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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

DRIVE + PURPOSE + GOD'S LOVE

Hello, and welcome to The Hoffman Family Foundation's newsletter: The HFF Dispatch. This is a quarterly newsletter to help keep you updated with all that the Hoffman Family Foundation is accomplishing. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for different communities, empowering women, families, and schools giving children quality education.

***The Hoffman Family Foundation's vision is to leave a legacy of love, transforming lives and communities around the world.***

With this newsletter, we hope to share with you the improvements we are making in other people's lives across the globe. Perhaps you'll be inspired to help in your own way or to donate for one of our causes. With your help, we can truly make a difference.

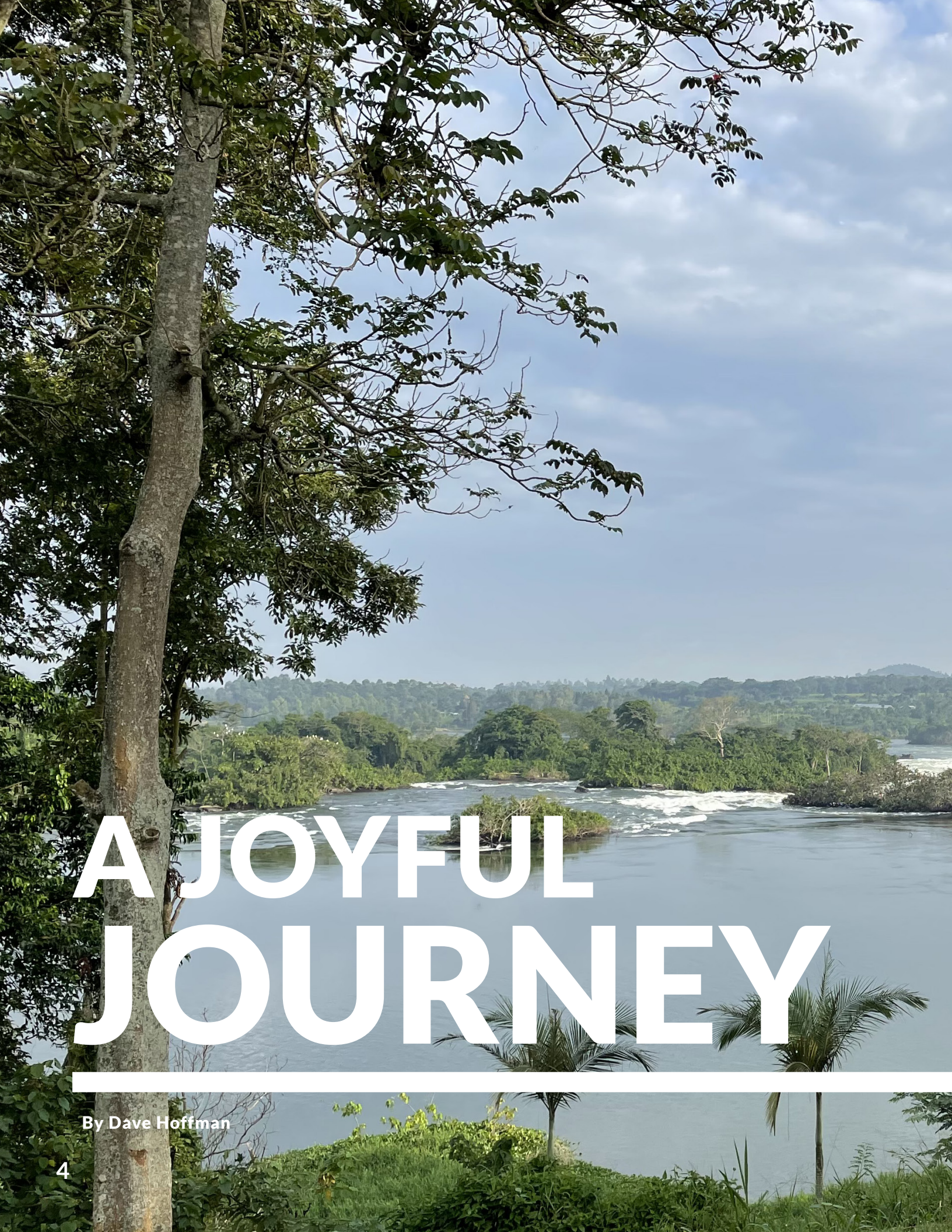


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# A JOYFUL JOURNEY

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By Dave Hoffman



**M**y trip to Uganda was a beautiful journey. I really missed the past two years not being able to hop on a plane and escape to this amazing place on the earth. My opportunity to return to Uganda came in early October 2021, amidst all the Covid regulations throughout the world. Lots of paperwork to gather, but I made it there and was greeted at the Entebbe Airport by Robert Kiwanuka, HFF Executive Director and Vinny Maweje, HFF Sponsorship Coordinator.

After a day of rest at the Sheraton Hotel in Kampala our adventure began. Upon arriving at Rays of Grace, I was greeted by 50 of our older kids who were on campus attending a spiritual retreat organized especially for them. Later that day I check into my favorite respite "The Haven" on the Nile River which accommodates me when I arrive. Now when I return to Uganda it's like going home! Our extended family is there, and my how our family has grown over the past 7 years Tami and I have been coming.

The first thing I wanted to accomplish was to get a full campus picture taken. I hired a drone to come and take this amazing photo just to visualize all that God has accomplished since we first arrived in Uganda in 2015 and broke ground for Rays of Grace School. The school is now looking like a campus. You can follow us on **[www.hoffmanfamilyfoundation.co](http://www.hoffmanfamilyfoundation.co)** to keep up on the continued progress at Rays of Grace School.

I strolled the campus with our staff, and it was nice to be back on the grounds again. The team is staying busy with the day-to-day operations that continue even without children present.

