

UGANDAN GIRLS' EDUCATION PROJECT

The Rotary Club of Lake Placid NY has agreed to support this project via a contribution of \$1,000/year for the next three years to send three girls to school, providing accommodation and meals.

The following is from the Rotary Showcase website:

The project is in its 11th year, located in a rural community near Mbarara, Uganda. Over the course of the project, Rotary has built water tanks, ecostoves and latrines at two schools, a dorm and furnishings (including solar panel) at one school. We continue to provide accommodation and meals that enables schooling for girls (40 girls for 5 years, 20 girls for 6 years). The goal is to continue annually to provide these services for girls who would otherwise not be able to attend school. We may possibly expand the project to include more infrastructure at the second school. The project has been visited four times over 5 years by Rotarian Jeanine Parker, Ottawa South.

Our Club has coordinated with Ms. Jeanine Parker, Chair of the International Committee of the Rotary Club of Ottawa South, which is in our Rotary District 7040. Jeanine tells us that this project perfectly aligns with Rotary International's Six Focus Areas, one of which is education and literacy. Jeanine has shared photos with us from some of her several visits to the school, providing commentary for each image.



The girls are shown in their after class uniforms



Rotary built this girls' latrine at the Kchwamba school



This is the Rotary Canada House. It houses 40 girls and is complete with a solar panel (not shown), glass windows which open, bunks, mattresses and lockers. There is a five stall latrine and shower block behind the hostel. One of the 30,000 liter water tanks is partially visible at the right of the picture.

At left is Nicholas Kasesii, the Rotarian behind this project. Pictured with Jeanine are two teachers who cared for Jeanine while she was at the school, making enough food to share and becoming good friends. This picture shows the water tap and collection area.



Several students are shown in their school uniforms in front of the hostel. Rotarian Nicholas Kasesii, project sponsor, is shown with Jeanine as he receives a Paul Harris Fellowship as awarded by the Rotary Club of New Glasgow. Nicholas actually refused the award when first presented at a Rotary meeting in Mbarara as he wasn't properly dressed that evening as the Rotarians were taking part in a fitness night event.



This 30,000 liter water tank is one of three built by Rotary on site. Before the tank was built, students would miss their late afternoon class in order to fetch water from a murky source at the bottom of a hill. There would be a long trek with a filled/heavy 20 liter Jerry can. Now the school can operate without having the students hike for water for the major part of the school year.



water tank built by Rotary

