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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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A NEW  
**STORY**

**HOME MAKEOVER EDITION**

By Michaela Marcy

“RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED BEFORE GOD, THE FATHER, IS THIS: TO VISIT ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR AFFLICTION.”

JAMES 1:27



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Last summer, I met Jjajja (grandma) Samantha for the first time. Our students were going house to house blessing our neighbors with food and sweeping their yards. We stopped at Samantha's home. While the students cleared her yard, I got to hear her story.

Years earlier, Samantha moved to Kirugu. After her children robbed her of her land, she was left in deep poverty. She moved into a dark, crumbling hut, and with rainy season on its way, Samantha was in danger.

Yet, Jjajja Samantha's story does not end there. Three years ago, we built Rays of Grace next to her home. She fell in love with our ministry, and we fell in love with her. Samantha offered to give us her land if we would build her a new home. We prayed that God would lead us. In Kirugu, the need is great, but we always want to follow the Lord's plan. A few weeks later, we decided to build Samantha a new home!

Soon, she will move into her palace. Her roof will never leak again, and she will rest in her first bed.

But wait...the story gets better! Word is spreading across the neighborhood about the extravagant love of our Father. Jjajja Samantha was a forgotten member of the community, but now people are asking, "Why? Why do they care so much about this old widow?"

We get to answer that we love because we were first loved by our Father. He is a God who loves his children, and he has a special heart for widows! It is an honor to adopt her into our family. Jjajja Samantha's testimony was filled with betrayal and hopelessness, but now the Lord redeeming her life and writing a new story.

Please join us in thanking the Lord for this story of redemption! Pray that her testimony would be a light in Kirugu. Pray that Jjajja Samantha will feel known and loved as she moves into her new home.





# A HEART OF CELEBRATION

By David Hoffman

**R**ays of Grace Primary School was planning the end of the year Thanksgiving Day celebration so I decided to go to Uganda in November and join them. Upon arriving at Rays of Grace Primary School I was greeted by the school guards, the teachers, the administration and all the children who attend the school. The greeting of “You are most welcomed” was received with a smile on my face. The entire campus was excited by the event that was going to be happening in a few days and was obvious that JOY was prevalent amongst the people.

The journey to Jinja, Uganda is a long one. But it is so refreshing to return to this beautiful place on the earth where all these great kids live. To see these people with very little materialism but so happy and joyful with the little they have, I always feel love from all of them, and they really appreciate the hand up from all the people that support HFF. The children now have a place to call home, a school to learn from, daily meals to eat, and most importantly HOPE for their future. People all need these four things in life: someone to love, someone to love them back, something to do, and something to hope for. Rays of Grace provides this!

The tents for the events are going up, and the children are all practicing their parts for the event. There will be music, dancing, prayers, speeches, and P7 graduation and kindergarten graduation. The community here is flourishing, families are gathering for the Thanksgiving Day festivities and the anticipation is growing.

The day has come, the sun is shining, and there is a slight breeze of wind. There are approximately 750 people that have shown up for this gathering.

Father Joseph is also invited to help officiate this great celebration. Music and dancing arranged by the children was stunning and the speeches made by the variety of speakers was so upbeat and encouraging. This community surely has HOPE and what a great day for Rays of Grace school.

My trip here was short and sweet and my stay at the Haven by the Nile River is always such a peaceful setting. Once again I have been blessed by the people, the place, and the peace of my friends in Uganda. Our commitment will always continue here as we have been called to leave a legacy of LOVE transforming lives and communities.

Until we meet again.

Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.



# GETTING CONNECTED

By Tami Hoffman | Maddie Bassett | Brody Bassett

Several months ago Brody and Maddie Bassett reached out to me and wanted to know if we have Internet service at our school? That of course is one of the needs we have at our school on our long list, hoping to check it off some day.

These 2 brilliant High School students came with an idea to raise money for "Rays of Grace" to provide a computer, a Skype camera and speakers ... and last but not least "INTERNET SERVICE". Mission accomplished. On January 21 Uganda Day was hosted at Arvada Flats Veterinary Clinic. Arvada Flats donated 10% of its proceeds that day to Hoffman Family Foundation and Maddie Bassett has been collecting used furniture that she will be selling on craigslist to raise money as well. Thank you Bassett Family for having this incredible vision for our school. The kids are going to be so excited when they come back to school in February.

So grateful ....look out WORLD... Brody and Maddie are leaving their footprints!

