreaks of waterborne diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery, which strain already limited healthcare resources and result in preventable deaths.

## **Divine Hearts Foundation:** Extending God's love & bringing Hope

Amidst these challenges, the Divine Hearts Foundation is making significant strides in providing sustainable solutions to water scarcity in eastern Uganda. Founded with a mission to uplift communities through access to basic necessities, Divine Hearts Foundation has been at the forefront of efforts to drill water wells and boreholes in rural areas, ensuring that clean, safe water is accessible to all.

The foundation's initiatives are focused on Namungalwe and surrounding areas, where the need for clean water is particularly acute. By drilling water wells and boreholes, Divine Hearts Foundation is not only providing immediate relief but also promoting long-term health and well-being. These projects reduce the time and effort required to collect water, allowing children to stay in school and adults to engage in productive activities. Moreover, the availability of clean water drastically reduces the incidence of waterborne diseases, improving overall community health.

#### How You Can Help

The success of these life-saving initiatives depends on the support of individual donors. Your contribution can make a tangible difference in the lives of countless families in eastern Uganda. Here's how you can get involved:

- 1. Donate: Every dollar counts. Donations can be made directly through the Divine Hearts Foundation's website, where you can choose to support specific projects or contribute to the general fund.
- 2. Fundraise: Organize fundraising events within your community, workplace, or social networks to raise awareness and funds for the clean water projects.
- **3. Spread the Word**: Use social media platforms to share information about the water crisis in eastern Uganda and the work of Divine Hearts Foundation. The more people know, the more support we can garner.
- 4. Volunteer: If you have the skills and time, consider volunteering with Divine Hearts Foundation. Whether it's helping with administrative tasks, fundraising, or on-the-ground projects in Uganda, your efforts will be invaluable.

#### A Call to Action

The situation in eastern Uganda is urgent, but with your help, it is not insurmountable. By supporting Divine Hearts Foundation, you are contributing to a future where every person has access to clean, safe drinking water. Join us in making a lasting impact on the lives of those who need it most.



For more information and to make a donation, please visit Divine Hearts Foundation.

Together, we can turn the tide on water scarcity and build a healthier, more prosperous future for the people of eastern Uganda.



## Divine Hearts Foundation Partners with BetterWorld to Boost Fundraising Efforts

We are excited to announce our new partnership with BetterWorld, a leading platform in nonprofit fundraising. This collaboration aims to enhance our fundraising capabilities, enabling us to better support our mission of providing clean water, education, food, and healthcare to communities in Uganda.

#### **About BetterWorld**

BetterWorld offers a seamless and innovative platform for nonprofit organizations to manage and promote their fundraising campaigns. They are committed to empowering organizations to raise more funds effectively and efficiently through user-friendly tools and resources. BetterWorld ensures that all donations are used to maximize impact, making them a trusted partner for nonprofits worldwide.

#### **Support Our Mission**

We invite everyone to visit our fundraising page on BetterWorld at https://divineheartsfoundation.betterworld.org. Your contributions will directly support our initiatives, such as drilling wells for clean water, providing educational opportunities, feeding hungry families and enhancing healthcare services for the underserved communities in Uganda. Every donation, no matter the size, makes a significant impact. By contributing through our BetterWorld page, you are directly helping us bring hope and positive change to those in need. We encourage everyone to explore our campaigns, share them, and support our cause.

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#### Partnership with Google for Nonprofits

We are thrilled again to announce our new partnership with Google for Nonprofits, a collaboration that will significantly enhance our ability to serve and empower communities in Uganda. This partnership provides us with access to Google's suite of powerful tools and resources, enabling us to streamline our operations, increase our online presence, and amplify our fundraising efforts.

#### About Google for Nonprofits

Google for Nonprofits offers free access to a variety of Google products designed to help organizations like Divine Hearts Foundation reach new supporters, work more efficiently, and drive greater impact. With tools like Google Workspace, Google Ad Grants, YouTube Nonprofit Program, and Google Earth and Maps, we are better equipped to achieve our mission.

#### **Empowering Our Mission**

Through this partnership, Divine Hearts Foundation can enhance its communication, collaboration, and outreach efforts. The tools provided by Google for Nonprofits will help us:

- 1. Increase Visibility: Utilizing Google Ad Grants to promote our mission and attract more supporters.
- Enhance Communication: Using Google Workspace to streamline our internal operations and improve collaboration.
- **3. Expand Reach:** Leveraging the YouTube Nonprofit Program to share impactful stories and updates with a global audience.
- Visualize Impact: Employing Google Earth and Maps to showcase our projects and their geographical impact.

