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.

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