The focus of this trip was to review all the projects that are still in process and those new projects which are on the horizon to be birthed. We have learned that God's timing is always perfect.

In Uganda soccer is the number one sport. In 2017 land was purchased to build a soccer field where Rays of Grace Soccer Academy was established. And it is true....Build it and they will come. The field you can notice is in the rear of the campus photo. We have dreams of what can and will happen with this project which I will share shortly.

It was great to spend time with the children attending

the 6-day retreat. They had been away from their Rays of Grace community for so long and so many of them were starting to lose hope. So this was a great time for them to come together and be with classmates. Their hopes and dreams were sparked again. The school re-opened in January 2022, where about 450 people returned back to Rays of Grace, including teachers and staff, following a two-year mandate to close the schools in Uganda. This campus is buzzing when there is that much energy around.

Next, I settled into the Haven Lodge. I love this place of beauty from dawn to dusk. Always something going on at the lodge too: great breakfast, the sounds and great views of the Nile River, the evening gatherings with our staff from Uganda and the many other folks you rub shoulders with. People from all over the world come to the Haven Lodge while visiting Uganda.

This trip was such a pleasure just to spend time sharing vision together with the HFF team. They are the ones who make our dreams a reality: our hands and feet.

My heartfelt thanks to my friends, family and Uganda for making this trip another wonderful memory to stash in my memory bank. We appreciate the many sponsors who sponsor these amazing children. We could not do this without you. Thank you all who help us financially with donations to the Hoffman Family Foundation for the operations and expansion of Rays of Grace. We are eternally grateful to each one of you.

A new vision I would love to expand on is to build above the soccer field a complex of lodging rooms with a large dining/kitchen conference area: a place where soccer teams can gather and tournaments can be held, a place where conferences can be facilitated as well. We need to build bleachers and of course a snack bar. This can also serve as an income-generating project that will help continue the vision we have for Rays of Grace Academy. If you would like to help us with financing this new project, please feel free to contact me at any time as I would love to share this excitement with you. Better yet, I would love for you to join me on my next trip. Your life will be re-arranged in an amazing GOOD and exciting way. That, I can guarantee...as it has happened for me!