“If you want to change the world,  
**you have to empower people.**  
That’s the only way you make any  
**permanent, effective change on the world.”**



Hi, my name is **Maddie Bassett!**

I am a freshman at ThunderRidge High School. I am a goalkeeper for my soccer club, Rapids, and one of my favorite subjects in school is science. My dream is to become a doctor, so I push myself to succeed in academics, so I can reach that goal. Education allows for dreams to be fulfilled, so I am excited to help children within Rays of Grace to reach their goals through academics. I am so incredibly honored to tutor kids within Rays of Grace. This is truly a blessing that I get to have the opportunity to work with such God-loving, joyful people. I believe that God has pulled my heart towards this school and He has told me to grasp this opportunity. Throughout my time in doing this fundraiser to bring Skype to the school, I felt God’s love pour over the project. I am looking forward to meeting such wonderful kids that I have heard so much about. Thank you to the Hoffman Family Foundation and Rays of Grace for this opportunity!

Hi, my name is **Brody Bassett!**

I’m a sixteen year old living in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. I attend ThunderRidge High School and am a sophomore this year. I have dedicated myself to help provide the school, Rays of Grace, in Uganda with enough money to provide internet access to the students. Rays of Grace was founded by the Hoffman Family and is a primary school that offers its students an education, meals, friends, teachers who care for them, and a dormitory if needed. I feel really blessed to have raised enough money to provide internet access for these kids at Rays of Grace. Through this internet connection I hope I can meet my sponsor child through Skype, and allow the opportunity for other children to talk and see their respective sponsors. I am also very excited to use the internet connection to help tutor kids who might be struggling in a certain subject. The internet access and Skype will open up many different forms of communication and education for these amazing kids!



# GROWING BIGGER & BETTER

By Tami Hoffman

**T**he new year is off to a great start. We have two large active projects on the grounds of Rays of Grace. Excavation has begun on our New Soccer Field and Sports Complex. The land has been measured and the dirt is being moved so the new grass can be planted very soon. This will allow our soccer boys to practice on their own field on Rays of Grace school campus. Before they were having to walk a long distance just to practice. We will also use this Sports Complex to hosts tournaments with other surrounding schools serving our community.

Also, excavation has begun on our New Pre-School/ Kindergarten building. As our school has kept enlarging we have been shifting the younger children for room to room. We really needed the children to have their own separated area so we could also attach a playground.

We are so grateful to 3 generous partners that have answered the call to fund both of these projects.

Thank you so much for helping us leave a legacy of LOVE transforming lives and communities.





**H**ello! My name is Kelvin Belfon and I am thrilled to be a part of HFF's new US Sponsorship team. In 2014, I met a couple who also impacted my life. Our church asked the congregation to help collect 1,000 backpacks for a local school in the community. A gentleman named Dave Hoffman responded, saying that he'll fund the entire project himself.

Later during the week, I met Dave for the first time after giving him a tour of our food bank facility. He was a compassionate and caring man. Then I met his lifelong partner. Tami was even more passionate about helping people. She called herself the UPS lady because she enjoyed delivering gifts to strangers all over the world.

I was hooked on their infectious, God-driven love and eventually was adopted into hearts. I'm now proud to be one of their sons.

The Hoffman Family Foundation was birthed after Tami hosted a group called "Children of Uganda" who performed at our church. When our director, Robert, was commissioned in our

staff lounge, I new something major and life-changing was forthcoming.

Dave and Tami have and continued to be committed to making a difference in Uganda. They are hardworking people who give their own time and resources. A few years after the launch of HFF, I am now honored and thrilled to have accepted their offer to serve as the US Sponsorship Coordinator. I couldn't wait to partner with them and share in their passion to serve the Lord.

I am reminded of my upbringing and the thoughtful, generous hearts who took me in. People who care for others who are not their "own" are exceptional people. The simple acts of kindness do make a big difference.

The old African proverb is true, "It takes a village to raise a child." I'll add that in some cases that village can be strangers who live internationally...many miles away. We can all positively alter the life of person by praying, encouraging or giving to them. Join us!

By Kelvin Belfon

# INTRODUCING OUR US SPONSORSHIP TEAM!



I am Velma Gaston of Denver, Colorado. I learned about the Hoffman Family Foundation three years ago and I've been impressed and blessed by the work Dave and Tami Hoffman are doing for the children, as well as the adults of Uganda.

