

2019

1 5<sup>th</sup> June

**THE JULIUS FOUNDATION UGANDA (TJFU)  
Annual Report 2018/2019.**



**HOLY TRINITY COMPUTER LABORATORY BLOCK**

**TJFU educates, empowers, and transforms vulnerable and impoverished communities in Uganda, ensuring that everyone in our service area has the chance to learn, grow, and thrive.**

## **TJFU**

**Brings together all stakeholders and people of good will; all inspired by one single vision of building a world that promotes the dignity of the human person.**



**Providing clean and safe water has always been a top priority of TJFU efforts to improve the quality of life of our populations by putting water sources within their easy reach.**

## **OUR VISION**

We seek communities of improved quality of life where disease, illiteracy and poverty are minimized to give way to the promotion of human dignity.

## **OUR MISSION**

Mobilizing all people of good will join our efforts in fighting disease, illiteracy, poverty and contaminated water that impoverish our communities.

## **OUR FOCUS**

We put much emphasis on women and girls because empowering them is empowering families and whole communities.

## **5-YEAR GOAL**

Providing safe water, skilling women and youths for self-reliance, putting in place facilities at Holy Trinity School to accommodate 500 students, and improving on Gayaza Technical & Skills Center.

## **1-INTRODUCTION**

It is my pleasure to share with you the **2018/2019 TJFU Annual Report**. Making an impact to people's lives and changing their miserable story continues to be at the heart of what our Foundation does every day. I see it in the team around me and so many of the volunteers and interns that join us to give a hand.

Our passion for what we do as TJFU Team, grows stronger all the time, motivated by the amazing difference our foundation has continued to bring into people's lives for the better.

**The year 2018/2019** was a dynamic one that saw the expansion of both of our two schools, namely, **Holy Trinity Senior Secondary School, Kawango-Nkozi and Gayaza Technical and Skills Development Center**.

Also remarkable to note was the completion of our Computer Laboratory Building and the drilling of a deep Water Well for Holy Trinity School, as well as consolidating the Three Water Wells remodeled in the year 2017/2018, among other achievements.

**TJFU would not be able to remain sustainable without your extremely generous support.** We would like to extend a very warm thank you to each and every one who made 2018/2019 such a successful year.

We thank in particular **TJF Board** in mobilizing the so much needed resources and technical support that help advance our vision and mission.

We acknowledge the overflowing generosity and support of St. Helena Cathedral Parish, EWB/Carroll College Helena, St. Paul Helena Methodist Church, the Rotary Club of Helena and indeed all the individual donors that contribute generously to our fund. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will forever be prayerfully acknowledged.

## **2- WATER AND HYGIENE PROGRAM.**

Safe water and good hygiene are what keep us all healthy. They should be a normal part of daily life for everyone, everywhere – but they aren't in many parts of the rural communities that we serve. Providing Clean and Safe Water continues to be one of our top priorities.

### a) Holy Trinity School Water Well.

I'm excited to report that EWB Team/Carroll College arrived in Uganda on the New Year's Day of this year 2019 and embarked on a mission to drill the long awaited Water Well for Holy Trinity Senior Secondary School Kawango, Nkozi. The Well is fully functional with huge water enough to supply the school population and some nearby families. We are hugely indebted to **EWB/Carroll College Team of Students and Professional Mentors** for spearheading the project.

We are also excited for the next phase of this Water Well that will see it upgraded to a powered pump for flowing water to where it is needed on the school campus.

### **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL WATER WELL DRILLING BY DRACO CAMPANY**



### b) Consolidation of the First Water Wells of Year 2017/2018.

While we celebrate the new Bore-Hole at Holy Trinity School, we have continued to consolidate the other three **Kawango Village Rehabilitated Water Wells** done 2017/2018.

This has been possible because of the **Water and Sanitation User Committees** we have put in place for each bore-hole. These committees are charged with ownership of the Water Wells for their good maintenance.

Members of these committees also conduct a series of meetings on good water use and on good hygiene tips to ensure that the water collected in households doesn't become contaminated during drinking or storage process.

### **KAWANGO VILLAGE WATER WELLS DONE LAST YEAR 2018**



### **WE UNDERTAKE TO TRAIN OUR POPULATIONS TIPS OF GOOD HYGIEN**



### **3- HOLY TRINITY COMPUTER LABORATORY PROJECT.**

#### **a) Construction of the Computer Laboratory Building.**

For the last two years, we undertook to construct the School Computer Laboratory Block to answer the urgent need of a Computer Laboratory as a compulsory requirement by Uganda National Examinations Board.

