



# Beatrice's HOPE

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## Life at the Blue House

Ugandans, including at the Blue House, continue to observe strict lock down, and very limited vaccinations. The girls are safe and healthy, but the younger students have not been able to go to school.

In addition, a severe drought is causing food shortages

and increased prices. Home-based students – who live with relatives and receive support for education from the Blue House – have suffered most from food shortages. Muhimbise Merab Gloria, the director, has delivered non-perishable food to these families.

At the Blue House, however, the girls are still working, playing, and learning. 🏠



Everyone pitches in to harvest and dry the beans.



Home based students experienced food shortages. Gloria, the Blue House director, far right, with Elfunsi, delivered much needed non-perishable food to the family.



Girls worked on their national exams in tailoring at the Margaret Krohn Sewing School at the Blue House.



The girls displayed the dresses, skirts and shirts they sewed. On the left is Musiime Viterno, the sewing instructor.



## Postsecondary Students are Thriving

**B**eatrice Garubanda saw desperate orphaned and vulnerable girls in her home village in Uganda. In 2004 she started the Blue House to give girls hope.

She believed that if girls could go to school through secondary level, they would be educated women with a future.

But now, as in the U.S., high school education is not enough to be able to support one's self and a family. Blue House Uganda has funded postsecondary education since 2014, mostly for vocational schooling. Some even have received – or are earning – university degrees!

**These young women are currently in postsecondary programs. We are so proud!**



*Catherine, 2nd year, medical records certificate, Kampala School of Health Sciences*



*Ruth, Agricultural-business certificate in 2022*



*Sylvia, finishing her tailoring course this December, Margaret Krohn Vocational Institute, at the Blue House.*



*Christine, 1st year, Agricultural certificate, Bukalasa Agricultural College*



*Jane, starting 1st year in tourism and hospitality management*



*Lillian, 1st year bachelor's in medicine and surgery, Busitema University, on full scholarship*



◀ *Monic, final year, certificate in hair dressing*



*Olivious, currently doing internship, but soon in 2nd year of procurement and logistics.*



*Immaculate, starting bachelors in microfinance, Kyambogo University on government sponsorship.*



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Blue House Uganda is a 501(c)(3) charity, sponsored by Hope Multipurpose, Inc., based in St. Paul MN, for orphans and vulnerable children in Kazo, Uganda.

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Dear friends and supporters of the Blue House:

Another year has passed and still the pandemic continues around the world. The situation in Uganda is dire. The country continues to be locked down, travel out of one's district of residence is forbidden, and public schools are closed. Only students who need to prepare for required exams are being offered instruction. The supply of COVID vaccines is limited and comparatively few people have been vaccinated.

In addition, drought has severely reduced the food supply, raising the cost of food. Twice this year the US board has authorized buying nonperishable food that has been delivered to the families of our home-based students.

But life at the Blue House goes on. The girls have been learning computer skills, sewing, and traditional handicrafts. Postsecondary students have connected to their classes via computer.

We are proud to share with you pictures of the Blue House girls who are currently – or soon to be – enrolled in postsecondary education programs (see facing page). One of them, Immaculate, scored so well on her exam that she's been offered a scholarship to earn a bachelor's degree in microfinance. Lillian also received a full scholarship to pursue a 5-year degree in medicine and surgery.

This wonderful news brings us to the additional cost of postsecondary education, as well as the continuing expenses of operating the Blue House. We need your continued support. Additional expenses include books, fees, and room and board, even with scholarships. These talented and deserving girls and young women need our help to continue the training essential to their future ability to support themselves and their families.

**So please, share our pride... you've helped make this progress possible! And continue to give generously to help these girls complete their education.**

And please also consider becoming a **Sustaining Supporter**, committing to automatic monthly, quarterly or annual payments directly from your credit card or bank account. This helps us know that we'll have the money needed to continue to operate the Blue House. Sign up at [blue-house.org/donate](http://blue-house.org/donate).

We wish all the best to you and your family in 2022. And **thank you again so much** for your continued support of the children and young women who depend on us in southwest Uganda.

Most sincerely,

Marilyn Grantham, US Board Member and Fund Raising Chair





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*A tutor helps three senior students during a coaching session for exams. See more about life at the Blue House during pandemic, on page 1.*

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