

Facing Costs in the Pandemic

In 2019, income was almost \$60,000, of which the Boutique generated almost 40%. End of year donations made up another 15%. In other words, 55% of support came in the last two months, last year. In 2020, through September, donations totaled about \$16,400 (thank you!). However, expenses were \$30,700, in the same time period, including:

Expenses Jan. – Sept. 2020

- 2 months of school, Jan. - March
- Staff salaries 2020
- Care of livestock and crops
- Building and land maintenance
- Food purchase and delivery to the children
- Newsletter printing and mailing

Anticipated expenses from now through first half of 2021

Although the girls are coming back to the Blue House, expenses will be very different from 2019 and previous years. Only some of the girls will be able to go to school, and they will be in boarding school, not day classes. We will need to hire new staff like teachers and health care workers, and add new infrastructure to address Covid-19 and home schooling at the Blue House. Here are just the expenses we know about:

- Six lap-tops
- COVID-19 guidelines compliance for certification
- Part-time health worker
- Eventual on-site accommodation for the health worker, and a sick bay and quarantine room for students who test positive for COVID-19 or show symptoms
- School fees (tuition and board) for the candidate students in boarding school: for one student in Senior 6, and 3 students in Senior 4.
- Computer classes
- Tailoring classes, which may necessitate hiring a teacher from Margaret Krohn Tailoring school
- Hiring of one or two teachers to come to the Blue House to deliver or create work packets for each student.
- Upgrade Blue House's Internet bandwidth for students to have more consistent access to the Internet.
- Books for the Blue House library
- School fees (tuition and board) for Olivia at Bishop Stuart University in Mbarara for a diploma in social work
- Support for Lillian in medical school (beyond scholarship) including laptop, books, and possibly room and board.
- Standard expenses of food, clothing, house and farm costs.



Ampumuza arrives back at the Blue House. She is one of the candidates expected to resume studies at a boarding school in October.

THE 2020 UN-BOUTIQUE



Because it is not safe to gather and shop together during the pandemic, we invite you to join us at the online Un-Boutique, the Blue House's only fundraiser of the year, and maybe even next year. We hope you will be as generous as you possibly can for the children of the Blue House.

Our Un-Boutique fundraising goal is \$60,000, to support the Blue House for the next year. Read more about the Un-Boutique and donate online, or send a check in the enclosed envelope. Please consider giving what you usually spend at the Boutique, if you can.

Better yet, become a Sustaining Supporter and your donation will be matched up to \$100! Set up automatic, regular giving directly from your bank using electronic funds transfer (EFT). Simply download the authorization form on the Blue House Un-Boutique web page:

**[www.blue-house.org/
2020-un-boutique](http://www.blue-house.org/2020-un-boutique)**



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