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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

NEW LOOK. SAME DRIVEN PURPOSE.

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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SUDDEN MIRACLES AND  
**UNEXPECTED  
BLESSINGS**

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By Tami Hoffman

**D**uring my travels in March 2019 to Uganda I had stopped for a short visit to one of my favorite places "Daughters of Charity". As I was visiting with Sister Theresa about the children and facility, she said the numbers were increasing. She also told me that 2 weeks prior to my coming 3 children were brought to Daughters of Charity because their mother "Juliet NABWIRE" had died and also their father had passed as well. They were trying to manage the children but they had now been left orphaned. In a split second I asked her to send the children over to me. We immediately exchanged a hug and I asked the children to tell me a little about themselves. Elijah, being the oldest told me he is 14 and is an artist. Then his sister who's name is Honest added that she is 12 and wants to be a teacher someday. Her baby brother who is 7 told me his name is Purity and he wants to be a Pastor when he grows up. I "SUDDENLY" had an immediate connection with these 3 children. As we were leaving I told Robert that I know these 3 children are suppose to come to

Rays of Grace and could he please facilitate this request. He immediately said... Let me see how we can manage.

For 3 months Robert, Vinny and Moses investigated the children's history. That's when we met the beautiful people at a company called "SBI". SBI is very well established company in Uganda that constructs roads and other large projects in Uganda and all over the World. We came to find out the the children's mother who had been disabled was employed by SBI. An employee at SBI named Peninah had meet Juliet several years ago at her church and found that Juliet and her children we living in heartbreaking conditions. She then came to Mr. Dontan Hameiri her boss and asked if they could help Juliet. They had found that Juliet was very good with her hands and made beautiful crafts that she would sell at the African markets. So he placed her on his payroll and had her teach crafting to some ladies in a Women Empowerment Group that SBI were empowering. Everything was going well until last December when Juliet discovered she had cancer. Unfortunately the cancer had spread rapidly and she passed quickly in March 2019.

A suddenly miracle and an unexpected blessing was about to happen. As we were investigating SBI .... SBI was also investigating HFF and Rays of Grace. Who is this organization that wants to bring these children to Rays of Grace? And who is Rays of Grace?

The third week of May several people came to visit the school of behalf of these 3 beautiful child. I loved that they were doing their due diligence as we were also doing them same with them. They fell in love with the school and we fell in love with the people at SBI as well. Isn't it just beautiful to see how God aligns everything in perfect sync that we would all come together and unite around these three orphaned children. Even when the hardest things in life happen God is so faithful to never forsake us. He has protected these three children and brought a village around them with love, care and encouragement. This is Jeremiah 29:11 in full action.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Elijah, Honest and Purity now have HOPE and a FUTURE.

So on June 14, 2019 the children arrived to Rays of Grace. Now comes the UNEXPECTED BLESSING....

