



# Beatrice's HOPE

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## Happy New Year from Blue House Uganda!

Uganda reopened schools at the start of 2022, marking the end of the world's longest school closure, the COVID-19 pandemic. Reopening of schools was very much welcomed by Blue House students who enjoyed their 2022 academic year. All the children have been vaccinated and boosted, and none of them caught Covid!

The school year ended on 15th December with an end-of-year party; the girls wore beautiful Christmas dresses and enjoyed a special meal and cake. All this was made possible through your generous funding. The students entertained the board and staff with songs and dance. The next day, they left the Blue House and returned to relatives' homes for the holidays. They will report back on 29th, January 2023. Each child was gifted with an appropriate hygiene package (bath soap, body lotion and feminine hygiene products as needed). Students, staff, parents and guardians were extremely appreciative of the much-needed financial support they received during 2022.

The school year ended with a total of 36 beneficiaries under Blue House support:

Classification of Students	Number
Resident Day Scholars	23 Girls
Home Based Scholars	4 Girls
Home Based Scholars	4 Boys
Tertiary Institution Scholars	4 Girls
University Scholar	1 Girl

Tertiary education (community college equivalent) takes 2-3 years depending on the institution and course of choice. University education takes 3-4 years for most courses and 5 years for medical school.

Of the four girls attending tertiary institutions, one is studying micro finance, one is studying tourism and two are studying agriculture. The university scholar, Lillian, is in

her second year of medical school at Busitema University. Director Merab Gloria is very appreciative of all your support towards the children's education and basic needs.

The following provides the breakdown of the resident and home-based students:

Classes	Number
Primary 1 – 4 (1st – 4th grade)	9
Primary 5 – 7 (5th – 7th grade)	14
Senior 1 – 4 (8th – 11th grade)	7
Senior 5 (12th grade)	1

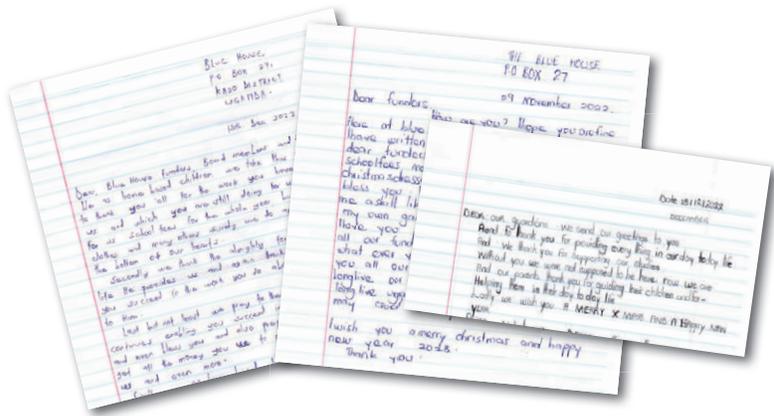
Primary seven (seventh grade), senior four (eleventh grade) and senior six (thirteenth grade) are pivotal classes for Ugandan students; they must sit national exams at the end of these school years. Passing or failing of these grades/classes greatly determines a student's future academic trajectory and career path. Three students completed primary seven and three students completed senior four. Results of their exams will be out in 2023.

Director Merab Gloria together with Hope Multipurpose Education Board in Uganda are doing everything they can to ensure that the students receive the best education within their reach and means. 🏠



## Another Student Success

Catherine, who recently graduated from Kampala School of Health Sciences, received a Medical Records certificate. She has been employed at Wakiso Health Centre in Wakiso district since last month.



## Appreciation from Director Merab Gloria



Muhimbise Merab Gloria, Director at Blue House Uganda

Dear board members and funders in the US,

Greetings to you all. I am always joyful whenever am writing to you to extend my appreciation to you our dear funders for all your efforts and support towards Blue House Uganda. Am thankful to God almighty for keeping us safe up to this time as we end the year of 2022. It's by his grace and mercy that we are still alive.

I extend my thanks to our dear board members and funders in the US for creating time for meetings and organizing fundraising as you plan and collect funds to support Blue House Uganda amidst your busy work schedules. May the almighty God reward you abundantly. Thank you also for the deposit you made on procuring Aine's property adjacent to Blue House. I was so excited for it is one of my biggest achievements for this year 2022. I know we have not yet finished paying him, but I have hopes that we will clear this debt in Jesus' name.

Thanks for supporting the girls' and boys' education and allowing candidate classes to join boarding section and I hope candidates will pass with good grades since they had enough time to revise their books.

This year two girls, Atuheire and Kyomugasho, finished their studies and are waiting to graduate in 2023. Good news is that Catherine is already employed with Wakiso Health Centre IV and Olivious finished recently in October, and I hope she will also get a job.

We are done with assessments for new entrants to join Blue house next year 2023. I thank you so much together with my family for the monthly salary you paid me for the whole year which has enabled me to support my family and provide needs like food, school fees, medical and many others.