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We invite our supporters and the global community to join us in celebrating this partnership and supporting our initiatives. Visit our website at Divine Hearts Foundation to learn more about our projects and how you can get involved.

Together, we can create lasting change and build a brighter future for the communities we serve.

#### **Corporate partnership**

Our Corporate Partnership Program at Divine Hearts Foundation is designed to foster mutually beneficial relationships between our foundation and forwardthinking companies committed to making a positive social impact. By partnering with us, companies can play a crucial role in supporting our mission to uplift communities in Uganda while enhancing their own corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

One of the key benefits of this partnership is the enhanced brand image and reputation companies gain by aligning themselves with a respected nonprofit. This association showcases a company's commitment to social responsibility and community development, which can significantly improve public perception and brand loyalty. Consumers today are increasingly drawn to businesses that demonstrate a genuine concern for societal issues, and a partnership with us serves as a powerful testament to such values.

Employee engagement is another significant advantage. Offering meaningful volunteer opportunities and team building activities centered around our initiatives can boost employee morale and retention. Employees are more likely to feel proud and motivated working for a company that actively contributes to meaningful causes. This not only enhances workplace culture but also fosters a sense of purpose and belonging among staff members. Moreover, our program provides ample networking and community relations opportunities. Companies can connect with other like-minded businesses and influential community leaders, opening doors to new collaborations and business opportunities. This networking can lead to valuable partnerships and exchanges that benefit both the companies involved and the communities they aim to support.

Positive media exposure is also a notable benefit of our corporate partnership program. Partners gain recognition through our communication channels, including our website, social media, newsletters, and events. This increased visibility can enhance a company's reputation and attract more customers and partners who appreciate the company's commitment to social causes.

Finally, there are financial incentives in the form of tax benefits. Contributions to us can be tax-deductible, providing financial advantages while supporting a worthy cause. This allows companies to benefit financially while making a substantial impact on the lives of those in need.

In conclusion, our Corporate Partnership Program offers companies a unique opportunity to enhance their brand image, engage employees, build valuable networks, gain positive media exposure, and enjoy tax benefits. By partnering with us, companies can make a significant difference in the lives of Ugandan communities while advancing their own CSR goals, creating a win-win situation for all involved.

To accommodate different levels of engagement and investment, DHF offers three annual corporate partnership packages.





By becoming a corporate partner of the Divine Hearts Foundation, companies can make a tangible difference in the lives of Ugandan communities while also reaping significant business benefits. Together, we can create a better, more equitable world.



## The Enduring Legacy of Rev Dr. Patience Kisakye: A Life Rooted in Faith and Service



Today, I clearly remember that we bid farewell to a beloved servant of God, the Reverend Dr. Patience Deborah Kisakye, on 10th January 2022. Her life, marked by unwavering faith and dedicated service, left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege to know her.

#### A Life of Faith and Commitment

Rev Dr. Patience Kisakye exemplified what it means to live by faith. Her journey was one of deep spiritual commitment, where she embraced the teachings of Christ and lived them out daily. As a pastor, she touched countless lives with her caring ministry, offering solace and guidance to those in need. Her decision to embrace the cross of Calvary stood as a testament to her unwavering devotion to God.

Her faith was not just a private matter but a public testimony. Rev Dr. Kisakye believed in living out her faith in every sphere of her life, whether in the church, the community, or among her peers. She was a beacon of hope, a living example of what it means to trust in God amidst life's challenges. Her unwavering belief in God's promises provided her with the courage to lead and serve, inspiring others to deepen their own faith and commitment to the Lord. Every time we met for the first time in a while, she would burst into singing Tukutendereza Yesu (Praise be to Jesus). Her sermons were filled with wisdom and conviction, often challenging her congregation to reflect on their spiritual walk. At the graduation thanksgiving service held in Lubowa Estates for sister-in-law, she illustrated her points with four stones! She had a unique ability to connect with people, helping them to see the relevance of God's word in their daily lives. This deep and abiding faith was the foundation upon which she built her entire life's work.

