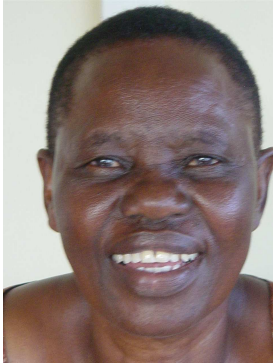


Sanyu Babies Home

Winter 2007 Newsletter



Joyce

2007 saw a new Board elected at Sanyu Babies Home and also the retirement of Joyce, the Administrator. The new Board has decided it wants to carry out all new projects on it's own but continues to welcome visits by BA crews in Kampala.

UCT wishes the new Board success in continuing the good work at Sanyu Babies Home, which will always have a special place in our hearts.

Nkokonjeru

Nkokonjeru has been the main thrust of UCT activities in 2007. James Armson and Adrian Bonwitt had a meeting with the Chairman of the Board of Governors who subsequently invited us to help where we could in the home. The various projects undertaken are outlined below.

UCT projects in 2007

In January the three Opticians went out to the home and carried out eye test and eye care work in and around Nkokonjeru. This was extremely successful and will hopefully be repeated in 2008. On returning from Uganda the Opticians decided that they would fund raise for a new vehicle for the home – see overleaf.

In January Nkokonjeru did not have sufficient funds for school fees, so we helped them out with £2000 of UCT funds. There is a huge social stigma if children get sent home from school.

After the fire in the male dormitory it became obvious that our initial emergency funding was going to have to be supplemented by a full scale building project. UCT funded 25%, of the £24 000 project, and the Irish Embassy the remainder. This block has now been built and is in use.

UCT projects in 2007 - continued

UCT has also funded an Occupational Therapist (OT) for Nkok. Sonya Hagedorn, who we had previously worked with at Sanyu Babies home now has her own charity which provides for disabled children from poor backgrounds. Sonya has sourced a local OT for us. In addition to providing care for the children in the Home the OT also provides training for the Sisters.



Nelson, the UCT funded OT at work..



UCT has rented a small two bedroom house at Nkokonjeru. Sonya runs a volunteer programme and anyone suitable can stay there. This provides valuable support to the home.

A new vehicle for Nkokonjeru.



Through some fantastic fund raising by The Richard Ward Opticians' Group and also with a donation from UCT, sufficient money has been raised to purchase a new Toyota twin cab. \$39 000 has been transferred to Toyota Uganda and hopefully a new vehicle is imminent. This has been a terrific end to a hectic fundraising programme.

Merry Christmas to you all..!!

2007 has been our most successful year to date, and our thanks has to go to you all for your contributions. Our funds have taken a big hit this year, so we will have to start again fund raising before moving forward. Any donations would be gratefully received. Donations can be made on-line by copying this link into your browser: www.justgiving.com/uct/donate

Merry Christmas to you all and all the best for 2008, wherever and whatever that may take you.....