

CCU Newsletter

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Children Care Uganda Deutschland e.V.



Anniversary: 5 years CCU!

In October we celebrated CCU's fifth birthday! We used the opportunity to look back as a team, reflect and to be inspired by the journey so far. From two to 26 employees, from ten to 160 project participants annually, from a rented one-room office to 16 acres of land and two locations in and outside of Gulu. The path was not always easy. From the outside you often only see the highs, successes and beautiful moments. What lies behind it is hard work, lots of discussions, prayers, tears and the daily motivation and dedication of our team members.

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who believed in us over the last 5 years and actively supported our vision. Without you all this success would not have been possible.

We would like to continue to grow in the future and maintain our current programs. That's why we hope that you'll be happy to share more about us with friends, colleagues and the world so that we can find even more people who will actively and/or financially support our mission "Hope for a better future".



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NEWS FROM UGANDA



Kids in the Rehabilitation Center

The boys had their annual exams in the last few weeks. Those who have already received their results performed well to very well.

In the next few months we will be welcoming two new boys to the center. We hope that they will integrate well into the existing group and look forward to getting to know them and their background better. Right now the boys are for their Christmas holidays and may be able to visit their home families.

A total of 25 adolescents are now in our sponsorship program and more are on the waiting list!

Team

We are currently looking for a new deputy warden who will strengthen the team in the center and become a reliable supporter for the boys. The first interviews have taken place and we are optimistic that we will soon be able to welcome a new employee.

There will also be a personnel change in the position of the sewing course at the beginning of 2024.

A workshop on "Gender Equity" took place in November, which was prepared and moderated by two team members. We also participated in online workshops on of our funding partners.

In order to reflect on 2023 with the team and start the new year with constructive feedback, staff appraisals are taking place in December. Here, target settings and development goals can be discussed, an exchange about cooperation can take place and tasks and responsibilities for the next year can be clarified.



NEWS FROM UGANDA



Mental Health Soccer Tournament

After last year's great success, CCU organized a major football tournament around the global Mental Health Day for the second time in November. The two-week "Mental Health Soccer Tournament" featured soccer games and teaching sessions on various topics, such as resilience, reducing stigma and dealing with stress. A total of 16 teams from all over Gulu took part and between 800 and 2000 people came each tournament day. There were even 3,000 spectators on site at the finale! Many young people from Gulu were able to benefit from the shared content.

The overall evaluation of the campaign has not yet been completed, but the feedback received so far has been consistently positive.



Project Visits

In November, CCU was visited by, among others, Anh-Thu - the coordinator of the Help Alliance project. During her stay, she not only got to know the team and participants in the various programs, but also organized training for the employees on the topic of self-organization. She says the following about her visit:

"I was particularly impressed by how friendly and open-minded the team is and how professionally CCU's structures are established, especially for such a young organization."

We are of course very happy about this feedback!

We also gladly received our German board member Matthias, supporters from Italy and our project partners Kyle and Amie from Canada. Thanks for visiting and working with us!

NEWS FROM UGANDA

Skill Trainings

The participants in the new skills training are participating well in the different programs. In addition to the daily training on vocational and business skills, we offer units on mental health topics. In small groups (peer support), the participants exchange their experiences and advise and support each other. It is particularly nice for the team to see how happy the participants are and how open they are to the course content and how committed they are during their daily trainings.



Many reasons to celebrate

As already mentioned at the beginning, CCU's fifth birthday was celebrated. A special highlight, however, was the big graduation ceremony in November, where the graduates of the hairdressing and carpentry courses were presented with their certificates and materials during a joint celebration. Relatives of the participants as well as representatives of the city and community came to the ceremony. In December we were able to send out 13 graduates under the tailoring course.

Dance workshop in cooperation with "Über den Tellerrand e.V."



Cooking workshop as a team event



Christian community service



Representation at the "MitAfrika Festival"



IMPRESSIONS FROM OUR SUMMER EVENTS IN GERMANY

Our founders, Mimi and Charlie, were in Germany for six weeks in the summer. During their stay they were able to report on their work at various events.

The following events took place:

- Two dance workshops in cooperation with "Über den Tellerrand e.V." in Frankfurt am Main
- Team cooking workshop at XXXLutz in Würzburg, where Ugandan dishes were prepared
- A Christian Community event in Würzburg in cooperation with the "Altkatholische Gemeinde" and "Kirche am Hubland"
- The "MitAfrika Festival" in Cologne, where visitors could find out more about CCU at a stand and purchase products from the sewing course
- A cozy picnic in the park in Cologne, with Ugandan snacks, music and insights into life in Uganda

Many thanks to everyone who came to one or more events and showed such keen interest in the work of CCU!

Mimi and Charlie are planning their next visit for May/June 2024. Events can take place again during this time. Anyone who is already interested in inviting the two of them to an event in the company, church or circle of friends can get in touch now. This way you can plan better.

We look forward to a reunion in 2024!

GIVE AND SUPPORT

Christmas is around is coming!
If you are still looking for a beautiful and, above all, sustainable gift,
you will definitely find it here.

Our gift options bring joy in three ways:

- A person in Germany receives an original gift
- One person in Uganda receives sustained support
- Doing good just feels nice and right



Soccer Sponsorship for 25€

With the donation, a young person can take part in the training units for one year.

In addition, the soccer field can be maintained and training materials can be purchased.

Donation Subject: "soccer sponsorship"

Birth Package for 35€

Our project participants often cannot afford the delivery and stay in the hospital. The donation covers the costs incurred (food, hospital bill, medication and transport). The women also receive psychosocial counseling before the baby is born.

Intended use: "birth package"

Christmas Package for 58€

The package includes a Christmas trip (€35 per person), a gift (€15 per person) and the cost of a New Year's party (€8 per person).

Either the complete package or individual components can be given.

Donation purpose: "Christmas package"

Skill Training course for 100€

In our 6-month training courses (hairdressing, tailoring and carpentry courses), participants learn vocational skills and how they can earn their own living by selling the products they produce. They also get psychosocial support and a training in mental health to strengthen their resiliency.

Subject: respective course name

Upon request, gift certificates are also available for you to print out.
To get one, please simply send an email to deutschland@childrencareuganda.org.

PLANS FOR 2024

THERE IS A LOT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO

Planned employment



Public Relations

Work in Uganda



The on-site projects entail many different tasks:

Educational and conceptual (further) development of the organization, fundraising, financial planning, networking, team leadership and much more.

CCU co-founder Miriam Odongo takes on many of these tasks. She is currently receiving compensation for her work, which covers her costs on site. Employment with social security contributions was previously not possible. We would like to change that in 2024 and create more security for her and enable her to earn an income.

In order to create the position, there are still a few organizational hurdles that need to be overcome. If you would like to help with financing, you are welcome to do so through donations! Send us a message for more info.

New flyers are currently being created, the homepage is being revised and the newsletter will also have a new look in 2024. Keep on sharing these!

And in Uganda, too, a lot is planned for the next year: the new building for the tailoring course is nearing completion, where we can host more girls for the training. The soccer field is to be further expanded and new employees will join the team. We will offer 6 skills training courses per year and hopefully expand the mental health project with new funding.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 2024

All members of "Children Care Uganda Deutschland e.V." are asked to keep this date free:

CCU Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday, 25th of February 2024, 3 pm
Community Hall of the St. Lioba church in Würzburg-Lengfeld
(Pilziggrundstraße 17, 97076 Würzburg)

At the meeting, among other things, an increase in the membership fee will be discussed. This requires a vote on a change to the statutes. In order to have a quorum, it is important that members come!



Best greetings,

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