

Beatrice's HOPE



Creating a
childhood and
opportunity
for orphans in
rural Uganda

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The chickens have arrived!

HMI is happy to report that 1,000 chickens were delivered in January. A technician has trained Peace and Ovious in brooding management and they receive help from the chick supplier. They are doing a good job of caring for the flock and maintaining sanitation. All the necessary vaccinations have been given and the birds are in good shape.

Aine Abel, the director, is in constant communication with other poultry farmers, like Maureen who first encouraged him to start the poultry operation, and veterinarians.

The five broilers that were donated at the time of purchase grew so fast that the Blue House girls feasted on them for their Easter celebration.

The birds are expected to lay their first eggs June 7, 2015, and the Blue House girls will have a steady supply of eggs and meat. This project will also generate income from sales in Kazo and the surrounding area, which currently lacks local egg production. Plans for delivery to market are already in place. 



Ovious fed 1,000 very healthy and active chicks.

One cow at a time – improving the breed, and the milk supply

Dairy farming at the Blue House started with generous donations from the U.S. to buy two cows, which each had calves. An improved breed of cow was recently purchased. The new cow will give more milk than the original two cows, and she will have a calf in May. The purchase was made possible by selling one of the initial cows, and one calf, a bull. The other calf, a heifer, is now almost 2 years old and will soon be pregnant.

In March, we received this message: “I am very excited to report that our cow, Patience, gave birth to a calf (heifer) yesterday. Her calf is strong and a

more improved breed than her mother.”

The girls receive 7 liters of milk per day from Patience, and they no longer need to buy milk in the market. 



Some Ugandan board members check out Patience's new calf.



Peace watered the chicks in the new poultry shed.

We are so proud of Peace and Ovious, who passed their Advanced Level exams in December, and are qualified to apply to post-secondary schools in April. Caring for the chickens fills the gap between finishing high school last winter and starting their next level of education in the fall. At that time, part of the poultry income will be used to hire a poultry manager, and (we hope) part will cover some of their education costs.



AFRICAN DINNER GALA



Beatrice Garubanda

Commemorate the legacy of Beatrice Garubanda, the founder of Hope Multipurpose and the Blue House on the 10th anniversary of her passing.

Empowering Blue House Girls ~ Honoring Beatrice's Dream

Saturday, September 19, 2015

North Star Ballroom, Student Center

University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus

2017 Buford Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

Beatrice saw orphans in desperate need in her home village in Uganda, and she established the Blue House for girls.

Her first fundraiser was an African Dinner. Join us in honoring her memory by coming to the African Dinner Gala, and supporting her dream of HOPE.

The girls are growing up. HMI has also changed in ten years.

Help HMI add OPPORTUNITY to its mission:

- to accept young, vulnerable girls, and reach our capacity of 40.
- to support older girls with post-secondary education, to transition from orphans to independence.

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Watch your mail and www.Blue-House.org for more information.



Annual boutique benefits the Blue House



Their smiles say it all! The Boutique Steering Committee, left to right: Elizabeth Hosch, Mary Dario, Tina Maynor, Tracy Dunnwald, Nancy Hall, Linda Lopez, and Pat Mack. Not shown: Carol Roeller and Sarah Larsen.



Happy shoppers — More than 100 people contributed hand-made gifts to sell, set up for the sale, and worked during the Boutique. Together they raised more than \$18,500 for the Blue House! Thank you everyone!

Mothers' Tea Party for the Blue House

In honor of mothers...
Remember the girls who don't have a mother.

Saturday, May 9, 2015

10:00 am - noon

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church
2323 Como Ave, St. Paul, MN 55108

You are invited to a tea party fundraiser for the Blue House orphanage in Uganda.

Enjoy the sweet harmonies of Sweet Rhubarb



www.sweethubarb.net

See the Blue House girls in a photo "Fashion Show" and scenes of life in an orphanage in Africa.



Moms, dads, kids, grandparents are welcome.
\$20 - adults; \$10 - children.
www.Blue-House.org for ticket information.

Appreciations and Ovations

- Our very generous donors, each and every one of you
- Sustaining Supporters, who make automatic monthly or quarterly donations to help assure stable funding for the Blue House
- Allina Health Activities Committee, Bandana Square Clinic
- WELCA at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church
- The Cloquet Rotary Club
- Mary and Howard Manning, underwriters of the one-year Halftime partnership with Paul Gibson (see Board of Directors page)
- Contributors to memorials and celebrations
- Jennifer and Tim Krohn who sponsored the Margaret B. Krohn Sewing Project to honor the memory of



Margaret B. Krohn

their mother, an accomplished seamstress, quilter, sewing instructor and author. Her namesake gift will fund training for the Blue House girls and women in the local community, to sew for themselves, their families, or a career, and even generate income for the orphanage.

- University of Minnesota students in Prof. Lucy Dunn's Apparel Design class, who designed and made dresses and pajamas for all the Blue House girls.