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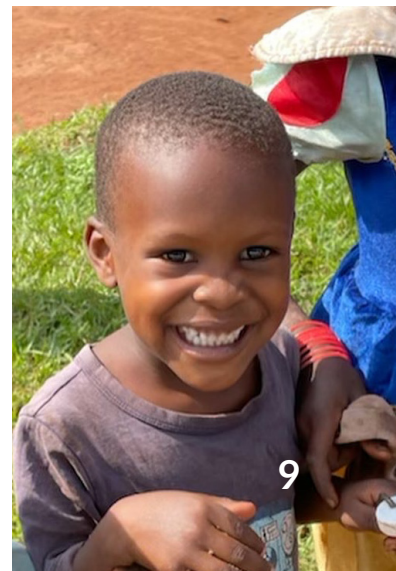


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Smile, it is the key that fits the lock of everyone's heart. Let us always meet others with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

A warm smile is the universal language of kindness. If you don't have a smile I'll give you one of mine.

Life is short, smile while you still have teeth!



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**"SMILE** more than you cry.  
**GIVE** more than you take  
& **LOVE** more than you hate."



# ONWARD AND UPWARD

By Robert Kiwanuka



*“Smiling faces fill our school campus, flowers are blooming more beautiful with the children, and our hearts warmed up with the rejuvenated love, care and joy of our children and teachers.”*

Many seasons in life God permits you to encounter challenging situations. It's been two years of silence and no school at Rays of Grace. Teachers have been home with so many diverse minds due to COVID-19 pandemic. The most heartbreaking negative impact of the lock-down is that so many teenage girls and boys have dropped out of school; some got married and others had babies as a result of no purpose or guidance. The pandemic has done more harm to the economy in the world, leaving most of the people in Uganda struggling to survive.

But now it's a new season and the Joy of the Lord is covering Rays of Grace when schools re-opened this January 2022! Smiling faces fill our school campus, flowers are blooming more beautiful with the children, and our hearts warmed up with the rejuvenated love, care and joy of our children and teachers. Play areas are busy, classes are filled with activity, and most importantly our grounds are filled with laughter, praise and worship, having His name being glorified which means the world to us. The children are back in the school, and the grounds are lively once again. Indeed the King is amidst us all.

Now that schools are open, we are handling the challenges created by the lock-down on a day-to-day basis. We have registered a number of new children in our school with 60% of the old children returning. Some of the other children have relocated because of the pandemic, and some of the parents have lost the vision of having their children continue their education which is heartbreaking. Counseling and guidance classes are underway to help the children get back to the roots of learning and also being in community with each other again. We need a high-level of guidance of spiritual and physical direction to help them regain the right behaviors and spiritual growth.

We have currently improved the teaching using visual screens which we were able to install during the pandemic, and the children seem to really enjoy another way of learning. The renewal of the children's passion for school and Christ is a huge task ahead, but we know that with God all things are possible.

We have the new “Gifts of Promise” building which is 95% completed and will serve as our creative arts department which will include our music school and will support the school's praise and worship team with instruments which will excite the hearts of our children. This department will also include dance, art and drama for the kids. It will be exciting to see what talent develops here.

God has awakened my mind in this new awareness and through the crippling surprise of COVID-19 in the world that was never prepared for this kind of a situation. I think it has changed many of our perceptions. Just being able to gather together with each other: remembering to never take this for granted. Unfortunately, many organizations have failed to re-open; but I'm thankful that God has been faithful that our school is still standing strong and we are able to continue with the vision God has given us for this community. We pray to build a chapel at the school compound this year and also a new dining hall. We are thankful that we can keep moving each day with the joy and love for Rays of Grace as God continues to direct our paths as we keep moving forward in building His Kingdom.

Welcome back, kids! We have been waiting for such a time as this. New beginnings and new vision for the future!