The amazing miracles that God has performed through the foundation for these children and their parents are so life changing and so reveals the heart God wants each of us to have for people everywhere.

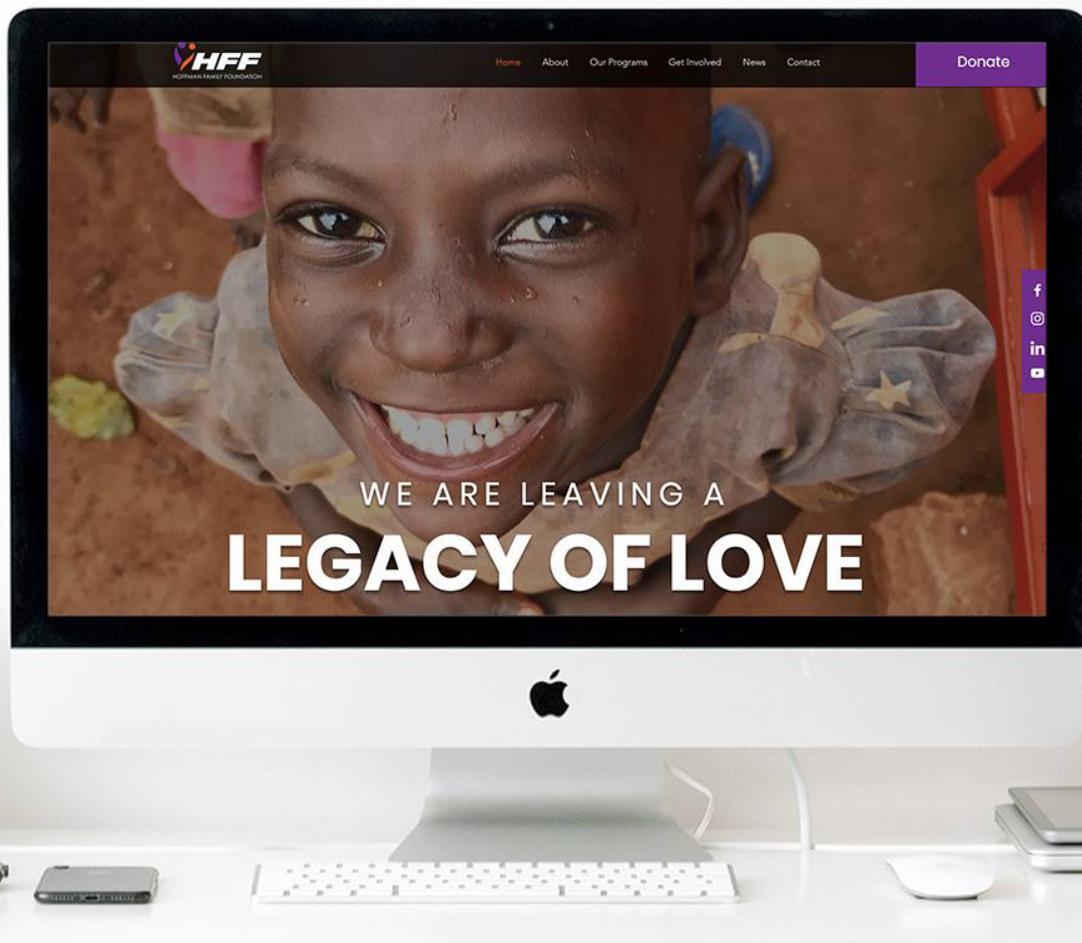
There are countless wonderful things to be said about HFF and how

God has blessed the organization to be a blessing. I so look forward to working with HFF as new projects for improvements are laid on HFF's heart. I have been so blessed to see Rays of Grace grow year to year and so many new opportunities for these children who have so little, in turn, receive so much from God's own hands.

They have a winning soccer team and are excelling in their studies. What a wonderful blessing HFF is in Uganda and I am thrilled to be a part of the US Sponsorship Team.

By Velma Gaston





## AN ONLINE **SPECTACULAR**

**W**e are so incredibly pleased to announce that our new website has been launched and is now live!

Our previous website was built on dated, time-consuming platform and had become extremely difficult to update and allow for a smooth transition between desktop and mobile. It was becoming increasingly aware that we needed to find a new platform quickly and rebuild our site to allow for our continuous and amazing growth.