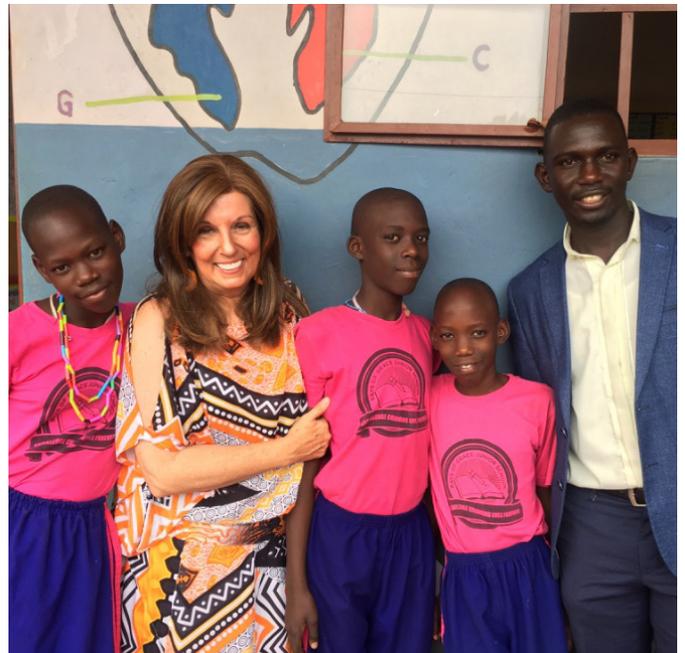
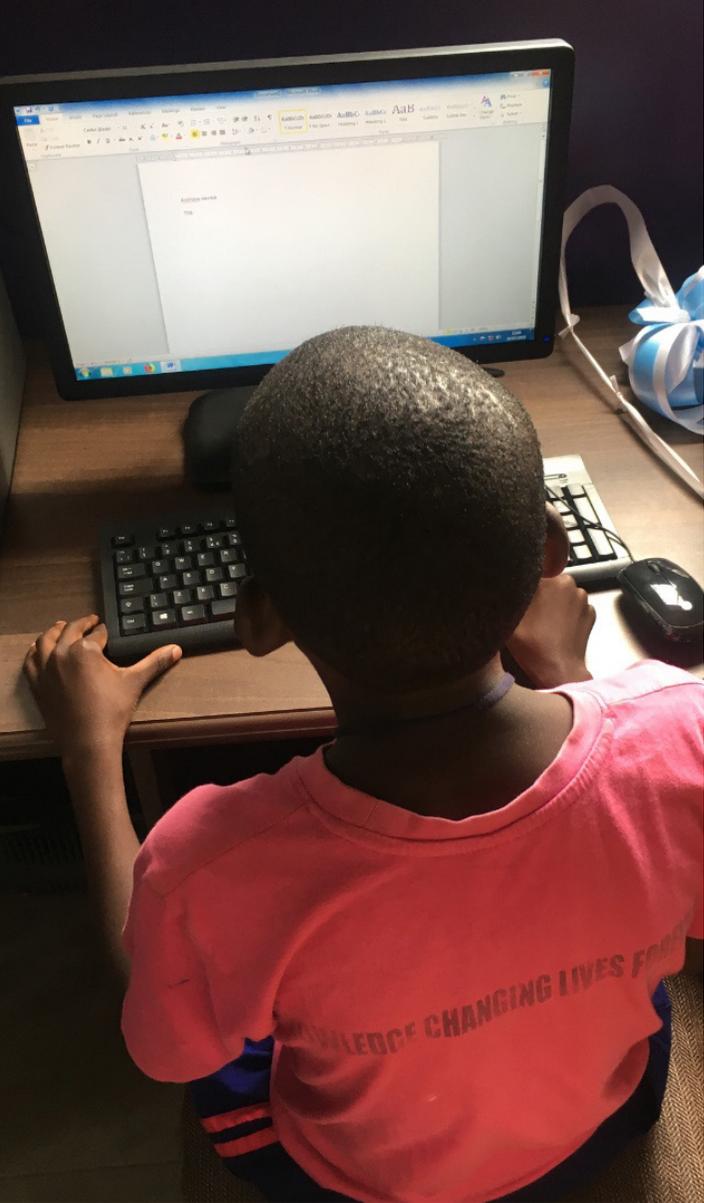
Rays of Grace was informed that SBI International Holdings AG (Uganda) had decided to leave a legacy of love in honor of "Juliet NABWIRE" by equipping Rays of Grace with a new computer lab, 15 new computers and 15 new workstations.

This was the best unexpected baby shower gift we could have ever imagined. Only God could throw this kind of baby shower on Rays of Grace. God is the Master of the SUDDENLY'S!

So construction began immediately. And the handover/ commissioning date was set for July 24, 2019. It is a date that will forever remind Rays of Grace of God's great FAITHFULNESS, His Promise and Provision over His school.

On behalf of HFF and Rays of Grace I would once again like to thank SBI for the great work you are doing in Uganda. I love how this company shares its profits and gives back to the Ugandan people to empower them in life skills and educational skills. They are helping to build a better Uganda for this next generation of wonderful children that just need a chance and and opportunity for a better life. May God continue to bless this company with overflowing blessings. I love how God works in mysterious ways to bring His people together for His GLORY! This is a glorious adventure we are on.





