

History of Uganda Orphans Fund

Founded in 2002 by Duncan Hill in Bozeman, Montana, Uganda Orphans Fund (UOF) is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit foundation, dedicated to the rescue, care and shelter of Ugandan orphans who have lost their parents from AIDS.

Uganda is an equatorial East African country roughly two-thirds the size Montana. Located on the northern shore of Lake Victoria at the source of the Nile, Uganda has 28 million people. (Montana has less than one million). The typical Ugandan family has 7 children. At present, 2.5 million orphans are languishing in Uganda. This number could double or triple in the next 10 years.

UOF relies solely on contributions to fund the construction of children's homes and to meet the orphans' basic needs. Due to UOF's stream-lined, low-overhead, "under-the-radar" structure and philosophy, more than 90% of donations directly impact the children.

The cost of an orphan home for 50-60 children is approximately \$25,000, including beds, latrines, wells, and a kitchen. UOF has built over 25 orphan homes throughout Uganda since its inception, partnering with other organizations on some projects.

After gaining NGO (non-government organization) status from Uganda in 2006, UOF could buy and own properties, construct orphan homes and hire staff, thus enabling it to steward its own vision.

UOF recently built a 12 acre "orphan village" near Kamuli, central Uganda, complete with 4 orphan homes, staff quarters, its own school, clinic, church and farm. Here, 30 staff members teach and care for 230 orphans from three different Ugandan Districts. Many of these children were rescued from northern Internally Displaced Persons camps. This orphan village is UOF's model for the future.

UOF also buys beaded jewelry from Ugandan widows, providing them a market in America. The women are able to provide for their families, and UOF uses the proceeds to directly benefit the orphans in our homes. This project is a win-win for all those involved.

Our main focus is to impart God's love and heart to each of these children, Uganda's future leaders!

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