

STEP BY STEP...



2010
ANNUAL
REPORT

In Makondo and Namabaale:

90 students have **thriving agricultural micro-enterprises...**

172 piglets were born which generated **\$3440** of additional income earned by our youth in the Send a Piglet Home Program.

161 students can **plan for their own future** through education...

4 school-based businesses gives students an opportunity to learn entrepreneurship by doing...

Mothers and fathers work side by side to support their children's education through **St. Denis Parents' Development Association** workshops.

The youth and families ask:
“What steps will I take to further my own capabilities?”





From the President of the Board of Directors 2010

So far, 2011 has been another wonderful year full of growth, learning and many changes.

It always behooves us to remember the IYH motto: “Patience, Persistence and Optimism”. Our motto has finally been rewarded... as I write this on November 13, 2011, the posho mill power is being installed and machines should be humming in the next day or two. Similarly, our students in Makondo are humming with the energy and effort that they put forward to see the resulting improvement in their lives. Once given the skills and tools, they are more than capable of taking care of themselves. Our *Send-A-Piglet Home* program now assists over 200 families and the newer *Send-a-Goat Home* program is serving 15. Take the wonderful example of Nakivumbi Carol, her sow is on her second litter and with the money Carol earned from the first litter, she was able to pay for a spot for herself in the boarding house. This means she no longer walks miles to school each day, she has access to the library, and she has lights to read and study with in the evening. I can confidently say, that IYH helped this young woman change her life. Another exciting change to report is that our canteen will soon have electricity which will power a refrigerator. Can you imagine how transformative this will be? The cow milk produced on the school farm can be stored and won't spoil. I am so proud of the work we do. I like to think our little project in one small corner of Africa is on the leading edge of development aid. We have learned so much listening to the needs of the community by asking questions and striving to do better each year. IYH is constantly focusing on next steps—the step after school is completed, the step of preparing the entire community to receive these inspiring, newly educated students so that they can live healthy, productive lives, the steps to improving programs. There is one new program we are particularly excited to share with you and that we feel will enhance the overall community, our Life Skills Education Program that in addition to teaching healthy living and livelihood training will focus on respect, initiative, honesty, truthfulness and accountability. All these are necessary for a functioning society and all these were present in Africa before the AIDS epidemic devastated families and communities. We would like to help them find these values again. Thank you all for your continuing support as we help the students at St. Denis transform their lives.



From the Executive Director

2010 was a year of expanding horizons as we reached out to parents and teachers through capacity building workshops. The St. Denis Parent's Development Association was established with the help of Project Manger, Mukasa James; the Women's Guild began making reusable sanitary pads; and Hands of Hope Coordinator, Nansamba Justine, began organizing teacher training workshops for secondary school teachers in the Makondo area. Our “voluntours” Michele Homburger and Jill Garrou, both Registered Nurses, conducted vision screening for all the students at St. Denis and over 200 students and teachers were screened. Sixty students received eye-glasses after their consultation with Sr. Tony of Bwanda Eye Clinic. The internet quality continues to be a problem though I have seen enormous progress over the last year. Inflation caused the total cost of the dormitory construction to be over budget and we had to “value engineer” some solutions in order to meet our budget. Other highlights include the fun we all had sorting and shipping 24,000 books in collaboration with Evergreen and Denver West Rotary Clubs. The books finally arrived in July and the books were distributed by our friends from the Kyotera Rotary Club to over 10 schools in the Makondo, Namabaale and Kyotera areas.

-Maria Rosa Camp

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Mission and Vision

Vision Statement

Into Your Hands will collaborate with local community resources in Uganda to develop educational institutions in rural Uganda that are sustainable and financially independent. Into Your Hands will create academic opportunities and develop vocational training programs that enhance the economic viability of local communities. Graduates from the educational institutions will:

- be acknowledged as community leaders;
- embody and teach core values; and
- inspire others through their success.

Mission Statement

Into Your Hands improves rural communities of Uganda by developing financially sustainable solutions for affordable education. Into Your hands achieves this by empowering local school communities to implement self-funding education programs; by providing resources for school infrastructure; and by supporting school-based businesses through which students, educational staff, and community members achieve self-reliance and improved quality of life.