# INTRODUCING OUR NEW WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT CO-DIRECTORS

By Michaela Marcy

One of our core goals is to empower women so their families can thrive! This year, we chose two amazing women to lead our Women's Empowerment Program. Loretta and Sarah have been working with HFF since we began in 2015. Now, they are taking on the new role of training our women's groups on credit and financial management, conflict resolution, and counseling. We want to introduce you to Sarah and Loretta, our new Women's Empowerment Co-Directors!



## Meet Sarah

Sarah is one of our new Women's Empowerment Co-Directors. Sarah runs her own store in Kirugu, and this experience is key to helping women build their own businesses. She is also known for her determination that is key to pushing the women to dig into their potential.

Sarah sees exciting improvements in the women's lives. "Through training and trade fairs sponsored by HFF, the ladies have been exposed to the business world and have started practicing what they learned. The ladies can sustain their families and send their kids to school. The ladies can now independently run their businesses because of saving," said Sarah.



## Meet Loretta

Loretta is our other new Women's Empowerment Co-Director. Her love and wisdom is vital as she encourages and challenges the women. Her favorite part of working with the women is visiting their businesses and seeing how their businesses are growing. She is encouraged by their eagerness to learn.

This year, Loretta and Sarah are excited to see women succeed in diverse businesses, including an electrical appliance shop, a salon, farming, and wine making.

Please pray for Loretta and Sarah as they walk alongside women in Mukono and Kirugu. Their faithful encouragement is helping families take steps to stop the cycle of poverty.



Be fearless in  
the pursuit of  
what sets your  
soul on fire.





# OPEN HEART SURGERY AND BANDAIDS

By Brittany Froisted

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seemed to find myself at a dead end... Taking all the wrong turns to get there. With nothing to my name, not even my own health, I sat with a heavy peace. I could no longer think about all I had lost, or about how I was roughly 8,500 miles away from a place that stole my heart 10 years ago.

Time seemed to stand still here at my self-proclaimed "dead end". The longer I sat, the deeper the peace seeped into my bones. My eyes adjusted in this place at the end of the road. I was no longer alone and it was no longer a dead end. Just through the tall pine trees, there was a softly worn trail that was all mine.

As I glanced back, I saw all my so called "wrong turns" leading me to this subtle path through the pines. It would've been so easy to miss the beauty if I became too focused on the painful turns in the road.

I had spent 10 years putting bandaids on my heart when the Lord was desperate to have me undergo open heart surgery. The bandaids were sufficient at first, but as the storms came and went, my bandaids could no longer take the weight of a breaking heart. God, the Master Surgeon, is kind, gracious, patient and gentle with the hearts he cares so deeply and fiercely for. I had surrounded myself with things that blurred my perfect vision of Him. Some of these things weren't necessarily good or bad, but they became distractions for my breaking heart. Slowly, and often times painfully, God began to reconstruct my heart completely.

First, He removed a sacred place: Kirugu, Uganda. A place where I have seen His unmatched miracles and answered prayers all wrapped up in the beauty of His marvelous mystery. He ripped off the bandaid and carefully stitched up a section of my bleeding heart with His steady hand.

Next, He took me to a place where I didn't feel Him. This left me wandering through mountains and valleys, surrounded by beauty, but so far from His will for me. I tore open the stitches in my heart that He so carefully placed. I found myself bleeding out once again.

The Master Surgeon met me in the intensive care unit of my life this last year. Stripped of jobs, finances, a roof over my head, a relationship dear to my heart, and a deterioration of my physical body, I had finally reached my dead end.

Determined to stitch myself up and stick a bandaid on my heart, God softly told me "no". Until I pressed stop and truly, fully met Him in the stillness of His presence. I would keep on filling my heart and my cup with idols that stood in the way of me and the Lord.

It took a complete surrender of my life... Sometimes kicking and screaming. With each day that passes, sitting in His peace in the pines, I feel my heart healing. There is rest here. My stitches are leaving scars that remind me daily of His sovereignty and His unsurpassed love for me.

