



# LETTER TO OUR SUPPORTERS

## 2023 was the year of Infrastructure for EACH in Uganda and Kenya.

As the burden of COVID-19 and Ebola have eased, East Africa Children's Hope (EACH) is once again focused on funding sponsorships for Good Hope and Upendo students, creating opportunities for Upendo graduates and improving infrastructure with our partners in Kenya and Uganda.

A core mission of EACH is to bring education to the Good Hope Initiative in Uganda and to the girls from Upendo in Kenya. In 2023, we funded the Pioneers in their final year of their Advanced Certificate which gives them the foundation they need to obtain their Bachelor's Degree. This is how we set our students up for success. In 2023, five of our Upendo girls graduated from college or university. This educational pillar ensures they are able to start a career and become independent young women. Some EACH donors have supported these Upendo girls since they were in primary school. We are truly lucky for their continued support over the past 17 years.

EACH funded two large infrastructure projects at Good Hope that will change the community for generations to come. In 2023, biogas toilets were constructed and electricity was brought to Good Hope. The biogas toilets convert waste into biogas (a clean cooking fuel) and produce a nutrient-rich bio-slurry that can be used to fertilize agricultural fields. Biogas cooking fuel reduces the need to purchase other fuels and eliminates harmful indoor smoke from cooking with wood or charcoal. This infrastructure project benefited not only the kids who needed a new place to use the bathroom but also benefited everyone who cooks for the students; importantly, it saves money to be used for other operating costs.

Perhaps even more exciting than biogas toilets, EACH was able to fundraise to bring electricity to GHI. In early fall 2023, the rural Uganda Electrification project brought electricity to Mubende, the nearest town to Good Hope. At that point it was up to EACH to fund the last few miles of electrification to bring electricity to the school and community center. EACH donors generously answered our call to support this important infrastructure initiative.

In Kenya, EACH and Upendo leadership partnered with the Kiriti Women's group, a local community organization, to create a restaurant entrepreneurship program for our recent college graduates. The Upendo Cafeteria entrepreneurship program in the center of downtown Murang'a gives recent EACH graduates real life experience while also allowing them to earn an income. In August 2023, The Upendo '02 Cafeteria had a successful grand opening. With the support of their mentor and EACH in-country coordinator, Joan Omini, these young women independently manage the restaurant, including procurement, finances to marketing, cooking and customer service. Since opening, the cafeteria has employed and trained six Upendo graduates, three who have advanced to other jobs.

2023 was another productive and rewarding year for our students and a year of great infrastructure improvements. We look forward to 2024 and all it will bring for the EACH Kids.

**With Gratitude,  
Melanie Dascenzo  
& Melissa Budnick**



# Sustainability at Good Hope

## In spring 2023, Good Hope began construction on biogas toilets.

The biogas toilets convert waste into biogas (a clean cooking fuel) and produce a nutrient-rich bio-slurry that can be used to fertilize agriculture fields. Using the biogas cooking fuel reduces the need to purchase other fuels and eliminates harmful indoor smoke from cooking with wood or charcoal. This infrastructure project not only benefited the kids who desperately needed a new place to use the bathroom but also benefited everyone who cooks for the students; importantly, it saves money to be used for other operating costs at Good Hope. This biogas initiative will serve our school for years to come and we thank our donors for their generosity in supporting it.





# Electricity at Good Hope

## **EACH donors provided Good Hope not only with Love, but *Light***

In 2023, EACH was able to bring something to Good Hope that we never thought possible - electricity! Electricity is out of reach for most rural Ugandans. Prior to this year, Good Hope was a part of the 64% of communities in rural Uganda who do not have access to electricity. In early fall 2023, the rural Uganda Electrification project brought electricity to Mubende, the nearest town to Good Hope. At that point it was up to EACH to fund the last few miles of electrification to bring electricity to the school and community center. EACH donors generously answered our call to support this important infrastructure initiative. The students no longer need to worry about cloudy days, their classrooms being too dark or not being able to study at night because the students now have lights. Good Hope is now in the planning and feasibility phase for bringing technology, such as a computer lab, to ensure the students at Good Hope can be on par with their peers around the world.



# Entrepreneurship in Kenya

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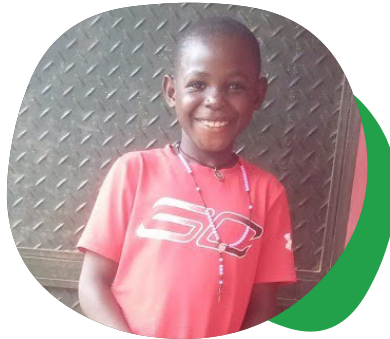
The Upendo Cafeteria entrepreneurship program in the center of downtown Murang'a, gives recent EACH college graduates real life management, supply chain and food service experience while also allowing them to earn an income. The Upendo '02 Cafeteria opened in August 2023 with a successful grand opening and first few months! The cafeteria is helping the EACH sponsored college graduates develop the skills needed to forge their way in the world post-graduation. With the support of their mentor and EACH in-country coordinator, Joan Omini, these young women independently manage the restaurant including procurement, management, finances, marketing, cooking and customer service. Since opening, the cafeteria has employed and trained six Upendo graduates, three who have already advanced to other jobs.