Our goal was to create a more interactive experience with an entirely new look that would showcase the amazing pictures and moments we have captured in Uganda. Now filled with videos, pictures, and live updates, our new website and updated system will allow us to keep our information current and stay in constant contact with our amazing prayer warriors, guardian angels, legacy

partners, and faithful supporters. We could not have achieved this without you and want you to know how thankful we are that God has called you to join us in our efforts to leave a legacy of love.

Our new website helps tell our story and spread the news of God's amazing work in Africa. We could not be more excited by the outpour of positive feedback and if you haven't had a chance to see our new website, we encourage you to go check it out!

Take five minutes today and visit us at:

**[www.hoffmanfamilyfoundation.com](http://www.hoffmanfamilyfoundation.com)**

*- we promise you won't be disappointed!*

As always, please continue to pray for us as we continue to grow and reach new heights with God as our center.

By Carrie Wingfield



Corrections for end of term exam

- 12. finally
- 13. bigger
- 14. flying
- 15. mine

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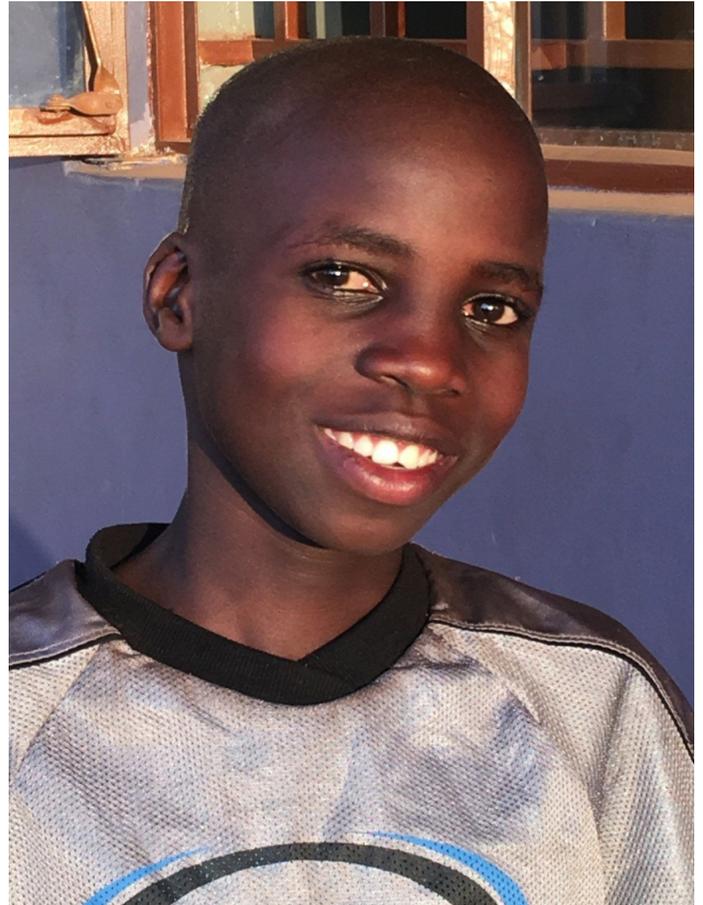


## MEET HENRY SEGAWA

When I grow up I want to be president  
Age: 5 Birthday: September 18th, 2011

Henry lives with his uncle; his parents divorced in 2015 and the father abandoned him. Since then, the whereabouts of his parents are unknown. Henry is a school-going age but his uncle cannot afford fees because he is struggling to feed eight children. He (uncle) rides passengers on his bicycle to earn a living.

Full sponsorship will help provide Henry with tuition, uniform, school materials, meals and access to health care.