He gently came to get me over oceans, through the high mountains, in deep dark valleys, in surgeries and doctor appointments and unending sickness. He is my constant. When I thought all was lost, bent, broken and bloody, He told me who I am and who He is: "I am the Lord and you are my child".

Open heart surgery suddenly became painfully simple. All of me for all of Him. "He always knew that my temple was a house of cards. His only way of making me realize the fact was to knock it down" - CS Lewis

***"Every sunset gives us one less day to live. But with every sunrise, God gives us one more day of hope. Always have faith and hope for the best!"***







## MORE GRACE FOR **RAYS OF GRACE**

**O**ur boys Soccer and our girls Net-Ball teams have been amazing this season. God is using the talents of these boys and girls to shine His light on Rays of Grace. We have won most all of our tournaments and our boys Soccer team won the final "Airtel Raising Stars" championship game and were invite to play in the African cup in Tanzania. 24 boys boarded a beautiful bus and will be competing for 2 weeks. In addition we had 4 boys selected to play for the Elite team that will travel by plane to Eritrea. And to think that these teams just formulate 3 years ago. It will be so exciting to see our Sports Complex completed. The grass

is coming up nicely and should be ready for practices and games next year! RAYS OF GRACE will hosts teams in hospitality and excellence.

The kids have been so excited to bring the winning trophies back to Rays of Grace. The community even gets involved in the celebration. I am so thankful to all of our coaches that diligently serve the children to bring out their best talents, encourage them to reach for the stars, stay relentless and never give up. Their hard work and focus have definitely paid off this year. Congratulations RAYS OF GRACE!!

By Tami Hoffman



# ONE STARFISH AT A TIME

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By Angelina Polizzotto

*“Faith tells us that no matter what lies ahead of me, God is already there.”*

**M**y name is Angelina Polizzotto, and I’m 17 years old. I go to Ralston Valley High School, and am in Student Government.

This past year our final assignment in Student Government was to create a passion project. I’ve always known my passion to be random acts of kindness. In other words it’s kindness with no major recognition, just small acts that come from the heart. After a lot of thought, I decided to reach for something big, and outside of my community. Then Tami Hoffman came across my mind. This strong, dedicated, loving woman is my Mom’s best friend’s Mom, and I’ve known her since I was little. I also knew that she started the school Rays of Grace in Uganda, Africa. This is when I reached out to her, and met over a cup of coffee.

During this meeting, she told me her story, and I told her I wanted to make bracelets for all the kids that go to her school with their three school colors which are: white, purple, and orange. I am now in the process of making 450 bracelets for these kids, and will be done by the end of September.

