

**UGANDAN LAMBS ASSOCIATION
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Time for jubilation: Nambalirwa Winfred second right, rejoicing with her friends on the graduation day after she attained her degree.

General Information

The economy is now fully opened and people are in a laxity mood forgetting that COVID 19 still exists and can lead to death. Moreover the historical decline of the global extreme poverty rate with 10% of people living below the new international poverty line of 1 dollar and 90 cents per day, the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals for 2030, and a record of unemployed and underemployed youths in the Sub Saharan Africa being high. But there is no time for complacency: 702 million people around the world still live below the poverty line, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa. For this reason Ugandan Lambs Association USA is enthusiastically supporting the Sustainable Development Goals set by the United Nations for 2030. The aims of the 17 global objectives are ambitious: one of them being ending of extreme poverty through education. Such a large goal cannot be reached without the intervention of the Ugandan Lambs Association USA aiming at improving lives of vulnerable children through education and catering for their basic needs.

Introduction

Currently, Ugandan Lambs Association is supporting **51** children; this is done through sponsorship and donations. Children are nurtured through them attending Child Evangelistic Fellowships, ensuring that they have basic needs for example food, shelter, clothing, medical care and quality education. This is done in a safe and nurturing environment to facilitate, monitor their education and promote their physical and spiritual well-being. The main purpose of supporting the children is to break the cycle of poverty and dependence in order to allow each child to fulfill his or her God-given potential. The supported children together with their guardians are grateful for the support rendered so far.

Activities done during the month of May 2022

1. Graduation of one of the Lambs
2. Meeting with one of the Board members

3. Children going back to school and Institutions
4. Offering of guidance and counseling to the Lambs
5. Sick Children
6. Recommendations for expansion of the program
7. Story for the Lamb

1. Graduation of one of the Lambs:

During the month success was registered in Ugandan Lambs. One of the Lambs (Nambalirwa Winfred) was able to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Development Studies. It was a tough time that she persevered and achieved her degree. She acknowledges her success to God who has enabled her sponsors to pay for her school dues during the time she was in school. She hopes that with the education she has attained she will be able to get employed and be able to support other vulnerable children.



2. Meeting with one of the Board members:

A meeting was held with a Board member (Ms. Nantaba), staff and four of the Lambs. The Lambs that were met were Nambalirwa Winfred a graduate now, Nambojera Robinah works with Platinum Hospital, John Kiwalabye volunteers at Kayunga Hospital and Henry Mutumba works but still on probation with Henrob Hospital in Zana. The Board member was grateful for the work done for the Lambs. She was also very pleased with the performance of the Lambs with regard to them performing well in their studies. She strongly advised the Lambs to avoid going to Arabic countries since many Ugandans have lost their lives trying to work in the Arab countries. The Board member urged the Lambs to stick in Uganda and try as much as they can to find jobs in Uganda because that is where they can be safely employed.

3. Children going back to school:

During the month all children that are school going were able to go back to school. They had all the requirements that they needed in order for them to stay in school and study. They were advised to focus on their studies because education is key and that life without education is a misery. They were also advised to put in more efforts so that they can be able to attain better grades. Additionally they were urged to be well behaved to both their teachers and fellow students and pupils since they can be of help at school. More still they were advised to always team up with bright students since this will help them have helpful academic group discussions hence excelling in studies.

4. Guidance and counselling to the Lambs:

Guidance and counselling of the Lambs was done as they were reporting back to school. They were informed that besides them studying and aiming at achieving academic excellence, they had to be well behaved so that they can live to be good citizens. More still it helps them attain a bright future ahead of time. Additionally when the Lambs are well behaved it helps them build good reputations among the students and the teachers. This will also help them to get reference from the schools that they have been in.

