YOU opened doors to brighter futures.

YOUR 2017 ANNUAL REPORT
Thank you for making 2017 another great year in Uganda. Because of you, more children worked toward their dreams through your schools. More grandmothers were empowered to care for their orphaned grandchildren. You brought your Nyaka Vocational Secondary School nearer to completion. Your clinic kept your students and grandmothers healthy. Your libraries opened up new worlds to your students and inspired the entire community. Your gravity-fed clean water systems saved lives. You have brought hope to Southwest Uganda.

When I visit home, I’m in awe of the miracle you have built. So much has changed in nearly 17 years. Nyaka was just a two-room school at the beginning. I had no idea then what you would help it become. Today, you’re reaching more than 43,000 orphaned children and more than 7,300 grandmothers in Uganda.

Every opportunity you have given them is an open door to a brighter future. As you read about the amazing accomplishments that you made possible this past year, know that every amazing triumph will be followed by more opportunities for your children and grandmothers. Your love and compassion will continue to work in their lives and in the lives of generations to come.

With Deepest Gratitude,

Twesigye Jackson Kaguri
Nyaka Founder and CEO
YOU HELP THE WHOLE CHILD

Taking a 360° approach to every obstacle your children face.

EDUCATION
You provide high quality education to your students from nursery school through university, ensuring each child has the chance to pursue the job of their dreams.

HEALTH
Every orphaned child faces their own unique obstacles to escaping poverty. Because you work through Nyaka, you are taking a 360° approach to meet every need for your children in Uganda.

You give them everything they need to succeed!

HOME
You provide safe, stable homes for your children by empowering their grandmothers with tools and training through your Grandmother Program.

COMMUNITY
When the community is safer and healthier, your students benefit too. Your two community libraries, HIV/AIDS community education, and two gravity-fed clean water systems keep the community healthy and informed.
All Primary Seven students in Uganda must take the Primary Leaving Exam (PLE), which determines if they can continue to the next level of school. Division 1 is the highest score a student can achieve.

### 2017 PLE Results for Your Primary Seven Students

- **72%** of your Primary Seven students passed their PLE with a B or higher compared to 61% of all Ugandan students.

### School Meals You Have Provided

You provided **301,160** nutritious meals to your students in 2017. That is a **16% increase** over the previous year. These meals are important to support health, growth, and development for your students.

### Girls face the most barriers to education in Uganda. You are helping keep girls in school through menstrual supplies, home supports, and enrolling more girls in your schools.

### Gender Ratio in Your Schools

Boys: **46%**

Girls: **54%**

### Your 2017 Graduates

- **100** of your students graduated to the next level of their education.
- **14** of your students graduated from vocational school or university.

### Nyaka and Kutamba Primary Schools

Your primary schools both ranked 3rd in their school districts for PLE scores.
YOU OPENED DOORS TO EDUCATION

Your Education Program is helping your children escape poverty. We knew in 2001, when Nyaka was first founded, that quality education was the most important tool to help your students overcome their obstacles. You have educated more than 950 students since Nyaka began.
Tauba’s father died when she was just seven months old. The youngest of 10 children, she watched as her mother had to choose which of her children she could send to school. Tauba knew that she would never get the chance. As the youngest child and a girl, she would most likely work in the fields with her mother and then get married as soon as she reached her early teens.

Still, Tauba always watched the children walking so proudly in their brightly colored school uniforms. She would imagine herself walking beside them in her own uniform, holding her own books. Sometimes, she would run to her mother and ask about school. Her mother would just shake her head and send Tauba to fetch water or help cook dinner.

One day, a community leader came to speak with her mother about your Nyaka Primary School. The very next year, Tauba was running with her friends in her own beautiful, purple uniform.

Now, Tauba is one of your Primary Seven students, and she can hardly believe how much her life has changed. She remembers times at home when her family had nothing to eat. At school she knows they will provide her with two warm meals. She carries her own textbooks home and studies hard. She is so grateful for the education that you are providing for her.

Tauba dreams of becoming a surgeon. She wants to earn enough money to help her older brothers and sisters who didn’t get to go to school. She also dreams of sponsoring five Nyaka children when she grows up so that they can have the same chance she has.

Tauba is proud to be one of your Nyaka students. It is only through your generosity and compassion that she will have a bright future.
Since the Grandmother Program began in 2007, you have provided **283 houses**, **613 pit latrines**, and **479 kitchens** for your grandmothers. You have helped many grandmothers feed and shelter their families while keeping them healthy.

**Your Grandmother Construction Projects**

**Water Tanks**
You provided **315** water harvesting tanks to your grandmothers. These allow your grandmothers to collect clean water during the rainy season in a tank right outside their house.

**Training**
You trained **2,260** grandmothers in improved farming techniques and food security. These skills help them feed their families and stay healthy.

**You Empowered Grandmothers with Microfinance**
In 2017, you provided more than **$142,000** in micro-loans to your grandmothers so they could start or improve a business.

97% of your grandmothers have access to microfinance.