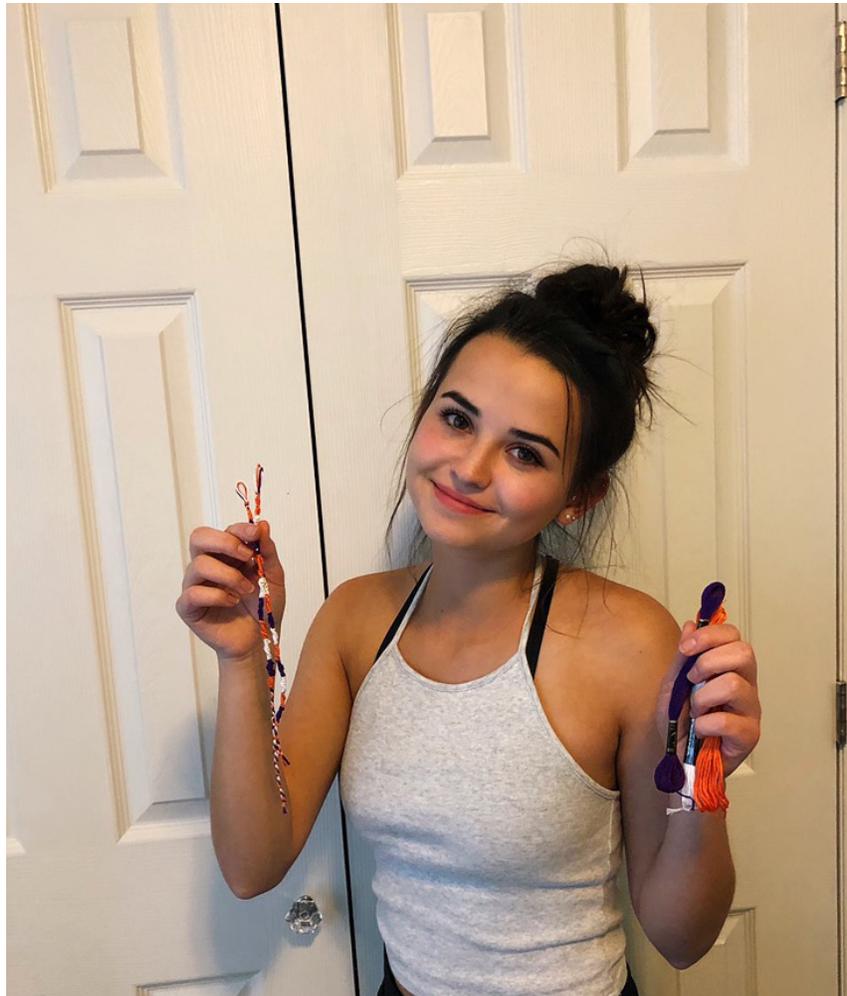
This project has brought me feelings of joy, and pure happiness knowing what I am doing for all these kids in Uganda. Making this many bracelets is no easy task, but my heart is so full for these kids, and I’m embracing the positivity, and faith that Tami shares with everyone she comes across.

My favorite Bible verse is Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you declares the lord, plans to prosper you, but not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future”.

Embracing this verse has made me who I am today. I accept change, and trust that everything will work out in the future. I believe this is what I am meant to do, and in 2020 I am hoping to go to Uganda with Tami to see these wonderful kids, and make an even bigger impact on their world.

Something I learned from Tami was the Starfish Story. For those of you who don’t know it, it talks about limits in life, and how you may not be able to change THE world, but you can change someone’s world, and that is exactly what my mission is.



***“It will be people with the greatest love,  
not the most information, who will  
influence us to change.”***





# 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 more safer, 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 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.

# 459

CHILDREN  
At Rays of Grace

# 254

 Boys

# 205

 Girls

ONLY 

# 32

CHILDREN  
Are Sponsored

## What is covered through your monthly donation?

- A safe, happier, and healthier environment where children can spread their wings and soar
- An robust educational curriculum which includes reading and writing skills, arts, drama, music, counseling, and sporting activities such as netball and soccer
- School uniform
- A 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 hand-out 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-deductable.

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.

