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THE JULIUS FOUNDATION UGANDA (TJFU)

ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018.



"We aim at facilitating lasting solutions that improve the quality of lives of the most vulnerable groups of our communities in TJFU reach areas in Uganda."

"SERVICE IS OUR PRIDE"

**TJF Board,
Helena, MT.**

Dear Board Members,

I'm extremely excited to return to Helena after a while. You all know that last year for some reasons I never made it back, mainly because of Visa issues. Thank you Mr. Tom Kaiserski and all of you for your untiring efforts and support to get me back to the Big Sky Country.

This is our report for the year 2017/2018.

1-INTRODUCTION

The journey of development since our humble beginning when I first came to Helena in 2007 is almost unbelievable. It all started with the **Kuntz Family** that brought me to Helena that summer. Then it spread to the three families of **Lee & Carol Flasnick, Marty & Gretchen Heller, and Tom & Teresa Kaiserski** the following summer.

Now it has spread like a wild fire because of the incredible love and generosity of **Msgr. Kevin S. O'Neill** who from the beginning gave me a nice warm reception and he himself has helped and encouraged every person of good will to come on board.

Thank you all for this extra-ordinary love and support for our Uganda Cause to uplift the lives of the most vulnerable members of our communities. You have generously supported us do so many things over the years, and the calendar year 2017/2018 is not old man out.

The Year 2017/2018 has been a remarkable year, for the many achievements we have registered. Among the notable ones is the formalization of **The Julius Foundation Uganda (TJFU)** by registration as a Community Based Organization (CBO). This has given us a legal mandate to officially partner with both local and international stakeholders to enhance our intervention efforts that promote human dignity especially of the most vulnerable members of our communities.

The Julius Foundation Uganda (TJFU) is pleased and privileged to have already in place valuable partners in development: The Julius Foundation (TJF) as our sister organization, The Cathedral of St. Helena, EWB and Carroll College, St. Paul Methodist Church Helena and Helena Rotary Club.

Our work would not be possible without you. We look forward to a greater mutual collaboration in our noble work of service to mankind.

2-THE JULIUS FOUNDATION UGANDA (TJFU).

As I noted above, TJFU is now a fully-fledged foundation registered as a non-profit community organization (CBO). We have rebranded from Community Action for Integrated Development (**CAFID**) to **TJFU**.

TJFU Constitution was made, Bank Account was opened and a Board of 11 members was constituted. This new positioning will not only help us to blend well with The Julius Foundation (TJF), our sister foundation in Helena MT, but will also help us to serve our communities better.

3-VISITORS TO UGANDA.

We have had a good number of visitors coming to Uganda over the years. Helena door was opened in 2008 by **Umoh Essiet**, the African lady selling African Crafts on Gulch Street. She was followed by **Dawn Barnes** and **Niki Henriksen** in 2009.

Since then many more have ventured to come including Paul Trombetta, EWB Team Carroll College Chapter, Dr. Tony Szpilka, Mrs. Ann Dooling, current past president Helena Rotary Club, and Cheri Long, husband and son. We would like to thank all of them, and particularly students from Carroll College who have come over the past three years; we thank their parents and college administration for allowing them to come and get hands-on-African experience.

Although coming to Uganda is an adventure, it's no longer a nervous journey to make, since many have made it safe back home. We would like to invite as many as possible, including volunteers in our school. The more you come, the more ambassadors we get to advocate for our cause. It is always a pleasure for our TJFU Team in Uganda to welcome you and to make you feel at home!

4-WATER PROJECT.

Clean and safe water has always been our first priority. Water Needs Assessment was done by our Uganda Team in 2015.

In May 2016 **EWB Team Carroll College Chapter** came down to Uganda to get First-Hand-Information about the project. The Team returned in May 2017 to conclude the Needs Assessment.

I'm excited to report that the long awaited **EWB WATER PROJECT** was eventually implemented partially in January this year 2018. By this project, Three Dis-functional Bore Holes in the Village of **Kawango A & B** were duly rehabilitated.

I cannot describe well the excitement the community residents of that village felt!

But to cut the story short, it was all jubilation all the two weeks of the bore-holes rehabilitation, with Luganda slogans on their lips **"MUTUZADDE"**, **"AMAZZI BWE BULAMU"**; meaning **"You have given us life"** because **"Water is Life"**.

Thanks to the members of EWB Team Carroll College Chapter for their untiring efforts to get the project done. Thanks to TJF and all our sponsors who funded this project.

