



**BLUE
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UGANDA**

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Dear Friends of The Blue House,

Christmas at the Blue House is celebrated with a traditional feast, a symbol of the love and care that surrounds them all. The table is usually filled with a variety of Ugandan dishes—matooke (steamed bananas), yams, sweet potatoes, cassava, kalo (pounded millet), rice, pumpkin, groundnut sauce, beans, and sautéed greens—all cooked with the distinct flavors of the local heritage and steamed slowly over a wood fire wrapped in banana leaves.

It's a time of togetherness, where the meal represents the nourishment of the both body and spirit. This was the hope my mother wished each child could have in Kazo, to feel loved, to feel fed and to belong.

As we bring 2024 to a close, we are filled with gratitude for the journey that has brought us to this moment. Over the past 20 years, your generosity has helped us create more than just childhoods; you've helped us build a family where children find love, stability, and hope. It is a community where every child matters, and where we inspire future generations to carry forward the values of compassion, resilience, and service.

This year, like so many before, has been blessed with milestones. One standout achievement was by Shallot Nyangoma, who made history as the first Blue House girl to earn top honors across six subjects in last year's national examinations. At just 17, Shallot's exceptional performance has set a new standard for excellence and is a testament to the bright future ahead for all the children at the Blue House.

Throughout the next year we will commemorate our 20 year mark by sharing stories that celebrate our past, highlight our present, and honor the people who have made it all possible — including you.

As you consider your year-end giving, we humbly ask you to help us make our 20th anniversary year even more impactful.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey. Here's to 20 years of creating childhoods, inspiring futures, and changing lives—and to the many years to come.

With gratitude,

Joshua Garubanda
US Board, President