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Introducing the U.S. HMI board of directors

The US board is responsible for fundraising and overseeing finances, and governs in partnership with the Ugandan board, the Blue House Director and the Housemothers. The board members bring a range of backgrounds that complement HMI's mission.

NEW MEMBERS

Mentor "Duke" Addicks—HMI Governance Committee Chair. Attorney for nonprofits. Originally set up HMI as a 501(c)(3) charity in Minnesota in 2004, and since then has served as legal advisor to HMI. Duke is also a musician and storyteller, specializing in traditional music from around the world. He performs Native American Indian style flutes and other instruments.



Shartsi Kutesa Musherure—HMI Education Committee Chair. Manager of a radio station in Uganda. Is passionate about girls' education and opportunity, and understands the unique challenges girls face in Uganda. She and her children lived in Uganda for two years so they could learn more about the country of their roots. Wants to create and encourage connections for HMI within and between the two countries.



Karen Lilley—HMI President and Communication Committee Chair. Retired University of Minnesota Extension website manager.



Yusuf (Joe) Shalita—Board member since 2012. U.S. government, Building Management Specialist.



Marilyn Grantham—HMI Fundraising Committee Chair. Retired adult educator, and communication specialist,



University of Minnesota Extension. Researches and writes grant applications for HMI. Was on the founding HMI

board through the planning of the new Blue House and the Capital Campaign. She also is a volunteer AmeriCorp reading tutor for 1st – 3rd graders in a NE Minneapolis public school.

Joanne Kabajungu Roques—HMI Secretary. Financial Services Representative, Ally Financial Inc. As a Ugandan orphan who was clever enough to fund her college education in the U.S., she recently graduated from St. Catherine's University in finance, and is working in her field. She wants



to use her fundraising experience and finance degree to help HMI.



John Wathum-Ocama—Vice President, Uganda Relations. Teacher, special education. In regular contact with HMI Uganda.

Spent two summers in Uganda overseeing the new Blue House construction, and board enhancement.

Ishaka L. Mawanda—HMI President Elect. Engineering Consultant. Uses his technical background and personal and business relationships in Minnesota and Uganda to support HMI's work. Also does formal and informal volunteer work with other organizations with missions of giving to the disadvantaged.



Brenda Hansen—HMI Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair. Retired elementary school librarian and former bookkeeper.



CONTINUING MEMBERS

ADVISORY MEMBER

Paul Gibson—Adviser to Board (non-voting member). Halftime Talent Solutions partner for one year, advising on actions to help HMI achieve its mission and financial goals. Retired from Electronic Data Systems (EDS) and Hewlett Packard (HP). Moved to Uganda with his family for 2 years to serve as Country Operations Director for Children of Grace, a non-profit NGO that provides sponsorship programs for over 800 HIV/AIDS related orphans and vulnerable children in rural Uganda.



LEAVING THE BOARD

Esther Garubanda has left the board after more than 10 years of service. She continued the work of her mother, Beatrice Garubanda, founder of Hope Multipurpose and the Blue House orphanage. Esther served in a variety of roles, including secretary. She visited the Blue House several times, and always helped the board understand "how things are in Uganda." The board hopes to continue to benefit from her youthful enthusiasm and passion for the girls when she volunteers in the future. Thank you, Esther.

It's Only a Hill Run

Pine Valley Blue House Orphanage
5.5k and 11k Run

LABOR DAY
September 7, 2015
8:30 am

Pine Valley, Cloquet
www.Blue-House.org

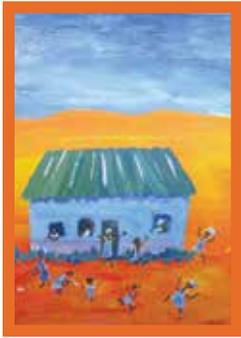
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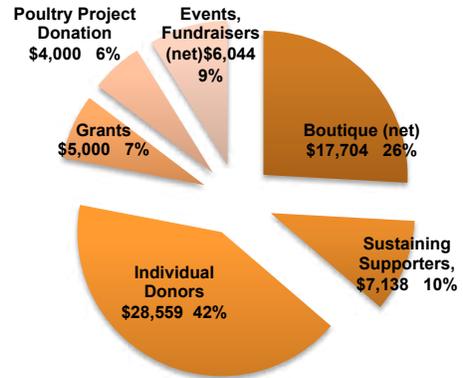


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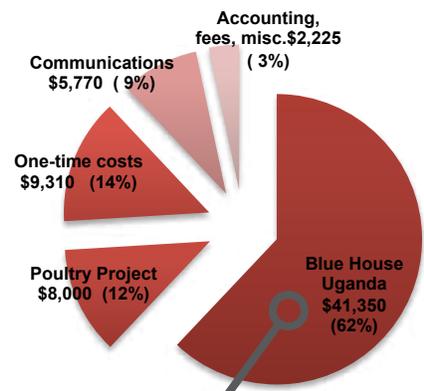
Highlights of HMI's 10th Year

- Board member Karen Lilley visited the girls at the Blue House, and planned with the Ugandan staff and board.
- Agnes and Allen were the first Blue House girls to graduate from post-secondary vocational programs, and are living independently.
- The Poultry Project was approved and funded, and the chicken shed was built.
- Carol Roeller retired after 10 years as president of HMI. Karen Lilley is the new president, through 2015.
- Aine Abel, Blue House director, and Oscar Mugabi, Ugandan board secretary, visited Minnesota, discussed issues with US board, and met many supporters.
- Both boards developed a roadmap for the second decade of HMI, including:
 - agreement to support girls in post-secondary education
 - renewed commitment to reach full capacity of 40 girls
 - plans to support education for select girls who stay with families
- Grace was the first Blue House girl to attend university.
- Evas began vocational school, and two more girls, Peace and Ovious, passed their A-Level exams, and qualify for additional education.
- The Blue House Boutique had another successful sale, raising 26% of HMI's annual income.
- The US HMI Board of Directors added five new members, and established work committees.

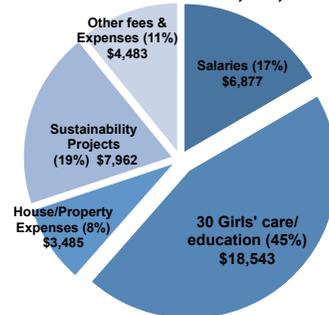
U.S. Income = \$68,444



Total Expenses = \$66,655



Uganda Expenses = \$41,350
117,846,970 UGX



Grace, studying at Makerere University in Kampala, sent this greeting: "Thank you for your efforts towards my education. I am proud to be part of HMI. God bless you!"



HMI is a 501(c)(3) charity founded by Beatrice Garubanda and based in St. Paul, MN. HMI sponsors The Blue House orphanage in Kazo, Uganda.

Donations to HMI are tax deductible. See www.hopemultipurpose.org/donate.html

HMI's U.S. Board of Directors:

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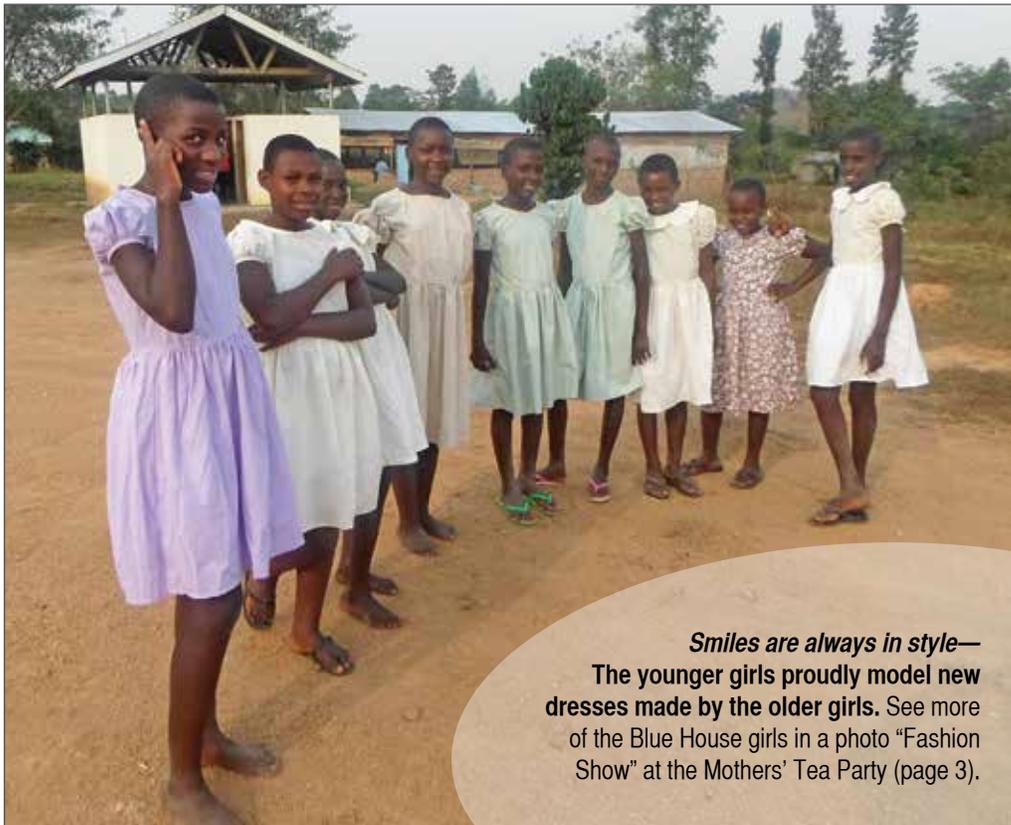
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*Smiles are always in style—
The younger girls proudly model new
dresses made by the older girls.* See more
of the Blue House girls in a photo “Fashion
Show” at the Mothers’ Tea Party (page 3).

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