## MEET JOSEPH SSEMBATYA

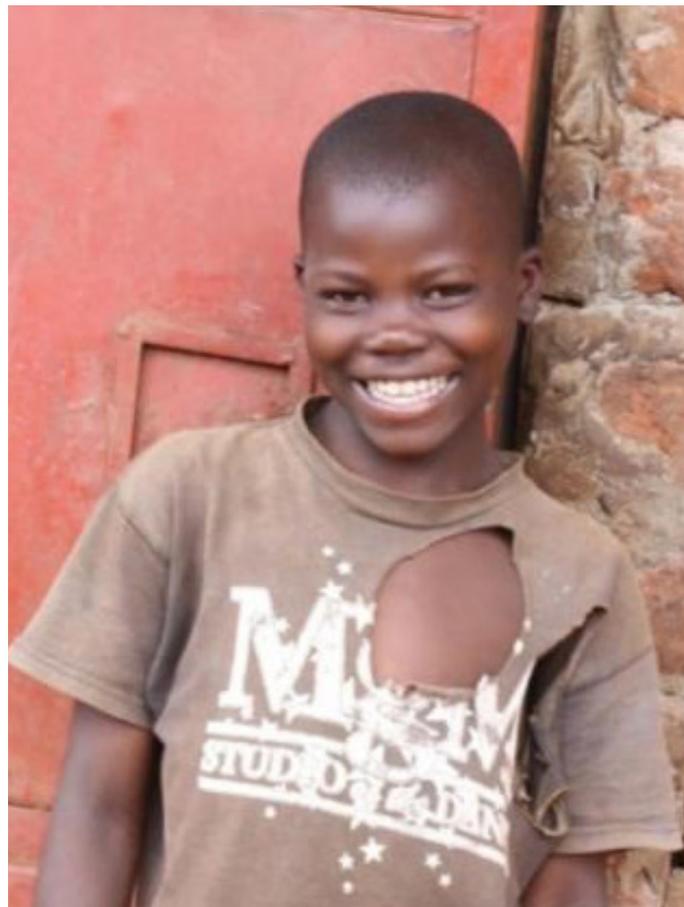
When I grow up I want to be a Doctor!  
Age: 15 Birthday: August 16th, 2002

Joseph hails from a family of eight children in the slums of Kampala. He is currently in grade six at Rays of Grace Junior School. Joseph's dream of becoming a doctor is far from being realized. His parents cannot afford to keep Joseph and his seven siblings in school because they lack employment. His dad (Joseph Bagenda) lost his job last year whereas the mother lost all her fortune in the war-ravaged South Sudan; she is still burdened by the loan she acquired from a small micro-bank. Majority of Joseph's siblings dropped out of school due to lack of school fees. Joseph's family can hardly afford more than a meal a day.

If you want to save the world just start by saving one kid.

## 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 EMMANUEL KAMYA

When I grow up I want to be a mechanical engineer!  
Age: 7 Birthyear: 2010

Emmanuel lives with his grandparents just a few meters away from Rays of Grace Junior School. Emmanuel lost his dad to HIV/AIDS in 2012; he was abandoned by his mother a few months after his father's death. His grandparents have endeavored to keep him in school despite their dire situation; they depend entirely on subsistence farming and casual labor for survival. Emmanuel is a bright learner but his guardians' failure to pay school dues has affected his academic performance and progress.

Your contribution towards sponsoring a child will plant a seed of recovery in a homeland troubled by war, poverty and HIV/AIDS. Through your generosity you are truly our partner towards leaving a legacy of love transforming lives and communities around the world.

### MEET CATHERINE NANSAMBA

When I grow up I want to be a Teacher!  
Age: 9 Birthday: November 11th, 2007

Catherine attends school with her three sisters at Rays of Grace Junior School. Her family lives in a small house in Kirugu; it is so congested that the three girls share just one mattress and blanket. The family survives on just one meal per day. Catherine's parents have always struggled to raise fees for their three girls. Catherine's mother is a peasant; her father is a boda boda cyclist.



# OUR NEXT PROJECTS

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The sports complex is coming along. The size was expanded as we started working on the project. I have learned that this is how God operates. We start with something small and He always expands it larger... with the question..” Do you trust me to provide?”

I have learned to be a water-walker and He has never let us down. At first we were going to just build a soccer field but as we got started we enlarged it to a “SPORTS COMPLEX” which will allow the girls to also have their area where they can do their net-ball activities and host tournaments as well.

We will include bleachers, changing rooms, and last but not least TOILETS!!

## **Hallelujah.**

The Pre-School/ Kindergarten is coming along. The exact same thing happened here as we were getting ready to break ground on the project to expand it larger. Originally it was going to be a one story facility but we have expanded and put a second story on top. I think God is once again up to something BIG! These young kids are so excited to watch their new building coming to Life.

We are still wanting to build and provide a full library with books and other educational tools that would be available to our kids and also our community. The project cost is \$25,000.

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader.”

Rays of Grace continues to grow and is paving the way for new souls to be impacted with such great love. Thank You for your love and support as we faithfully continue on this journey that God set before us!

For this we are so very grateful!



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### 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.

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