The average loan is just **$60**, but this is enough to change a life.
YOU OPENED DOORS TO NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR GRANDMOTHERS

Your Grandmother Program is working to help more than 7,300 grandmothers provide safe, stable homes for the more than 43,000 orphaned children they are raising. You are empowering your grandmothers with training, helpful tools, construction, and microfinance through 98 Granny Groups.
Bernadette and Justine, one of her grandchildren, in front of their new home (under construction).
YOU OPENED DOORS FOR BERNADETTE

Bernadette is a 92-year-old widow from Kanungu district, and she owes her life to you. She is no stranger to loss. Seven of her ten children died from long illnesses. Now Bernadette is raising two of her grandchildren, four-year-old Elizabeth and nine-year-old Justine. Bernadette was overwhelmed with her new motherhood, so she was relieved when one of her daughters came home to live with her, bringing her own 15-year-old daughter, Ruth, with her.

Even with two mothers to support them, the family was struggling to get by. The roof of her house was leaky and ready to cave in on them. Her kitchen was dangerous and unusable during the rainy season. Her pit latrine was nearly overflowing, a serious health risk.

Bernadette was constantly afraid for her family’s safety, but she had no way to repair the damage.

Because of your generosity Bernadette received a new house, kitchen, and pit latrine in 2017. Your generosity brought her to tears. She could hardly believe what you did for her. Her life and the lives of many grandmothers like her are forever changed because of you.

On behalf of Bernadette and her family, thank you for your compassion!
You provided 11,418 consultations to your children, grandmothers, and community members through your Mummy Drayton School Clinic and Kutamba School Clinic. In a region with only one doctor for every 250,000 people, you are saving lives every day.

**Vaccines**
You provided 738 vaccines including Polio, HPV, and Measles.

**Family Planning**
You provided 204 contraceptives including IUDs and condoms.

**HIV/AIDS Testing**
You provided 1,722 HIV/AIDS tests for your grandmothers and children.

**Anti-AIDS Clubs at Your Primary Schools**

**Radio Shows**
You are educating more than 400,000 people in Rukungiri and Kanugu about HIV/AIDS through monthly radio shows.

**Anti-AIDS Choir**
More than 60 of your primary students visit schools, churches, and other gathering places to educate the community about HIV/AIDS through songs and skits.

**Number of Visits to Your Blue Lupin Community Libraries in 2017**

**Library Visits**
3,349 students, local teachers, and community members visited your libraries.

**Computer Literacy**
You trained 192 students and community members in computer literacy.
YOU OPENED DOORS IN YOUR COMMUNITY

You reach far beyond your children and grandmothers through your community programs. You provide access to clean water for thousands of people, libraries with internet, health clinics, and education about important issues like HIV/AIDS and sexual assault.
Community Story?

Students reading at your Blue Lupin Community Library

Students

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YOU OPENED DOORS TO INSPIRATION

Davis is a 22-year-old from Kanungu District. Today, he’s a student at Makerere University and an author of two books. **He never attended any of your Nyaka schools, but he has you to thank for his success.**

Davis found your Blue Lupin Community Library in 2011, when he was a Senior Four student. At first he came to study, but then he found an entirely new passion. Your library had every book he could imagine—math, physics, chemistry, even inspirational books.

You opened up a memory and a passion he hadn’t realized he was missing before. Davis remembered clutching small inspirational books tightly in his hands when he was young—*even before he could read*. Davis said, “As a young person in school, you are pumped with holiday packages and academic stuff (assignments, take home exercises). Those elements did not trigger my passion for reading and writing.” Because of you, Davis started reading every inspirational book he could find in your library. **Then he began writing, and he hasn’t stopped!**

He is now the proud author of two books that are meant to inspire and encourage his community: *The Great Mind* and *A Mysterious Oil Ditch*. When you go to visit Nyaka’s Blue Lupin Community Libraries, you will find *The Great Mind* on the shelf, waiting to inspire the next generation of Ugandan writers.

Davis told us, “The Nyaka Blue Lupin Community Library opened at the time I needed it most.” Your support made his dreams come true.

How many more young people will you inspire to make a difference? That story is still waiting to be told.
YOU OPENED DOORS TO ACHIEVEMENT

More than five years ago, we recognized that your students deserved a secondary and vocational school that would meet their specific needs as HIV/AIDS orphans. We saw many of your bright, young students go to boarding schools in the region with hopes of continuing their education only to face barriers that they weren’t prepared for. We realized that, in order to ensure your students could be successful, we had to extend the time we were able to educate and support them directly. Additionally, we realized that sponsoring students to attend other schools was less cost effective than educating them directly. Today, your Nyaka Vocational Secondary School (NVSS) is already working to achieve those goals.

Although construction is continuing, you are already educating and boarding students at NVSS. In 2017, you educated 155 students. Thirty-two were studying vocational courses including tailoring and construction. The remaining students were on track to continue their education in high school and university.

Since you broke ground on this ambitious project in 2013, you have completed nearly every building needed to make this big achievement for your students. In 2017, you completed construction on the boys dormitory and began work on the Multipurpose and Dining Hall, bringing the school nearly to completion.

The final building that needs to be constructed will house the Physics and Chemistry Labs. With your support, we are confident that this final structure will be completed soon.

Your students will continue to excel because of you! Thank you for your continued support.
Students
studying tailoring at your secondary vocational school.
Where Your Donations Went in 2017

Thanks to your generosity and support, over 77% of your donations went directly to help your students and grandmothers in Uganda.
YOUR GENEROSITY MADE A DIFFERENCE
Nyaka’s success is built on your compassion and generosity. Without your support, every success you’ve read about in this report would have remained a dream.

Thank you for choosing to make a difference through Nyaka!
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