We cannot wait the implementation of the **Second Phase** that will give safe water to our school, **Holy Trinity Senior Secondary**. This is also a long awaited one that will solve a chain of challenges faced by the school, ranging from having a sickly students community due to the dirty water and poor hygiene to wasting huge time and money in accessing water.

We hope and pray that this one will also be implemented within the stipulated time frame.

5-GAYAZA TECHNICAL AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

This Vocational training center continues to give skills to the many youths of our communities. We have on average a total of three hundred trainees every year skilled in various courses like hair dressing, craft, tailoring, catering, secretarial, brick-laying, and so forth.

Good enough our trainees get jobs after leaving the center since we help them to become job creators instead job seekers.

However, we still have so many challenges, like safe water, permanent classrooms and enough training tools.

This center also provides us a fertile ground to put our attention in case an opportunity comes.

6-CHILD SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM (CSSP)

This program is on though on a low note. In our communities where families live on less than \$2 a day, Child School Sponsorship is very critical, connecting a child with a sponsor.

This is one strategic way of emancipating our communities from the vicious cycle of poverty. There is no doubt that a child who receives **life changing opportunities through education** will definitely have an important role to play in emancipating many others.

We thank those families that have come on board to support this program. The following is what is happening:

- a) **Scott & Dawn Barnes Family** support **Jonathan Mugwanya Kirabo** (12years old) who is completing Primary Seven (P 7) December this year to join Senior Secondary School (Junior High) February next year 2019.
- b) **Lee & Carol Flasnick Family** support **Birungi Jacinta** (6 years old) who is completing Primary 1 (P1) this December.
- c) **TJF** is supporting **Seminarian Lawrence Zimbe** who has completed Year II of Philosophy and he is taking on Year III beginning of this September.

We do encourage many more families to give a hand to the many sweet innocent souls of our desperate children in Uganda by supporting this program.

7- HOLY TRINITY SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

a) School Admissions (O-Level & A-Level):

This school has been admitting students between the ages of 13 to 16 years, who form the four years of the **Ordinary Level (O-Level)** according to the Uganda Educational System (or Junior High).

We are opening doors next year to students of **Advanced Level (A-Level)** or High school, ages of 17 and 18 years. This is to provide educational opportunities to those students who would like to stay with us after graduating from O-Level.

We still lack so many facilities but we are improving slowly. And the more we improve upon the facilities, the more the grades of our students also improve.

b) Thanks to TJF Board and all our Sponsors:

We are hugely grateful to all the members of TJF Board for seeing it necessary to put most of our efforts to improving this school.

This was a very wise decision, for if we educate our young generation, these young men and women will be able to provide knowledge to the next generation, thereby building a stronger and healthier community.

We thank the TJF Board for all the support you inject in for the development of this school, ranging from students food welfare, beds, to constructions. And in the special way, we are grateful for the **Computer Laboratory Block** which you have funded.

A full report is here attached with.

c) SCIENCE LABORATORY BLOCK: As our Next Project 2019.

During our general TJFU board meeting with Holy Trinity School Board that sat beginning of June this year, we unanimously agreed that our next project be to construct **A SCIENCE LABORATORY BLOCK** that will accommodate

i) **Chemistry/Biology Laboratory, and**

ii) **Physics Laboratory**

This too is a critical project to be handled with urgency as science subjects are compulsory for the O-Level students. This will also provide quality science education to our students who have a science calling at the A-Level section. Currently, the school offers science subjects but without proper facilities, and this is where we score poorly in National Examinations.

Science Laboratories are also a condition for our school to be given a **Uganda National Examinations Center**. At the moment, our students who sit for National Examinations are registered under other schools. With this facility in place, the Examination Center will be ours.

We kindly appeal to the members of TJF Board to support our bid to acquire science laboratory facilities at Holy Trinity School. If the board deems it necessary that this project comes next on the list of our focus, the proposed **Architectural Drawing and Cost Estimates** are here attached with.

8-CONCLUSION

On behalf of TJFU Board and on behalf of our communities and church as a whole, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your generosity and kindness in supporting our uplifting activities.

Your generosity and commitment to support us is what enables us to bring back hope to our desperate communities, to restore and promote their human dignity.

I thank you for loving, praying and caring for us. We appreciate your continued support and assistance. We love you and we pray for you always!

Sincerely yours,

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