# ROOTED IN CHRIST

As the pandemic kept our kids from school our staff had a wonderful idea of bringing back a few of our older kids to host a 6-day spiritual camp for them. We had about 40 of our 14-17 year old kids come. This pandemic had really affected this age group. They were losing hope and afraid of what their future would hold. Everything came together beautifully. And Dave just happened to be in Uganda during this time as well to enjoy a few of our kids. We even had a worship team come and join our kiddos. USB (Universal Sporting Bridge) a local Ugandan NGO of athletic coaches helped lead the camp. The kids had devotion time together rooting them and strengthening them in Christ anchoring their lives in Him with worship time, games and fun team building activities. It had been so long since they had seen each one during the lockdown. Here are a few words from some of our attendees.....

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“October 18th I came to Rays of Grace for camp. I learned so many things from so many games we played like Snake Bite, Pentagon and so many more. We learned endurance, team building, self-esteem and being rooted in Christ. I can't wait to tell my friends and teach them what I have learned. I am thankful for this camp and that I was able to attend because I felt like I had started to backslide in believing in God, but now I know I am forgiven because God truly does love me no matter what. I loved our Bible studies.” **BY: Sandra Martha**

“I have spent so much time alone during the lockdown. I missed studying and being with my friends. I was so excited to attend this camp. Thank you for organizing this camp for me. USB taught us many things that will change my life forever. Some of the things I learned...protect my properties safely, our Bible study on Joseph learning to be God fearing, prayerful, faithful and obedient. We played the game Snake Bite...never to give up and always stay STRONG. Don't ever give up hope.” **BY: Sharuwah Nalugwa**

“I am thankful the almighty God has kept me safe through this COVID-19 pandemic. I am thankful our director Robert Kiwanuka saw fit to organize this special camp for us. Rays of Grace loves and cares for us. At camp we received guidance and counseling. I have learned to have HOPE in everything. I have learned to be courageous and never give up. Hard situations can be teachers of life. We played the game called Blindfold: learning to aim for those things I want to accomplish in my future even when I can't see ahead of me. I learned co-operation leads to success. I humbly and happily thank you for all you have done for me.” **BY: Nestroy Ssentongo**

“On October 18th I went to camp at Rays of Grace and I felt so blessed by God to attend. We were met by the USB coaches who were specifically coaching our brains and hearts through the different games they taught us: balloon burning where I learned to protect my future, Snake Bite, where I learned endurance to never give up, team building to learn to cooperate with my fellow workmates so we can come up with better ideas that may support our community better. I am thankful for this camp because I felt like I was losing God in my life and He had forgotten me. But my hope and happiness has returned.” **BY: Leticia Nakajjigo**

“Thank you, Rays of Grace, for the “Rooted In Christ” camp. I learned a lot of things including the following: cooperation, focusing, having a prayerful life, team management, character transformation, enduring hard times. These came from the many games we played like Snake Bite, dress me well, balloon burst, ball pass and steady-MAN. I promise to apply these games in my life through focusing on my education and trusting God as the source of my everything in my life and to maintain good friends to help me in my life. God Bless You.” **BY: Henry Simbwa**



# LET THE GAMES BEGIN

By Tami Hoffman

Rays of Grace Soccer Academy is underway!

The boys are back and on fire. I can hear them shouting in excitement...."WE ARE RAYS OF GRACE! WE WIN THE DAY! WE ARE THE GAZELLES!" The boys are studying hard at school, practicing every day on the soccer field and now traveling for games. Most all these young men are on scholarship at Rays of Grace. Boys come from far away districts in Uganda and many would never have the chance to go to school. This is their chance to be seen by secondary schools

that will want them to play for their organizations. They play their hearts out because they know their future depends on it. Four of our players that graduated from Rays of Grace now have a full-right scholarship to play at one of the top secondary schools in Uganda. God continues to open doors and provide for our students in so many unbelievable ways. Thank you for the supporters who play a big role in the soccer development and success of this club. I can't wait to see all that God is going to do this soccer season.











# NEWS & THANK YOU!





## A HUGE THANK YOU

Thank you, Potter's House at OneLA, for your generous gift to supply new uniforms for all our kids at Rays of Grace Academy. You have put BIG SMILES on their faces. Thank you for answering this need. We are grateful.

