

Heart to Heart Uganda



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Sponsor a Child



Since early 2009, the Living Love Fellowship has been teaching young people in Uganda about love. We have visited schools to talk about love and friendship, and met one-on-one with dozens of children. We actively correspond with the children who are most interested. We also have a member living in Uganda, Wilson Agaba, who carries on this mission full-time, visiting schools and counseling the children and their families. The response has been tremendous.

Uganda is a very poor country, and many of the children there suffer terribly. We know that we cannot help all the children we've met, but we've decided to do our best to help these eight *extraordinary* children. Each of these young people has an unusual desire to help others; each one has persevered through terrible difficulties, and come out stronger and more mature for it; and each of them is passionately interested in making the world a better place through love. We believe that to support these kids financially would be a great gift, not just to them, but to the whole world—because what they have to give is tremendous.

Please read our brief descriptions of these eight children and their lives, and consider whether you can afford to help. Your small monthly donation could change a child's life, remove a source of terrible stress, and give him or her the opportunity for a brighter future.

A \$30 a month commitment will sponsor a child to go to school for a year. If you cannot afford that much, any amount—even a small one-time donation—would help. And of course, if you would like to contribute more, to support their other needs at home, etc., that would be most welcome.

The LLF resident members are personally committed to the children we love in Uganda, and we will make sure your contribution creates the maximum benefit for the child you designate. Not a penny of your donation will be deducted for administrative expenses or other costs.

Ndagire Annet



Ndagire Annet is 15 years old. Her father died when she was a little girl, and her mother died when she was 12; since then she has raised her younger siblings. She washes clothes to make money for their school fees, and helps them with their homework every day. She loves her siblings dearly. When her younger brother calls out for his mother at night, she runs to him and holds him. She is extremely mature, but

sometimes her load feels too heavy to bear. It is hard for her that she cannot console her younger brother (who will soon be 6) about the loss of his mother. Also, she cannot pay for their basic needs with her tiny earnings. One or more of them frequently have to leave school for a little while until she can get together enough money to pay their fees again.

Ndagire is the top of her class in science, math, and physics. She studies hard, and helps the other students as much as she can. She hopes to be a lawyer one day, but she is uncertain that she will be able to finish school. She needs help with school fees.

Ndagire can be sponsored for as little as \$30 a month. This will pay for her school fees, books, supplies, school clothing, lunch at school, and a few basic needs such as soap and toothpaste. Please help if you can. If you cannot afford to contribute the entire amount, any part of it would help tremendously. And of course, if you wish to give additional support for her other needs (at home, etc), that would be most appreciated.

Joan Becca



Joan Becca is 14 years old. Her father died when she was very young, and her mother is sick and dying. Soon, she will be without anyone to support her.

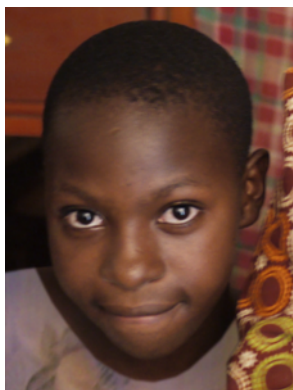
Joan is an excellent writer, and hopes to be a journalist and an author one day. She has a beautiful spirit, a huge imagination, and a lovely temperament. After her father died, she would visit his grave and dance for him to make him happy, and she would sit by his

grave for hours and talk to him.

Since his death, she has suffered terrible poverty; eating only potatoes for long stretches of time, sleeping on the floor, and having to leave school occasionally because her mother could not afford to pay her school fees. She and her three siblings live in one room with her mother.

Without help, Joan's future is bleak. When her mother dies, she will be left without a parent to support her. She will no longer have someone who cares enough to even try to pay for her education. But for \$30 a month, she could be sponsored to finish high school. This sum would pay for her school fees, books, supplies, school clothing, lunch at school, and a few basic needs such as soap and toothpaste. And of course, if you wish to give additional support for her other needs, that would be most appreciated.