It is required that each senior secondary school has to have a computer facility in place as computer training is a compulsory examinable subject for every student.

We are happy to report that with your incredible generosity we have erected a solid Computer Laboratory Block that will accommodate 50 pieces of computers, with a server room, a school secretariat, and an office for computer trainers. It has given a big face lift to the school, this being the best structure we have on the premises.

### HOLY TRINITY COMPUTER LABORATORY BLOCK



#### b) Furnishing with Computer Equipment.

This is the Second Phase of the Computer Laboratory Project. This will include furnishing the building with **50 pieces of computers and accessories**, and also **extending the Power Grid** about One and Half Kilometers (1½ km) to Holy Trinity School.

This phase is being undertaken by the Rotary Clubs of Helena MT and Lubaga-Kampala in conjunction with Holy Trinity School and Kawango Village.

What I gathered at beginning of this past June, both rotary clubs are still working on the proposal, fine tuning it to suit Rotary International requirements. Hopefully, it qualifies to meet Rotary International Funding.

#### **4-LAND PURCHASED FOR HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL KAWANGO-NKOZI.**

As the school keeps growing, there is also a pressing need to acquire more room for expansion. This past year we purchased two pieces of land by the generosity of two Helena families, namely, the Fosters and the Caldwell; we are hugely thankful to them.

We envisage to use one piece of land to put a medical facility, dispensary/clinic to treat opportunistic infections of Holy Trinity School Community and Kawango Village Residents. We also intend to use the other piece of land to put Holy Trinity School Staff Quarters.

Meanwhile, we are using the two pieces as school gardens to grow vegetables for the students.

We also have it as our need to purchase at least 5 acres of land for bigger school gardens where we can give demonstration agricultural skills to our students and Kawango village residents. At the same time, what we grow and the animals we rear will help to reduce school food costs that keep sky-rocketing each year.

#### **5-HOLY TRINITY SCIENCE LABORATORY BLOCK.**

Uganda as a developing country has an urgent need for qualified workers in medical field and engineering to generate growth and development. For that matter, the Ugandan Policy on Education has put greater emphasis on science education.

The rationale behind this policy is to build capacity in the field of science in Uganda. Consequently, science subjects have been made compulsory in schools, and 75% of the Government scholarships to public universities are science based.

Holy Trinity School can't be odd-man-out to this policy, but only to comply. At the moment, our school grades on the national level are brought down because we lack both computer and science laboratories.

Therefore, we have to do whatever it takes to get both facilities put in place if our students are to compete favourably both on the national and international levels.

It is very exciting that TJF Board has seen this great need and has worked around the clock to mobilize funds that we get the facilities.

We have already secured the Computer Laboratory Block and this year 2019/2020 arrangements have already been made that we get the **Science Laboratory Block**. Thanks to Msgr. Kevin O'Neil, St. Helena Cathedral Parishioners and TJF Board for the funds so far collected for that matter.

I'm happy to report that on July 6, 2019 the **Vice President of Uganda, His Excellence Hon. Edward Ssekandi** has visited Holy Trinity School and made the ground breaking for the construction of the Science Lab.



The construction of the block would have started by now, but only delayed by Mpigi District Physical Planning Board to approve and release our architectural drawings. But I'm reliably informed, by the time we went into printing of this report that the drawings will be out before the end of this month of August.

#### **6- HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEAR FUTURE PLANS.**

- a- Extending the Power Grid from Uganda Martyrs University Nkozi to Holy Trinity School, a distance of one and half kilometers.
- b- Furnishing the Computer Block with Computers and accessories
- c- Furnishing the Science Block with Laboratory Apparatus/Equipment
- d- Upgrading the School Bore-hole to a Powered Pump.
- e- Harvesting Water from School Building Roofs into Water Storing Plastic Tanks
- f- School Kitchen and improved bathrooms with flowing water.
- g- Erecting Students Dormitories/hostels, starting with the Girls' Dormitory and then Boys' Dormitory.
- h- Buying at least 5 acres of land for School and Village Demonstration Gardens and animal breeds.