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## A GRAND THANK YOU

Thank you, Way of Grace Church, for your beautiful gift to supply new instruments for our new "Gifts of Promise" creative arts department opening this year 2022. We know some amazing talent will come from your donation. We are grateful.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations, to Carrie Wingfield (HFF's Creative Director) on your engagement to Jonathan Apple. We are excited for your wedding in October!

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# JOIN OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL PROGRAM

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# HOW TO BECOME A

# GUARDIAN ANGEL

## What is the Guardian Angel Program?

The Guardian Angel Program was designed to help local Ugandan parents provide a safe, happier, healthier and purposeful life for their children. We believe that together, we can make a difference in the future generations one child at a time. Through the Guardian Angel Program, individuals can make a personal and lifetime impact in one of our amazing need-based Rays of Grace children. For just \$50.00 a month, sponsors can help our dream-seeking children pay for their education, boarding, school uniform, food, counseling, and any hygiene or medical needs.

# 421

CHILDREN  
At Rays of Grace

# 194

 Boys

# 227

 Girls

ONLY 

# 49

CHILDREN  
Are Sponsored

## What is covered through your monthly donation?

- A safe, happier, and healthier environment where children can spread their wings and soar
- A robust educational curriculum which includes reading and writing skills, arts, drama, music, counseling, and sporting activities such as netball and soccer
- School uniform
- Faith-based Christian classes
- Well-balanced meals are covered Monday through Friday
- A clinic and full-time nurse to care for the medical needs of the children
- A dormitory facility for those children who live far distances
- Transportation to and from events in our HFF bus mobile





## What is unique about the Guardian Angel Program?

### 100% of your donation goes directly towards your sponsor child

Your \$50.00 per month contribution goes directly and specifically to your child's needs.

There's no administrative fees or any other miscellaneous costs that are deducted from your contribution.

### Live interaction with your child

Communicate with your child via Zoom at least twice per year!

Written words are good but seeing the beautiful smiling face of your sponsor child is absolutely priceless and adorable.

We continue to work hard in the improvement of technology through the recent construction of our computer lab.

### Fully staffed Ugandan team

Our staff in Uganda is comprised of local Ugandan natives.

We don't intend to hire teachers or staff members from the Western World.

We believe Ugandans are best to know the conditions and needs of their own people.

### Long-term sustainable community impact

When a child is sponsored, the family and ultimately the community are empowered.

We help families build stable homes, start sustainable businesses and help feed their children.

We want to empower men and women to provide for their own families.

The goal is to not give people a handout but rather a hand up.

Our desire is to encourage a healthy patriotism, independence, self-reliance and sustainability.

### We are a non-profit

All donations are tax-deductible.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Golden, Colorado.

### Is anyone paid a salary?

Yes, the members of our Ugandan team are paid from the resources of our generous founders.

U.S. team members serve as volunteers.

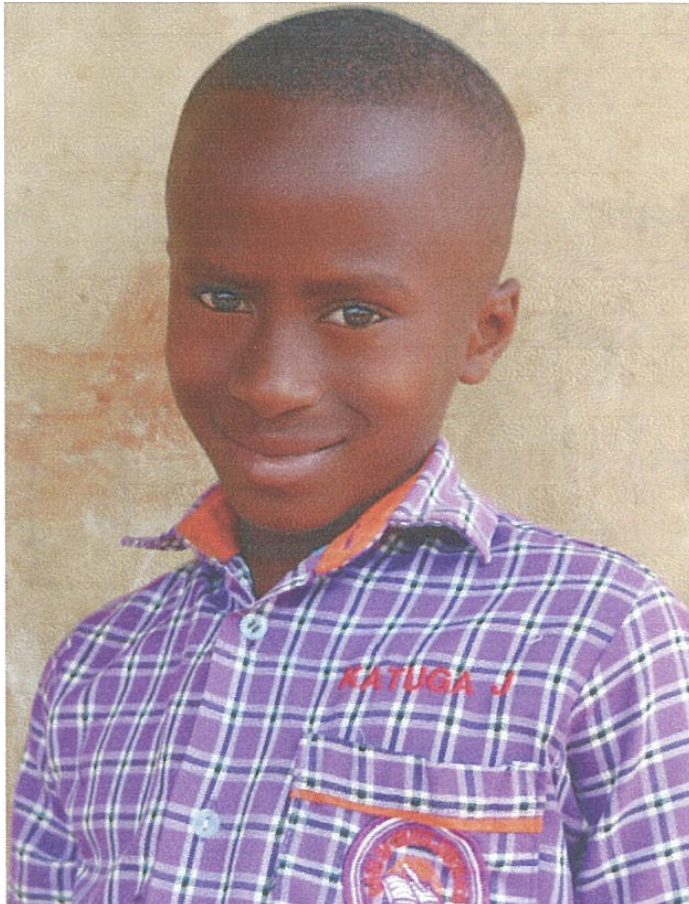
## Become a Guardian Angel today!