I can't forget to thank you for your timely release of funds whenever I reach out to you. Thanks Treasurer Jim and President Ishaka Mawanda for you timely wiring of funds whenever I contact you.

May the almighty God bless you and your families and may you never lack anything in Jesus' name.

Yours sincerely,

Muhimbise Merab Gloria  
Director, Blue House Uganda



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## Gratitude from the Blue House Home-Based Scholars

Home-based students live safely with family or relatives but are supported by the Blue House for their education.

### Boys

Dear Guardians,

We send our greetings to you and we thank you for supporting our studies. Without you we are not supposed to be here. Now we are and our parents thank you for guiding their children and for helping them in their day to day life.

Lastly we wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy new year.

Denis, Primary 5; Chrispus, Primary 3; Yonah, Primary 3; Elifunsi, Primary 2

### Girls

Dear Blue House Funders, Board members and the staff,

We as home-based children we take this opportunity to thank you all for the work you have done for us and which you are still doing for us, like paying for us school fees for the whole year, buying us Christmas clothes, and many others. Surely we do appreciate from the bottom of our hearts.

Secondly we thank the almighty for the gift of life He provides us and again thank Him for enabling you succeed in the work you do above surely Glory to Him.

Last but not least we pray to the almighty that He continues enabling you succeed in the work above and even bless you and also prepare for you a way to get all the money you use to provide all you give us and even more.

Audrey, Loyce, Saviour, Annah

## Land Purchase

The US Blue House Board is in the process of purchasing a 0.37-acre parcel of land adjacent to the Blue House, Kazo. An unfinished building exists on site which the Blue House Uganda Board would like to complete and turn into a day care facility to generate additional income for day-to-day activities of the Blue House. Additionally, there are plans to construct living quarters for Blue House staff on that land.

## Assessment Report for new beneficiaries

The Kazo community applicant homes were assessed by Blue House's social worker in October. Following the assessment, the Blue House Uganda board sat and recommended nine potential beneficiaries (seven girls and two boys) to be supported by the Blue House. These children range from seven to eleven years of age and most live in a single parent or guardian household. The majority have an educational level of kindergarten to primary one (first grade). The Blue House makes it possible to go to school.

The photos show a few of the potential beneficiaries recommended by the Blue House Uganda board to join in 2023 as the new term begins. Donations towards the Blue House will provide these children opportunity for health, safety and education, and an opportunity to change a family, a community, and the world.



Akanyijuka (left) is 8 years old and in primary one. He lives with his siblings and mother who lost her husband and has difficulty raising school fees and necessities for her 7 children.



Nyongyera (left) 8 years of age is in kindergarten. Her father is deceased; she lives with her mother. They don't have land for agriculture and sometimes survive on the mercy of their neighbors.



Atuhair 7 years of age is in kindergarten. She lives with her 63-year-old grandmother who also takes care of several other grandchildren.



Ajuka (right), 9 years of age with his cousin and his 78-year-old grandmother.

## The Blue House Boutique was back!

Thank you for your strong support of the Blue House Boutique that took place on Dec 1-2, 2022. It was a huge success! It was great to see new faces and reconnect with old supporters.

Every penny of the \$22,000 that was earned goes a long way towards providing immediate and long-term benefits for educating children. Their safety and health improve, and their families and communities prosper.

Please note, almost 100 volunteers work to craft handmade items all year to sell, to make a variety of Gourmet Goodies, and to staff the boutique itself. If you would like to be part of this effort next year, please let us know! We would love to add your handcrafted gifts or baked goods to the sale. Contact Linda Lopez at [lindablopez@gmail.com](mailto:lindablopez@gmail.com).



Volunteers were ready to check out customers: Heather Halker, Minnie Wiens, Florence Kulubya-Nabeta, Joan Lessner, Linda López, Maria López, Kunashe Nyenya, Kristine Granias



Kai Halker, Rose Uy, and Karen Pfeifle in the kitchen making the very popular Fried Rice To-Go

## U.S. Board Update

Joshaka Mawanda has announced he is stepping down from the presidency of the Blue House board. He has served on the Board since 2012 and as president since 2016. We would like to express our appreciation for his service.



Josh Garubanda

The Board voted for Josh Garubanda to navigate the land sale and to communicate with the Ugandan board. The U. S. Board will be clarifying next steps for leadership soon.



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## Mothers' Tea for the Blue House returns

Saturday, May 13, 2023, 10:00 am  
 St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church  
 2323 W. Como Ave., St. Paul

- Specialty teas (and coffee).
- Homemade brunch buffet.
- Harp music by Siobhán O'Malley.
- African Market.
- Moms, dads, kids, grandparents, and friends welcome.

See [Blue-House.org](http://Blue-House.org) for more info and to buy tickets.



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