You quenched a community’s thirst for a better tomorrow!
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Nyaka educates, empowers, and transforms vulnerable and impoverished communities in Uganda, ensuring that everyone has the chance to learn, grow, and thrive.
Dear Friends,

What a year it was, and all because of you! Thank you for making 2019 another great year for the children, women, and communities we serve in Uganda. Here are your highlights:

• More children worked toward their dreams through your schools -- others graduated and realized their dreams

• More grandmothers were empowered to care for orphaned grandchildren

• Clinics kept students and grandmothers healthy

• Gravity-fed clean water systems saved more lives

• Libraries opened up new worlds to students and the community through mobile libraries and library days

• 10 runners ran for Nyaka in the New York Marathon while 700 ran in Nyaka village

• Victory for My Village was published

• The VICTORS film was released to end child sexual abuse
• The second annual Walk Against Gender Based Violence was held to educate 3,000 people from the community on sexual abuse

• Humans of Nyaka was created to profile students, teachers, nurses, police officers and so many others

As we enter our 19th year, we look forward to joining hands to double the amount of grandmothers from 10,000 to 20,000 and serve more than 120,000 orphaned children in Uganda.

I hope this annual report inspires you to become even more involved to help open more doors to a brighter future. We are so grateful for all that you’ve done to support the Nyaka organization. None of this could have happened without your support.

Let’s make 2020 an extraordinary one!

Twesigye Jackson Kaguri
You helped support 774 students from nursery class up to University level.

You provided over 300,000 nutritious meals to your students in 2019.

Nyaka Primary, Kutamba Primary, and Nyaka Vocational School all ranked high in their school districts for tests scores.

Gender Ratio in Your Schools

Nyaka prioritizes girls because they are less likely to be sent to school and educating girls will have the deepest impact on poverty within the community.

56% Girls
44% Boys

2019 Graduates

14 University
54 Vocational
56 Primary

Primary Leaving Exam Scores

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 (Grade A) is the highest score a student can achieve.
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.

Tauba 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 you 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.
Your kindness allowed Grandmother Lols to be able to send her five orphaned grandchildren to school! Eleven years ago, Lols’ five grandchildren lost their parents to AIDS. They were left to fend for themselves. Lols was determined to make sure her grandchildren were cared for, even if that meant she’d now be a full-time caretaker in her 70’s. Though Lols loved her grandchildren, she struggled to provide food and school fees for the kids. Her grandchildren were physically chased away from school because they were too poor to pay. Lols had been able to make and sell crafts to make money in the past. Yet, recently, Lols’ eyesight was damaged, which prevented her from working. Lols was devastated that she couldn’t financially provide for her grandchildren. She felt like she had failed them.

Thanks to your support, everything changed for Lols’ family! Seven years ago, Nyaka’s Grandmother Program started a Granny Group in Lols’ area. To ensure that the grandmothers can financially provide for their grandchildren, Nyaka encourages each group to have an income generating project. Lols’ group’s project was creating crafts. At first, Lols was devastated. She thought she wouldn’t be able to contribute to the crafts, because of her poor eyesight. Your generosity changed her life. Because of you, Nyaka was able to buy Lols’ glasses! With the new glasses you provided Lols she could now create enough crafts to send her children to school! With the tailoring classes and sewing machine she received through the Granny Group, Lols is now one of the top tailors in the region. Hospitals hire Lols to create their uniforms. She also sells her crafts at the largest markets in the region. Because of the economic opportunity you provide Lols, you have ensured a better future for her grandchildren! Thank you for empowering Lols!

If you want to continue supporting her and other grandmothers, check out their crafts for sale at Nyaka’s Etsy shop!
Since the beginning of the Grandmother Program in 2007, you’ve provided over 654 pit latrines, 520 kitchens and 288 houses for your grandmothers.

You supported 9,994 grandmothers who are organized in 128 groups.

You gave every grandmother access to training which is used to improve farming techniques, creating food security.

Micro-Loans Originated, Collected, and Outstanding

91% of grandmothers have access to some form of micro-finance

You made more than $278,971 available to Granny Groups for circulation in your micro-finance program.
Of the **619** grandmothers and families tested for HIV, **3** tested positive and were referred to their nearest health facility.

**Computer Literacy**
You funded computer training for **343** people.

**Vaccines**
You provided **649** vaccines and immunizations.

**Radio Shows**
More than 400,000 people had access to anti-AIDS education through radio broadcasts.

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### Clinic and library visits in 2019

| Month      | Kutamba Clinic | Kutamba Blue Lupin | Nyaka Blue Lupin | Community Library | January | February | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | December |
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| January    |                |                    |                  |                   | 632               | 64       | 122      | 362   |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| February   |                |                    |                  |                   | 306               | 134      | 127      | 330   |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| March      |                |                    |                  |                   | 301               | 129      | 374      | 396   |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| April      |                |                    |                  |                   | 214               | 163      | 247      | 441   |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| May        |                |                    |                  |                   | 541               | 124      | 311      |       |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| June       |                |                    |                  |                   | 389               | 237      | 256      | 424   |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| July       |                |                    |                  |                   | 187               | 40       | 248      | 468   |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| August     |                |                    |                  |                   | 496               | 408      | 117      | 290   |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| September  |                |                    |                  |                   | 431               | 206      | 114      | 281   |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| October    |                |                    |                  |                   | 190               | 96       | 132      | 357   |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| November   |                |                    |                  |                   | 148               | 114      | 323      |       |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
| December   |                |                    |                  |                   | 235               | 77       | 291      |       |       |     |      |      |          |           |         |          |          |
Kara* was only 10-years-old when her mother left her at home to cook dinner alone. While cooking, an unfamiliar man approached her asking questions. Kara sweetly answered his question not thinking much about it. He persuaded Kara to follow him into the woods by saying he’d give her money for more food. Kara being an innocent child followed him. After reaching a distance from her house, he began to rape her. She began to cry in pain, but he threatened to kill her if she continued to cry.

After Kara’s assault, her family searched for ways to find justice. You gave Kara and her family the justice they were looking for when they found EDJA. The perpetrator was caught by EDJA’s legal team and brought to the police. The community was overjoyed to have him put behind bars. He not only sexual assaulted Kara but many other girls in her community, but unlike Kara, they kept quiet about their attacks.

You guided Kara towards healing. After her attack, Kara was able to receive medical treatment and counseling. She can now move forward and go to school without fear.

*Names changed to protect this victor’s identity
SGBV Program

You gave more than 52 survivors access to emergency medical support, counseling, and legal advocacy.

You have educated more than 4,000 students on how to stay safe.

You built three new healing centers! Bringing the number to four safe places where survivors can go.

You educated more than 400,000 people through monthly radio broadcasts.

In July 2019, you held the second annual march against gender based violence in the community. With over 3,000 marchers in attendance!

You educated close to 9,000 people through workshops at schools, churches, and throughout the community.

You educated the community about sexual and domestic violence, girls’ rights, and how EDJA can help survivors. Now they can be better allies to survivors.
None of This is Possible Without You!

Your compassion and partnership makes this life-changing work in Uganda possible. Thank you for being an advocate to change lives and ensuring that communities have the resources they need to have a better future.

You have changed thousands of lives this year. Thank you!

2019 Board of Directors

Thank you to our Board of Directors for their time, dedication, and passion to make Nyaka great. Their leadership is a crucial part of our success this year and for years to come.

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Vision

A world where all vulnerable and underserved communities have the knowledge, resources, and opportunities they need to grow and prosper.