



Beatrice's HOPE

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Loyce, Chrispus and Anna show off their new school supplies.

BLUE HOUSE Updates

from Muhimbise Merab Gloria, Director

After a hot summer in Minnesota, here is some news to share from much cooler Kazo, Uganda, located by the Equator!

BACK TO SCHOOL

Girls and boys reported back to their respective schools at the end of May for their second term. They are all doing well. A big thanks to our dear funders for providing funds on time thus enabling girls and boys to report on time with necessary school requirements.

BLUE HOUSE FOOD AND FARM

We harvested 89kgs of beans, 1 sack of ground nuts (peanuts) and 5 basins of fresh corn which the girls enjoyed as accompaniments for breakfast. The banana plantation is not thriving too well due to the drier weather we have been experiencing lately. The cows produce 8 liters of milk per day. This month we cleared the animal farm, and water dams, and the animals have enough pastures to feed on.



Abia and Immaculate are ready to report to boarding school for Senior 4, with their own mattresses, trunks, and pails.



Lunch at Blue House, includes food from their own land, including beans, peanuts, and milk. Rice is purchased in large quantities.



Blue House cows graze on the land, and provide milk.



Nelson is undergoing a health assessment before the start of school.

NEW ENTRANTS

Blue House social worker Grace Kyarikunda and the Ugandan board approved nine children to be supported by the Blue House; some are shown here with their guardians.



Appreciations & Ovations

LOST FORESTER FUNDRAISER



Tim Krohn, BHU board member, has organized the Lost Forester Runs at the scenic Pine Valley Ski Area in Cloquet MN each August for the past 11 years. He raises up to \$2,000.



At the finish line: runners of all ages and skills participate in a 5K, 11K or 8 mile off-trail race.

DRESSES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



Social worker Grace Kyarikunda received dresses for Blue House students designed and manufactured by students at the U of M Apparel Design Program. See some dresses on page 4.

MOTHERS' TEA



Thank you to TeaSource, tea makers, brunch bakers, servers, African Market sellers, Siobhan O'Malley on harp, Josh Garubanda with fresh Blue House slides, and everyone who supported the Tea. You raised over \$2,000!

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In Other News

Congratulations to Gloria Merab, Director of the Blue House, who gave birth to a baby boy. She is now back to work after three months of maternity leave. She is very appreciative of all our support especially during her time off.



Director Gloria and baby Jordan



Josh, right, takes a selfie with the first four home-based boys to be recruited to Blue House in 2019 and 2020. Clockwise from top: Denis, Elfuns, Crispus and Yona. The four home-based boys live safely with relatives and BHU supports their education.

Josh Garubanda's Blue House Visit

Late Spring 2023, I found myself sitting passenger side bracing for impact often as we drove the short commute to the Blue House property from Provia and Sere's home, both who are Ugandan board members. The recent rains had brought much relief to the countryside farms after the months-long drought but laid havoc to these unpaved roads. As we approached each puddle I expected a chasm, an impending broken axel, and yet I watched as our vehicle meticulously survived each encounter.

“See Joshua, in Uganda we don't just drive on the left, we drive on what's left!” His smile and confidence reassured me. Surrounded by lush green foliage this place is truly the pearl of Africa, and although COVID had made a significant economic impact on the rural countryside the spirit of the Ugandans was still familiar and warm.

My name is Josh Garubanda, the current interim President of the Blue House US Board, and some photos from my trip to the Blue House are on the next page.

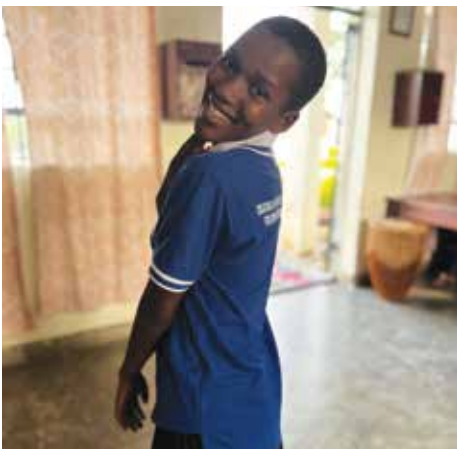
Josh's Photos



Nelson, 9, with his 78-year-old grandmother who farms to sustain the family. He joined the home-based program over the winter.



Prossy, Primary One, lives with her grandmother. Being home-based, she was excited for this first holiday to be visiting the Blue House.



Annitah in Senior Five is 20 years old.



Danela, 8, and Moreen, 9. Students in Uganda are required to shave their heads as part of their uniform and it helps with hygiene.



Shallot, Mollen, and Sylvia are all 15 and in Primary Seven.



Lillian, 20, is in Senior Six. She attends boarding school in Ibanda and hopes to study business at the university.



Musiime Viterno, trainer at the Margaret Krohn sewing school at the Blue House, helps one of the trainees. Students from the community can pay to attend the sewing program.



Primary Five girls: Jenipher, 15; Babrah, 14; and Patience, 15 years old.

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. Donations are tax deductible.

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New Blue House entrants are delighted with their new dresses made especially for them by University of Minnesota students, in a 10-year partnership. See page 2.



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