US 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 ANGEL



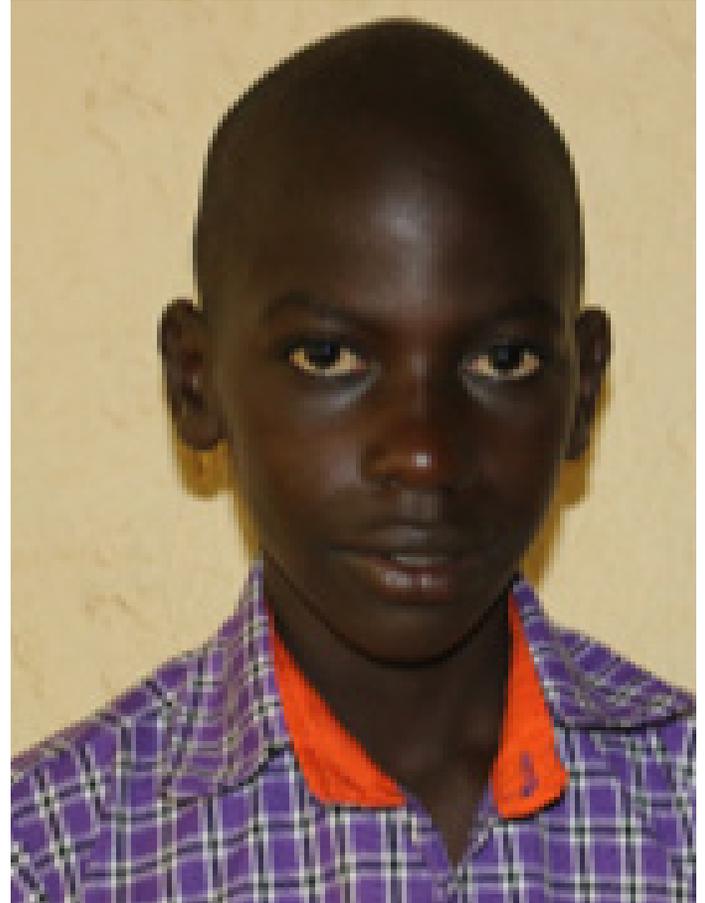
## MEET BENNAH NAKAWESI

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

**Age: 13 Birthday: October 3rd, 2006**

Bennah lives with her mother, 2 brothers, and 2 sisters. Her mother is a farm laborer but despite her efforts, it is difficult to meet the family's needs. They are growing up in a poor area in Uganda where the HIV and AIDS crisis has severely damaged the social fabric of the entire community, leaving many children without parents.

Bennah is at Rays of Grace primary school where she was given a scholarship of playing hand ball. Soon next year she is joining secondary level (high school). Bennah enjoys reading Dancing and singing. she is in satisfactory health. Your sponsorship commitment will help provide a good secondary school for Bennah after her scholarship is over with Rays of Grace.



## MEET CHRISTOPHER NAKABALE

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

**Age: 10 Birthday: October 5th, 2009**

Christopher lost his mother at only 9 months old and was left with his father who drove a boda boda (motorcycle) as public transportation to earn a living. Unfortunately his father became very ill and had to give Christopher to his grandfather when he was only a year old, His father passed in 2012 along with his grand father in 2014. Christopher was then given to his aunt who is taking care of 10 children through a small scale farm . His aunt is struggling to feed all 10 children and cannot afford to send Christopher and his siblings to school.

Christopher is in need of a Guardian Angel to generously walk along side him as he grows and partner with him to pay for his schooling and well-being.

## 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 RITAH NANKANJA

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

**Age: 11 Birthdate: February 20th, 2008**

Ritah is the third born of four children in her family and was abandoned by her father three years ago. She currently lives with her mother who struggles to find food and essential needs for her children.

By helping in cleaning her neighbors clothes and sometimes dig in peoples gardens Ritah's mother can sometimes get enough money to feed her kids and take care of their grandmother who is sick with cancer. Ritah has missed classes and exams several times due to failure to pay school fees.



### MEET SANDRA MARTHA

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

**Age: 16 Birthday: February 23rd, 2002**

Sandra Martha lives with her mother and four siblings. Her family was abandoned and neglected by their father in 2012, leaving her mother with the sole responsibility of caring for their entire family. Sandra's mother joined a women's crafting group to weave and sell mats in order to provide food and basic needs for the family.

Unfortunately Sandra's mother cannot afford to put Sandra in school. Your sponsorship and partnership to become Sandra's Guardian Angel will help secure a bright future for Sandra. Helping one person might not change the world, but it could change the world for that one person!



# OUR NEXT PROJECTS

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Our 1st Floor Pre-School Kindergarten is close to completion. The top floor will be our next project on our agenda. The budget is \$30,000 to finish the second floor. The children are getting excited to transition to their new building.

We have also purchased some additional land next to the Kindergarten and would love to put a playground next to this facility.

The budget is \$20,000. This will allow for thick turf to be laid, trees planted, fencing and solid playground equip purchased that will last and endure with the many kids that will be playing together.

Our last project is building more housing for our teachers. We currently have a small block of rooms that 5 teachers are using as housing. This enables them to stay on campus and help with extras actives after school classes. We are in need of building two more blocks of housing. This budget is \$10,000.

**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)

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#### 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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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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