# Good Hope Initiative

## 2023 by the Numbers



**650** Children at primary school

**2** Children at secondary school

**15** Children pursuing advanced certificates

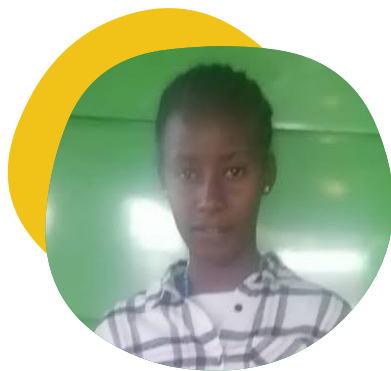
**27** Teachers

**10** Permanent classrooms

**370** Approximate number families helped

# Upendo Students

## 2023 by the Numbers



**7** Girls at  
secondary school

**4** Girls in  
College/University

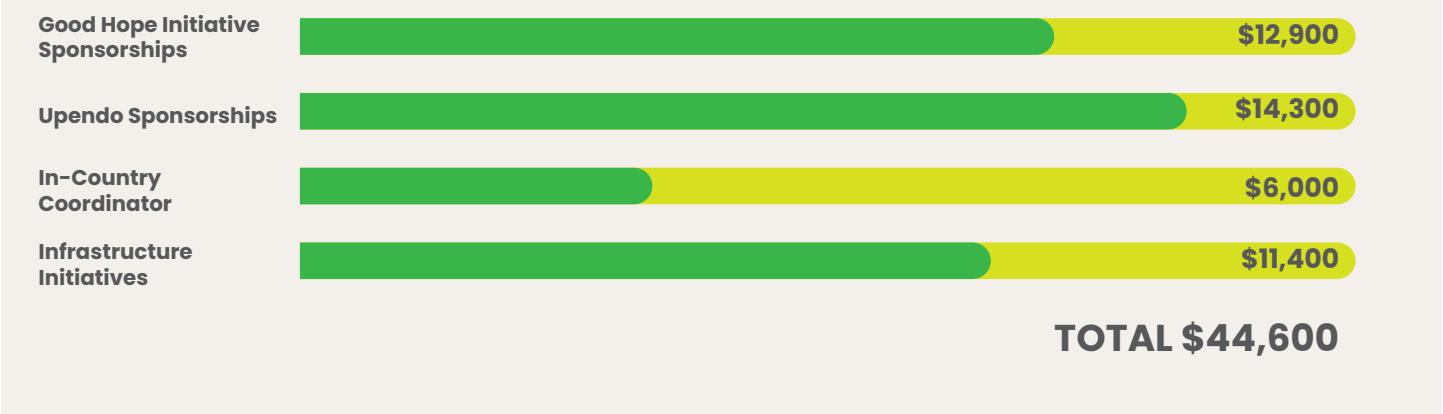
**5** Girls graduated from  
College/University