#### A Legacy of Compassion and Service

Central to Rev Dr. Kisakye's legacy was her profound compassion for others. She had a heart that overflowed with love, evident in her every interaction and ministry. Whether comforting the grieving, supporting the downtrodden, or uplifting the community, she embodied Christ's love in action. Her contributions to the spiritual and social fabric of our family and community in Uganda, especially the Diocese of Lango, will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

Her compassion was not limited to words but manifested in tangible acts of service. Rev Dr. Kisakye was known for her willingness to go the extra mile to help those in need. She was actively involved in various charitable initiatives, always seeking to alleviate the burdens of the less fortunate. Her plan together with me to mobilise resources to upgrade the dispensary at Boroboro to a hospital is a testament to her dedication to improving the lives of others. To this end, I held discussion with her bishop, and humbly requested with her consent that she be transferred to the New Youk area where this is a shiping dock, and she would help to ensure that any support that we get for the hospital will be shipped for New Your to Mombasa!

This project, driven by her vision and determination, to support our people did not continue as ill health intterupted her. Who knows, only God knows. May be He will birth afresh this plan to serve our community long after her passing. Moreover, Rev Dr. Kisakye's service extended beyond her immediate community. She had a missionary heart, driven by the desire to spread the gospel beyond the borders of Uganda. Her strong conviction led her to be a missionary of the Methodist Church from Uganda to the United States, where she fostered a growing partnership in the gospel with the Diocese of Lango.

#### **Remembering Her Impact**

Rev Dr. Patience Kisakye's influence extends far beyond her earthly presence. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, service, and love that continues to inspire and guide us. Her memory will forever remain a beacon of hope and a reminder of the transformative power of God's grace Her impact was particularly felt in the area of leadership development. Rev Dr. Kisakye was passionate about equipping the next generation of Christian leaders, understanding that the future of the church depended on well-trained and spiritually mature individuals. She played a pivotal role in encouraging me to raise funds to train Master's students in the field of mission and evangelism, at Bishop Tucker School of Divinity and Theology ensuring that the church would continue to grow and thrive.

Infact, a year before she fell sick, she engaged me in many long debates on strating a University! Occasionally, we disagreed with each other on the methodology of going about such an ambitious project! Her commitment to education and mentorship has left a lasting imprint on many lives, as those she trained are now serving in various capacities around the world.

In addition to her contributions to leadership development, Rev Dr. Kisakye was a pillar of support for many in the ministry. She was known for her generous spirit, often supporting others through prayer and financial assistance. Her support was instrumental in advancing the work of the church, particularly in the Diocese of Lango. Her prayers and financial contributions enabled the ministry to flourish, allowing the church to reach more people with the gospel. Her legacy of generosity and support will continue to bear fruit as the seeds she planted grow and multiply.

#### Conclusion

A Call to Continue Her Legacy. In bidding farewell to Rev Dr. Patience Kisakye, on 10th Janyary 2022, we did so with both sorrow and joy — sorrow for the temporary separation from her physical presence, but joy in knowing that she is now eternally at home with her Lord. Let us honour her memory by continuing her work of love and service, keeping alive the values she held dear. As we honor her legacy, may we always find comfort in the knowledge that her legacy will live on in the lives she touched and the hearts she uplifted.

Rev Dr. Patience Kisakye's legacy is one that calls for action. Though she is no longer with us in body, her spirit continues to speak through the work she left behind. Whether it is through continuing the partnership between Uganda and the United States, supporting the training of future leaders, or contributing to the development of Boroboro Hospital, there are countless ways to ensure that her work lives on.

Let us be inspired by her life to pursue these initiatives with the same dedication and fervour that she did. By doing so, we not only honour

her memory but also ensure that her influence continues to shape the future. May her legacy be a lasting testimony to the power of a life lived for God.

**Bishop Alfred Olwa** Lango Diocese Church of Uganda



## **Farewell Messages**



#### Beatrice Aliba

She was the most respectful, godly woman and friend I ever met. Of she loved God and God's people. She was on a mission. I know she run a great race and rests well. Till we meet again Patience



### Barb McDowell



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Remembering my dear friend and her faithful life journey. She is greatly missed.

Karma Denise Kagoro

A dear friend and sister in Christ. Truly you are missed Rev. Dr. Patience Kisayke



Paul N Kiyemba She was one of the greatest teachers of her time. I <u>cherished her lessons and open</u> minded character. Patience was a true friend. Her prayers for others always touched hearts and awakened the spirit of the Lord. Her Christian walk was steeped in a personal prayer life and it overflowed with everyone she met. Her smile and compassion was genuine and her laugh could fill a room with the joy of the Lord. Patience had a mission to serve the Lord and served congregations as Pastor and preached biblical messages. Her heart was for her homeland and those in need. I treasure her memory and am blessed having known Patience.

#### **Barbara McDowell**



Alex Kiwanuka May her soul continue resting in power





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