If you are interested in joining our Guardian Angel Program or if you would like more information, please give us a call at:

**(303) 949-0831.**



# BECOME ONE OF HFF's GUARDIAN ANGELS

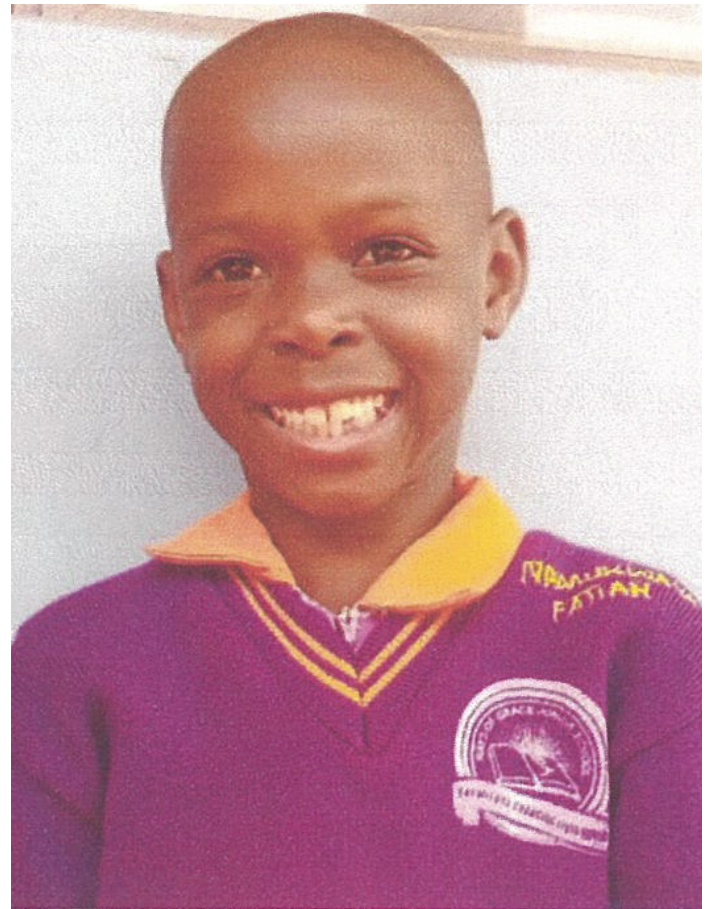


## MEET JEREMIAH KATUGGA

*When I grow up I want to be a pilot!*

Age: 7 Birthday: August 15th, 2014

Jeremiah is the firstborn of four children. His parents separated in 2018, when he was four years old. His grandmother is now the sole caretaker of Jeremiah and his siblings and depends on farming and vending food to bring in income. Most of the time, the income received is not enough to pay school tuition and sustain the family's needs. Jeremiah is in Primary 2 class and is always in the top of his class. Due to financial distress at home, Jeremiah is not certain as to whether he will be able to get back to school in order to chase his dream.



