

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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Help HMI add OPPORTUNITY to its mission:

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

www.hopemultipurpose.org/donate.html

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