5. Caring for sick children:

One of the core values of Ugandan Lambs USA is caring for sick children as a way of meeting their physical needs. A paramount objective of all Ugandan Lambs Association USA's programs is addressing health vulnerabilities by improving access to quality health services, disease prevention and psychosocial counselling in a bid to enable the lambs have good health, which is a precondition for living a life of dignity. During the month Magambo Ivan fell sick and he was suffering from Malaria, flu and cough, he was taken to Tendo

medical centre for treatment and he got better although. To add Shamim Namaganda Joy was suffering from stomach ulcers and she was taken to St Anthony medical centre for treatment and she is now feeling much better. Kitunzi Daniel was also sick and he was suffering from malaria, he was taken to Tendo medical centre for treatment. Najjemba Damalie too had eye defects and was taken to Mengo Hospital for examination and treatment, she is now feeling much better.

6. Recommendation for expansion of the program:

In order for the Ugandan Lambs Association USA program to run effectively, there is need to have more programs that can cause more impact on the lives of the Lambs. Among the suggested programs are:

i. Mini-exhibition for the Lambs

It is advised that a mini-exhibition for the Lambs who were trained in different skills is done. This is aimed at marketing products that children do and will also enable them to learn display skills.

ii. Addition of children to be supported

In reference to the Excel sheet that is attached many of our Lambs have graduated and they are waiting to get jobs while others have already gotten jobs. It is recommended that more vulnerable children are identified and that they can be supported to attain their education.

iii. Digital Literacy training

It is advised that Lambs learn how to market their products using social media (WhatsApp, Facebook, twitter, Instagram) among others. This can be fully achieved when they are trained in digital literacy and can be able to know how to use phones in order to market their product hence product development.

iv. Entrepreneurship

Entrepreneurship skill training is a fundamental competitive tool that has greatly influenced the survival and expansion of startup businesses, SMEs as well as established companies in today's highly competitive market. Selection, Planning, and Management (SPM) of Income Generating Activities (IGAs) in particular is a training course for semi-literate participants on the Ugandan Lambs Association USA Program. It is designed for participants who are interested in starting and managing IGAs. The training is aimed at creating an exciting customer satisfaction experience through empowering the Lambs with, customer relationship management skills, Book keeping skills, Sales and Marketing Skills necessary to enhance business growth and improved performance.

v. Mentorship and coaching

Mentorship and coaching involves engaging the Lambs with someone who is experienced in a certain field so that the Lambs and the mentor can discuss and find solutions to challenges in that same field. This will in the end create a positive impact on the Lambs.

vi. Financial Literacy

Financial Literacy means managing money well which begins with hanging on to what you have. This means avoiding unnecessary expenditure and then finding a safe place to store whatever money is left over making that choice. The choice to save rather than to consume is the foundation of money management. "There are many times when poor people need sums of money that are bigger than what they have at hand. The need for these useful large sums of money arises from life cycle events such as birth, education, marriage, and death, from emergency situations and from discovery opportunities to make investments in assets or business. Therefore the only reliable and sustainable way they can obtain these sums is by building them from their savings.

Those are the recommendations that we felt can be added to the Lambs as they progress in the world of work. However, there is need for us as staff to come up with a budget of running such activities that is if the Board is in agreement.

NB: Concept notes and budgets will be developed for the activities.



Story for the Lamb

Meet Robinah:

My name is Robinah Namboyera. I am 24 years old. I am an orphan and my father died due to HIV/AIDS when I was still very young. I am survived with mother and a brother. My mother to the fact that she does not work made it hard for her to fend for the family.

We therefore had little hope since my father was the bread winner at home. Feeding, other personal needs and school fees were a hustle for my mother.

It was in 2013 when Ugandan Lambs Association USA identified me and took me on. When I joined Ugandan Lambs Association USA, I gained hope of attaining my education, hence a bright future ahead of me. I was able to go to school since my school fees and other requirements were catered for (books, pens, school uniform, beddings among others were catered for).

I have been studying Pharmacy at Allied Institute for Health Sciences Mulago and I was able to attain a diploma in pharmacy. Thereafter I went for my internship at Platinum hospital and I was then let to volunteer for some time. I was then granted a job at the hospital as a pharmacist. I thankful to God for the opportunity of attaining my education through Ugandan Lambs Association USA. May God continue to bless my sponsors.

I hope to help other vulnerable children so that they too can go to school like I did. Thank you to all our donors for the support.

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