## MEET FATIYA NAMUKWAYA

*When I grow up I want to be a nurse!*

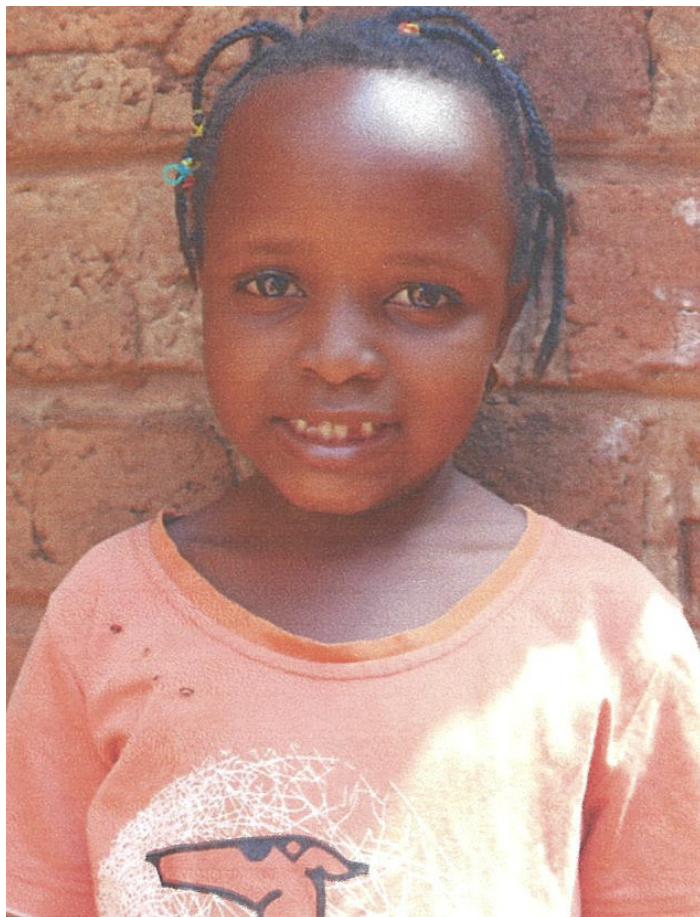
Age: 7 Birthday: September 3rd, 2014

Fatiya is 7 years old and the youngest of a family of 9. She lives with her mother and grandmother after her biological father left. Fatiya's mother practices subsistence farming on a small-scale for survival but the day-to-day necessities leave little to no food to be sold for family earnings. Fatiya has been out of school due to fees. She believes that when she gets a sponsor to help her with education, she will study hard to become a nurse so that she can be able to help friends and neighbors within the community.



## Are you wanting to make a personal and lifetime impact on one of our amazing kids?

You have an amazing opportunity to become one of HFF's Guardian Angels. As a Guardian Angel, you will be supporting one of our need-based Rays of Grace kids. You will be lifting them up, helping guide them to graduation, and their personal prayer warrior. For just \$50.00 a month, you are helping our dream-seeking kids pay for schooling, boarding, clothes, food and any hygiene or medical needs in order to help them spread their wings and fly. If you are interested in joining our Guardian Angel Program or would like more information, please give us a call at (303) 949 - 0831.