Irene Namata



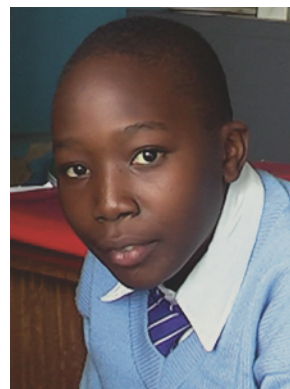
Irene is 14 years old. Her parents are dying of AIDS, and are too sick to take care of her. So she lives with her aunt in a small one-room shack. Her aunt is a single woman with two daughters of her own, and she has also taken in Irene's orphaned cousin.

Irene is one of the top students in her school, but she will not be able to stay in school without help. Although she has tried, Irene's poor aunt is unable to both feed and educate four young girls. Irene speaks frequently of her fear that she may not finish school because her aunt can't afford it.

Irene is a sweet, shy girl. Whenever she gets a chance to talk, she wants advice about how to deal with high-school politics, and improve her friendships. She has an innocent nature, and is perplexed by the fickleness of the other schoolgirls.

For \$30 a month, Irene could be sponsored to go to school. This would pay for her school fees, books, supplies, school clothing, lunch at school, and a few basic needs such as soap and toothpaste. If you cannot contribute the full amount, anything would help. And of course, if you wish to give additional support for her other needs (at home, etc.), that would be most appreciated.

Patricia Wanyana Esther



Patricia is 14 years old. Her father and mother separated a couple of years ago, leaving the mother with five children to take care of. The father has married another woman, and refuses to support Patricia or her siblings.

Their mother is poor, and tries hard to take care of her children, but only earns \$1.75 a day. It is not enough for their food, shelter, and school fees. Patricia, her mother, and her older sister have decided to become a team, working together to make ends meet. Patricia has a part-time job cooking, and earns 80 cents a day. Her sister earns the same. By pooling their money, they are able to eat and keep a very humble home. However, unless she gets help, Patricia will have to stop going to school. She has asked for help, because she desperately wants to continue her education.

"Every day I cry thinking about the problems my mother, sister, and brothers, and me have. I say "why" to God. But one day I told my mother about the solution I thought of: what if there is somewhere I can stay where I would do everything—wash utensils, mop, fetch water, wash clothes, everything. And my payment would be my school fees. My mother told me that if I can find that opportunity, she will allow me to do that. I pray to God to help me."

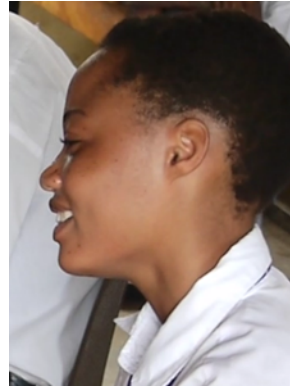
— taken from a letter written by Patricia in December 2010

For \$30 a month you could sponsor Patricia. This would pay for her school fees, books, supplies, school clothing, lunch at school, and a few basic needs such as soap and toothpaste. If you cannot afford to pay the full \$30, any contribution would help. And of course, if you wish to give additional support for her other needs (at home, etc.), that would be most appreciated.

Peace and Wivine



Peace



Wivine

Peace is 15 years old, and her sister Wivine is almost 17. Their parents live in Rwanda. They come from two opposing tribes, so their marriage was frowned upon and even hated by relatives and neighbors. Many people threatened to kill Peace and her sisters. So, at the beginning of 2010, the parents sent their seven daughters to Uganda by themselves. Since then, the girls have lived together and struggled to get by. Their parents send them money, but they don't have much. The seven girls share two small rooms, and sleep on the floor on blankets. None of them are sure that they will be able to finish school.

Peace and her sisters have formed a choir together, and sing beautifully in three or four-part harmonies. On weekends they perform for people.

But they still live under a burden of terrible fear. Ethnic violence among the many Rwandan refugees living in Uganda is not uncommon, because of their bitterness over past hurts. The girls

plan to move to a new residence and school at the end of 2010, because "too many Rwandans in the area" know where they live.

Peace is extremely intelligent, and very interested in doing good in the world. She thinks deeply about life, and believes in the power of love and goodness. She passionately would like to finish school, but without help, she will not be able to afford to.

Wivine is a sweet and responsible girl. She loves Peace and her other sisters tremendously. She is helpful, and quick to do what is needed by anyone around her. She is serious and thoughtful, and speaks eloquently.