Into Your Hands, working collaboratively with supporting partners and Ugandan rural school communities, provides funding for educational scholarships, capital improvements, and school-based enterprise development. Into Your Hands empowers these schools to actively participate in becoming financially independent and self-sufficient.

2010 Highlights

Hands of Hope Scholarship Program

In 2010 we saw the first fruits of uninterrupted education as our first 2007 HOH Scholars sat for their UNEB Exams in October of 2010. Four graduates received a First Grade, which is the best score achievable in the exams. This ranked St. Denis among the top 500 Examination Centers in Uganda. More HOH Scholars are becoming eligible for university studies and a total of 161 students benefited from the program. We also implemented a rigorous application process which will ensure that our scholars are committed to their education.



Hands of Mercy Orphaned and Vulnerable Children Program

This year we continued to contribute support to the amazing work performed by the Medical Missionaries of Mary. Through them, we touched the lives of 15 children or persons with disabilities and their families. Providing the disabled with home visits and tutoring raises the worth and dignity of the disabled and gives them standing within the community.

Hands at Work Programs

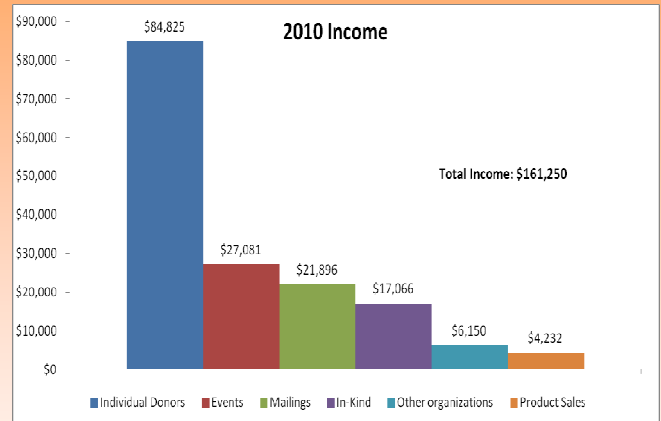
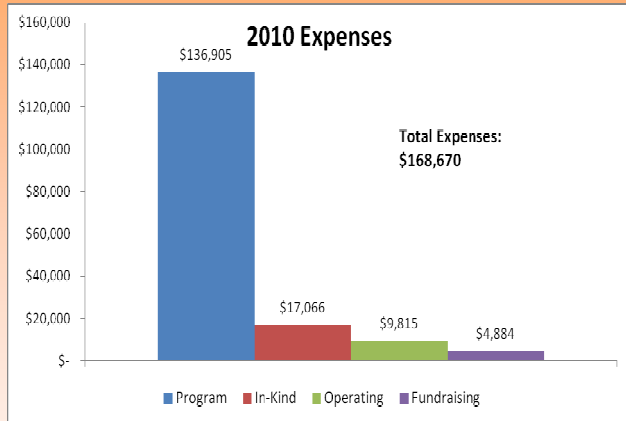
The Send a Piglet Home Program continues to directly impact the well-being of youth and their families. The program currently provides piggery micro-enterprise support to 90 students and their families. Total number of individuals benefiting from this program is 450 which includes family members of students. Many students are now using the income earned from the piggery business to pay for their school fees. Our partnership with Teach a Man To Fish continues to strengthen as we expand the number of school-based businesses to four: the Community Internet and Business Center, the School Canteen, the Dairy Project, and the Matooke Plantation. There is a growing understanding of the importance of financial self-reliance amongst the parents, teachers, and students.



Capital and Infrastructure Projects

Major accomplishments this year include the procurement of bunk beds for 80 students and the installation of the live perimeter security fence around the boys dormitory. The construction of the underground water cistern and rain catchment system funded through Rotary International project in collaboration with the Kyotera Rotary Club and Evergreen Rotary Club was completed and is scheduled for completion in 2011.

Financial Summary:



For detailed financial information, go to: www.intoyourhands.org





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