#### **7-GAYAZA TECHNICAL AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER.**

More than 75% of Uganda's population is below the age of 30, with the country having one of the highest youths unemployment rates in Sub-Saharan Africa. This high level of unemployment calls for urgent action and innovative solutions.

**Gayaza Technical and Skills Development Centre** was started to answer the urgent need of equipping our youths with entrepreneurship vocational skills for self-employment. We offer various skills and our courses take 1 to 2 years.

Our Trainees are awarded certificates from the **Directorate of Industrial Training (DIT)** on completion of their courses. These awards are recognized by the Ministry of Education.

This past year, we expanded our programs to accommodate more courses to meet the job/labour market demands. And we have this year 325 trainees.

#### **Our courses now include the following:**

1. Hair dressing
2. Fashion design and tailoring
3. Nursery teaching and day care management
4. Electrical installation
5. Information communication technology
6. Counseling and guidance
7. Secretarial science
8. Business management
9. Hotel management and institutional catering
10. Refrigeration
11. Radio, TV and computer repair
12. Motor vehicle machinery
13. Carpentry and joinery
14. Entrepreneurship and small business management



We try to integrate our training with entrepreneurship and small scale business management skills to enable the youths start and manage their own businesses.

The skills imparted enable trainees after completion to create their own jobs or find employment opportunities so as to be self-reliant.

However, we find this as our challenge that the number of students seeking to undertake vocational skills training at the center keep increasing each year beyond our capacity and facilities.

There is therefore a continuing need of improving on our facilities and also procuring more training materials in all vocational trades to meet the demand.

### **8-STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

Providing access and opportunity to educate children is one of TJFU programs; changing lives, one student at a time. As a sponsor, we provide you with an opportunity to connect with a child in need and to develop a personal relationship with your child and their family that can last a lifetime!

We are in talks with one catholic priest, born in Kawango Village, Nkozi, who is trying to work out a program to sponsor about 20 students next year at Holy Trinity School, born in that village of Kawango. We excited about that move.

But the opportunity of sponsorship is still open because the number of needy students is indeed very big. Some of these students are orphans others come from indeed very poor families who find it so hard to afford school tuition, though we try to make it as affordable as we can.

From Helena, Montana we have three families sponsoring four of our children. We are grateful to the following families:

- **TJF family** supports **Seminarian Lawrence Zimbe**, who has now completed 3 years of philosophy course; he's taking up the first year of theology beginning of September this year 2019.
- **Scott & Dawn Barnes Family** supports **Jonathan Mugwanya Kirabo** who is now in first year of Senior Secondary School.
- **Lee & Carol Flasnck Family** support **Birungi Jacinta** who is now in Primary school two (P2).
- **Gene Mallette** sponsors **Ntege Henry** who is now in senior two.

### **9-CONCLUSION.**

We have always said it that the needs of our communities are great, yet our resources to mitigate these acute basic challenges are still very minimal. This therefore calls for prioritization of our intervention efforts aimed at uplifting the

livelihoods of our populations. Education is on top of our priorities; for education is the systematic way to emancipate our communities to sustainable growth and development.

If we can turn Holy Trinity School and Gayaza Technical to be centers of excellence, there is no doubt that these learning institutions will inspire and transform our communities by helping people develop knowledge, skills, values and behaviors needed for sustainable development.

We are so far deeply grateful for the support to develop these centers and other projects that uplift people's livelihoods especially safe and clean water.

While we still have a long way to go to put these centers to the desired standards, we are, however, hopeful that with the growing involvement of people of good will, one day we shall get there, since Rome too was not built in one day.

Once again, on behalf of TJFU Board and the entire beneficiary communities and families that reap from our prayerful generosity and support, I acknowledge the continued commitment of each one of TJF Board member towards improving the quality of life of our disadvantaged people that we serve.

To all our donor partners who contributed financially and technically, we are very much appreciative of their support, without which we would not have been able to achieve the results we recorded this past year 2018/2019.

There are many exciting ideas and activities planned for the year 2019/2020; we hope you will generously continue to be with us on the journey towards achieving them. Our joy is to see people in our service areas equipped and empowered to live with dignity, purpose and hope!

With Love and Prayers,

Fr. Julius Bwowe

TJFU, Kampala-Uganda.

Email: [juliusfoundationug@gmail.com](mailto:juliusfoundationug@gmail.com)