For \$30 a month you could sponsor one of these girls to go to school. This would cover one girl's school fees, books, supplies, school clothing, lunch at school, and a few basic needs such as soap and toothpaste. If you cannot afford the full \$30, any contribution would help. And of course, if you wish to give additional support for their other needs (at home, etc.), that would be most appreciated.

Kazungu Felix



Kazungu is a refugee from the Congo, living in Uganda. When he was 11, his family fled from their homeland with a large group of refugees. Sadly, the rebel army pursued them and burned down their camp one night. Many of Kazungu's family members were killed in the fire, and the young boy had the heartbreaking job of burying his murdered brothers. He, his parents, and his four remaining siblings then continued on to Uganda, where for three months they lived under a mango tree. They had so few possessions, Kazungu and his brother shared a set of clothing. They each took turns hiding in the bushes naked, while the other boy could walk about freely.

Life is still very hard for the family. As refugees who speak a different tongue natively, his parents have had great difficulty finding work. Kazungu is the oldest boy in his family, and feels responsible for its support. He begs for money and does small jobs here and there, but he is not able to make enough. He suffers having to watch his siblings go hungry regularly, and has not been able to pay for all of them to attend school.

Last year, his mother was hit by a car, and suffered a broken leg. Kazungu suffered a nervous breakdown because of the stress of having to pay her hospital bills. Thankfully, he fully recovered.

He is a very responsible boy, and cares tremendously about his family. He also is extremely interested in doing humanity service work, and wants to learn so that he can help people. He talks about wanting to be "a friend to every person" he meets.

Kazungu needs help with his school fees. For \$30 a month, you can sponsor him. This amount would pay for his school fees, books, supplies, school clothing, lunch at school, and a few basic needs such as soap and toothpaste. If you cannot afford to pay the full amount, anything would help. And of course, if you wish to give additional support for his other needs (at home, etc.), that would be most appreciated.

Nabbanja Ritah



Ritah is a beautiful 15-year old girl from Uganda. From birth, her life has been a struggle against great odds. The day she was born, her father wanted to kill her, so she was sent to live with her grandmother for three years. Those were the most pleasant years of her life. They ended when her mother remarried and took her back. Ritah's stepfather was a harsh man who resented having Ritah in his home. He treated her like a

slave, and yelled at her constantly. By the age of 8, Ritah knew she couldn't keep living this way, so she begged her grandmother to take her in again. Ritah's life was much better for two years, until her grandmother ran into financial difficulties and had to move. Ritah then went to live with her grandfather, who yelled at her constantly, accused her of being a prostitute, and worked her to the bone. In July 2010, Ritah's grandfather threw her out of his house, and she lived on the street for several months.

Through it all, Ritah's spirit has remained strong. She has an astounding commitment to doing what's right—rare for such a young girl. She writes beautiful poetry about wanting to help all the sad and lonely people in the world, and talks about God constantly. She is an extraordinary girl, and deserves all the support she can get.

Here is a poem she wrote in March 2010, a few months before she became homeless:

*Life is empty without dreams
But I have a dream,
I sleep in it, I breathe it,
and my life is still empty.*

*The wind blows, but my worries still cling to my neck.
Trouble has become a shadow in my dream,
That the wind can't blow away.
My dream of seeing the morning star fading
Like tears falling into the river,
My dream to put a smile on the faces of every one,
My dream of shaping lives,
Is dwelling in the tomb.
Why is life an enemy to me?
Why is he enjoying my sadness?
Did I miss my Creator before descending?
My dream, my dream.
My life sees no fruit
From my dream.*

This October, we arranged for her to move in with Ugandan LLF member Wilson Agaba. She is finally safe, and very happy in her new home. But she needs help with her school fees.

Please help if you can. \$30 a month will pay for her school fees, books, supplies, school clothing, lunch at school, and a few basic needs such as soap and toothpaste. If you cannot afford to contribute the entire amount, any part of it would help tremendously. And of course, if you wish to give additional support for her other needs (at home, etc.), that would be most appreciated.

"I am so happy for the place you found for me. Even it wasn't in my dreams that I will be with a family like Wilson's family. I thought it was the end for me when I left my grandfather's home. I promise that I am going to work hard now."

— taken from a letter written by Ritah in December 2010