**16** Girls have completed  
College/University to date

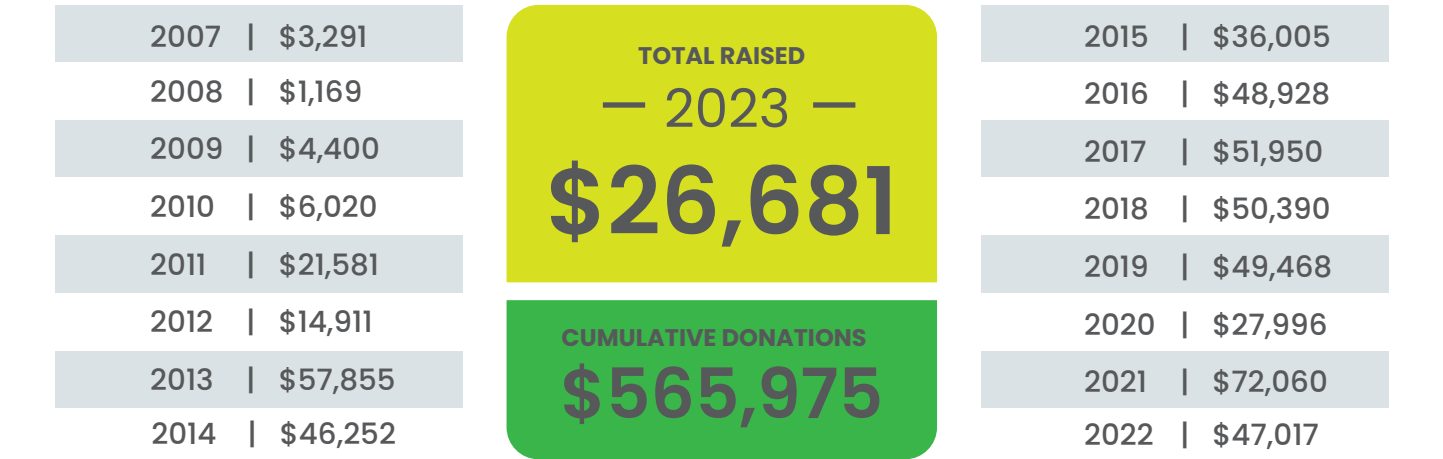


# Our Financials

WHERE OUR DONATIONS WENT IN 2023



DONATION HISTORY





# GHI Sponsored Students

| STUDENT NAME | SCHOOL NAME              | SPONSOR NAME                     |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| JUSTINE      | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | SCHULMAN FAMILY                  |
| JULIET       | KIKUMBI SECONDARY SCHOOL | HOCHHAUSER FAMILY                |
| TONY         | BRIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOL  | PAM ANDERSON AND PETER TORGERSON |
| GLORIA       | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | EACH SPONSORED                   |
| CHRISTINE    | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | EACH SPONSORED                   |
| RUTH         | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | PAM ANDERSON AND PETER TORGERSON |
| PROSSY       | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | KATIE BUTTON                     |
| JOSEPHINE    | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | PAM ANDERSON & PETE TORGERSON    |
| RACHEL       | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | EACH SPONSORED                   |
| DEBORAH      | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | PAM ANDERSON & PETE TORGERSON    |
| ANNETTE      | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | PAM ANDERSON & PETE TORGERSON    |
| DOROTHY      | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | PEG BUTTON                       |
| AISHA        | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | LAURA & AVI SHALEM               |
| TALEMWA      | BRIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOL  | RENEE & JEFF PESSIN              |
| VIOLA        | BRIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOL  | FINCH FAMILY                     |
| EVA          | MYANZI SECONDARY SCHOOL  | DASCENZO FAMILY                  |
| KIRABO       | SKILL THE YOUTH UGANDA   | EACH SPONSORED                   |

# Upendo Sponsored Girls

| STUDENT NAME | SCHOOL NAME                          | SPONSOR NAME                                  |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| YVONNE M.    | KIGUMO GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL        | CARRIE ESTILL                                 |
| JOYCE W.     | KIGUMO GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL        | EACH SPONSORED                                |
| RUTH W.      | KIGUMO GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL        | MEGAN ONYSKO & KRISTEN COONS                  |
| CAROLYNE N.  | MICHUKI TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE | PETER TORGERSON & PAM ANDERSON                |
| LYDIA W.     | THIKA INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS STUDIES  | EACH SPONSORED                                |
| ZOERIA W.    | THIKA INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS STUDIES  | SARAH ZELAZINSKI & TRANQUIL CLINICAL RESEARCH |
| GLADYS W.    | THIKA INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS STUDIES  | PETER TORGERSON & PAM ANDERSON                |
| NANCY M.     | THIKA INSTITUTE OF BUSINESS STUDIES  | EACH SPONSORED                                |
| EUNICE K.    | THIKA TECHNICAL COLLEGE              | EACH SPONSORED                                |
| JANE N.      | TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA      | LAUREN & JOHNNY WHALLON                       |
| VERONICA N.  | MERU NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC            | THE HOYT & READE FAMILIES                     |
| MARTHA W.    | KIAMBU TECHNICAL COLLEGE             | THE EUNICE UPENDO PROJECT                     |
| LINET W.     | THIKA TECHNICAL COLLEGE              | MALCOM PIKE                                   |

## East Africa Children's Hope Statement of Activity

January to December 2023

| REVENUE                               | TOTAL            |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>                | <b>\$ 26,681</b> |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>                   |                  |
| PROGRAM EXPENSES                      | \$ 44,605        |
| BANK FEES                             | \$ 1,039         |
| WEBSITE & FUNDRAISING EXPENSES        | \$ 377           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>             | <b>\$ 46,021</b> |
| OPERATION MARGIN                      | (\$ 19,339)      |
| <b>FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/2023*</b> | <b>\$ 2,787</b>  |

\*AS PLANNED, CONTRIBUTIONS FROM YEAR END 2022 WERE USED TO FUND 2023 PAYMENTS