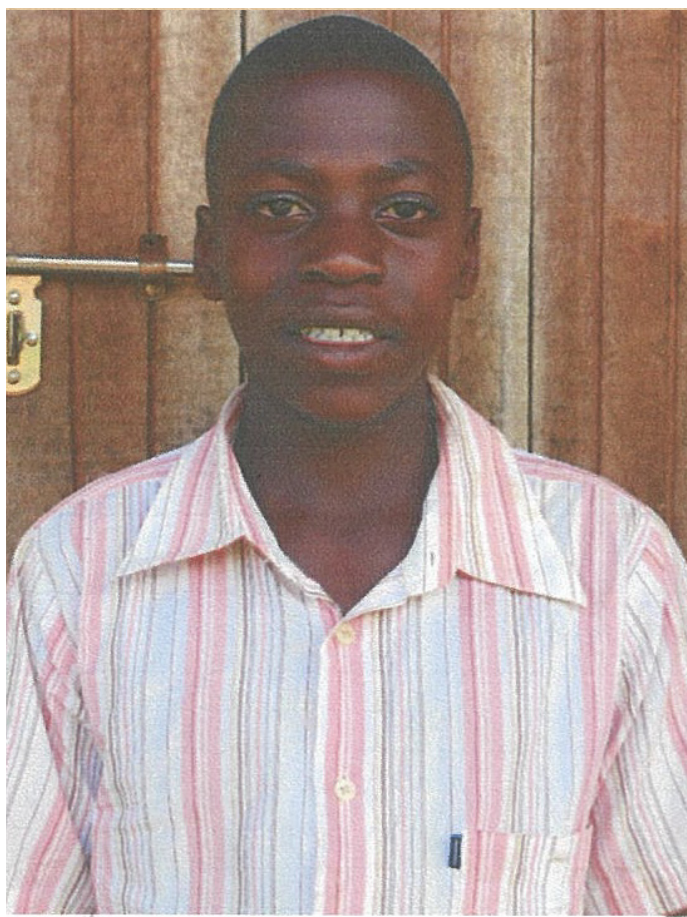


### MEET TASHA MIREMBE

*When I grow up I want to be a doctor!*

Age: 5 Birthday: September 17th, 2016

Tasha is the youngest of two children. She lost her father in the pandemic to COVID 19. Currently, her mother has taken over full responsibility of the family. Tasha's mother has a small retail shop, but the income from the retail shop cannot sustain the family's costs. Before losing her father, Tasha was a student of Rays of Grace Junior school in middle class, but she is not certain whether her mother will be able to raise school dues come next term.



### MEET PETER WANUNE

*When I grow up I want to be a doctor!*

Age: 12 Birthday: December 20th, 2009

Peter is the third of six children living with his mother. Unfortunately, his father left in 2019 due to a mental problem. The family was left in absolute poverty after selling their properties to pay off the hospital bills for Peter's father. His mother is engaged in farming. Despite her efforts, it is difficult to meet the family needs for six children. Peter is in satisfactory health and ready to attend school. Your sponsorship commitment will help provide Peter to access education, healthy meals at school, and school supplies.





# OUR NEXT PROJECTS

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- **Our New Dining Hall Pavilion**

This will be a new addition for our children to enjoy a covered area for breakfast, lunch and dinner. **We are needing to raise \$20,000.**

- **Our New Rays of Grace Chapel**

We will be breaking ground in June on our new chapel. Kids will come to this gathering place during the week for worship and devotion time together and the chapel will be available for our community on Sundays so they can attend church. **We are needing to raise \$85,000.**

## **Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us to accomplish these current projects?**

Your donation will go directly to the current projects we are working on. Thank you for all your love, support and prayers as we continue to leave a Legacy of LOVE transforming the lives and communities God has called us to. May He be GLORIFIED in ALL that we do together with YOU!





The Hoffman Family Foundation's Vision is to leave a legacy of love, transforming lives and communities around the world.

### Hoffman Family Foundation Mail-In Donation Form

Leave a Legacy of Love - Donate Today and Start Transforming Lives and Communities. The Hoffman Family Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization in the USA and all donations are 100% Tax Deductible. EIN 38-3945350. Please make checks payable to: Hoffman Family Foundation. 100% of your donation goes directly towards the current project we're working on.

#### Contact Information (\* required field)

\* First Name:

\* Last Name:

\* Organization:

\* Address:

\* City:

\* State:  \* ZIP Code / Country:

\* Email Address:

Phone:

#### Credit Card Information

\* Credit Card Type: MasterCard | Visa | AMEX | Discover

\* Credit Card Number:

\* Expiration Date: Month:  Year:  \* Security Code:

\* Donation Amount:

#### Authorization (Please check appropriate box, sign and date)

- Please find enclosed check as my donation to Hoffman Family Foundation
- I authorize Hoffman Family Foundation to charge my credit / debit card for a one-time donation.

Signed:  Date:

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Golden, CO 80403

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WHERE I AM **TODAY** IS  
PREPARING ME FOR WHERE  
GOD WILL TAKE ME  
**TOMORROW.**

I KNOW THAT I HAVE BEEN  
FORMED WITH A **PURPOSE.**

TODAY, I WILL  
**ENJOY MY JOURNEY.**



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