

Donations

Help us help the children! We welcome donations of any amount. Checks should be made payable to St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund and sent to the address on the back of this brochure. We also accept online donations via our website.

For donors who are interested in sponsoring a student, the annual sponsorship amounts are as follows:

Primary School
\$300 (\$25/month)

Secondary School
\$660 (\$55/month)

Vocational School \$1,200
(\$100/month)

University \$2,100
(\$175/month)

Your sponsorship donation will pay for school fees, school uniforms, lunch, shoes & socks, school supplies, books, and medical care. If you would like to sponsor a child, please contact us by email or postal mail, or visit our web site.



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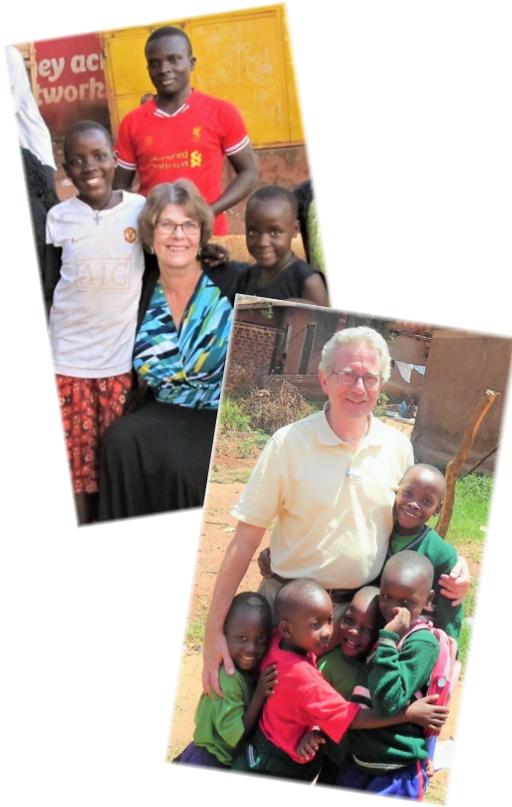
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"From places of sorrow to a better tomorrow."





Fundamental Principles & Goals

We are compelled by the biblical imperative to care for the least among us (*Mat. 25:40*) and to provide for "widows and orphans in their distress." (*James 1:27*)

Beneficiaries are assisted based on need, regardless of age, gender, tribe, or religion.

Principal activities are directed to paying school fees and associated expenses, including lunches, school uniforms, learning materials, and health care.

Supplementary activities are focused on improving living conditions for these vulnerable children and their families, including nutrition, medical treatment, clothing, bedding, mosquito nets, and shelter.

We maintain financial integrity and transparency in all our activities.

Overview

The St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund was founded in 2005 by Peter and Sharon Georges. Beginning with just three orphans, by the end of the year the number of children they were assisting had grown to more than fifty. Now in its thirteenth year, the Uganda Children's Fund is supporting over 240 children in school and providing additional assistance to needy families. More than seventy-five students have completed university or vocational school, and are now gainfully employed.

The need

Half the population of Uganda is under the age of fifteen and there are almost three million orphans in a total population of 41 million. These children are being cared for by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and neighbors, and some are completely on their own. Teens are especially at risk, lacking the wisdom, guidance, and safety net that parents normally provide. We work in a slum neighborhood of the capital city of Kampala, where the typical family earns less than two dollars per day.



Parents, guardians, and children rightly see education as their best way to escape a lifetime of poverty—scraping by as subsistence farmers or unskilled laborers, and early marriage for teenage girls. Education is not free, and for these struggling families, it is not attainable without assistance. The cost to put two children in primary school for one year, or one teen in secondary school, would exceed the total annual household income. Higher education is only an impossible dream.

More than just school fees

In addition to tuition, Ugandan primary and secondary schools require uniforms, black leather shoes, and academic materials. Even school lunch generates an additional expense. Healthcare is critical, and every sponsored student receives complete medical care for illness and accidents. Peter and Sharon and their Ugandan staff nurture the children with love, guidance, and discipline. Young people who once had no hope, now have the opportunity to become confident and productive citizens, breaking the cycle of poverty into which they were born.

The St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in the United States in 2007 and as a registered NGO in Uganda in 2008. Peter and Sharon devote themselves full-time to this ministry without financial compensation.

The St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund provides for the education, health, and welfare of Ugandan children, teens, and young adults.



The St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund is a registered nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions.