

Beatrice's Hope

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Order Your Tickets Now: "It Takes a Village" African Dinner

HMI is holding its first annual "It Takes a Village" African Dinner on Saturday, September 23, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue, St. Paul. There will be two seatings for dinner, one at 5:00 PM and one at 7:30 PM. In between the two seatings, at 6:00 PM, Pat Owen and James Garubanda will give a video presentation on this

summer's trip to Uganda, with footage of the girls who make The Blue House orphanage their home, plus Kazo Parish, the girls' primary school, and The Blue House itself.

Tickets will be sold only in advance. The cost for each ticket is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and younger. In addition to delicious food and a

cash wine/juice bar, there will be African crafts and your first opportunity to purchase the new Blue House greeting cards in plenty of time for Christmas giving. All proceeds from this event benefit The Blue House. Tickets are available starting Sunday, August 27 from board members or by calling Linda Lopez at (651) 482-0356. ■



Hope Multipurpose, Inc.

HMI is a 501(c)(3) charity based in St. Paul, MN. HMI sponsors The Blue House orphanage in Kazo Parish, Uganda. Donations to HMI are tax-deductible.

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Moving Pictures: The Blue House Children

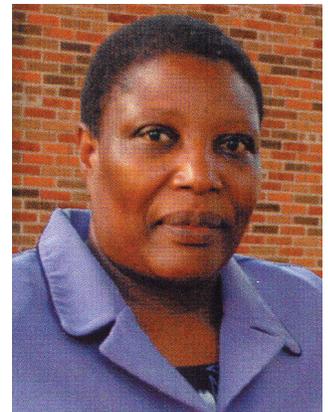
Pat Owen and James Garubanda, HMI board members, visited Uganda for three weeks this summer, returning on August 3 with stories, pictures, audio and video recordings, letters from The Blue House girls, info from the Uganda board and two large suitcases of African crafts. Pat and James will be presenting a

video of The Blue House children at the "It Takes a Village" African Dinner. Please purchase a ticket for either the 5 PM dinner seating or the 7:30 PM seating. Pat and James will be presenting at 6 PM. This is your chance to see footage of the healthy, happy and industrious young ladies who make their home at The Blue House. ■

Celebrating Beatrice Garubanda

It's nearly a year since we lost Beatrice Garubanda. Her life remains an inspiration for the work of HMI. We are grateful for her vision, and believe that Beatrice would be pleased with HMI's progress toward her goals for her beloved children of Uganda.

There's an African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child." It describes the mission of HMI. We are a village...all of us who follow Beatrice's path in caring for the vulnerable children of the world. ■



We're A Bit Peculiar, How About You?

HMI is a bit peculiar. We are a non-profit organization with a single employee, the girls' housemother in Uganda. Board members work out of our homes using our own computers and office supplies. We don't receive salaries and we don't even envision receiving them. We don't rent an office, preferring instead to spend the money on food and school supplies for children far away that most of us have never seen. We have our own families to raise but we work hard to raise a dozen vulnerable

children in a country and a continent that has multiple millions of vulnerable children. Do the statistics discourage us? Sometimes. Do we give up? No. Because we're a bit peculiar and believe that we are making a difference, one orphan at a time.

The current Blue House building was intended to be a shop. It's bare (although very clean), furnished only with bunk beds and few chairs. Does this discourage us? No. Because we're a bit peculiar and we'll make do with the current building while

we plan and save to develop the 8.7 acres purchased by Beatrice Garubanda for a permanent site for many vulnerable children.

Other people are starting to see HMI's brand of peculiar as a good thing. Our first major donor thought so to the tune of \$10,000.

Would you like to be peculiar, too? Please join us in our mission to help vulnerable children. HMI needs volunteers, donors, attendees at our events, experts, and more.

We need you. ■

Did You Know? Next step for the Minnesota and Uganda boards

Primary school is free in Uganda. However, uniforms are required and children's families must purchase the uniforms as well as the standard school supplies. It's not easy to send a child to school in Uganda, even if the actual primary tuition is free.

The Boards in both Uganda and Minnesota are busy sharing and learning this kind of practical information. We are learning

much more about each other and our respective cultures, and how to work more closely with increased communication. We will need further agreement on goals, budgets, policies and procedures, including what it might cost to send our girls to secondary school or training after they finish primary school. We will be sharing our ideas and looking for support

within the country of Uganda. We will be revising existing plans and costs with newly received information. And last, but not least, we will be fundraising...for The Blue House operations and for the capital campaign for the new site to be built on the land HMI already owns in Kazo Parish. ■

Thank you for donating to The Blue House and attending our events.

Your donations pay for food and clothing

Vegetable seeds and hoes

Soap and toothpaste

Paper and pencils

The Blue House girls live a simple life, but even a simple life has ongoing expenses.

Please donate to The Blue House.
Use the enclosed envelope to send your check or mail it to the address on the front of this newsletter.

Twelve orphaned girls are depending upon us.