

# St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund Newsletter

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"Education, beyond all other devices of human origin, is a great equalizer of men. It does better than to disarm the poor of their hostility toward the rich; it prevents *being poor*."



– Horace Mann

Income inequality and poverty remain widespread in Uganda. Despite numerous governmental and charitable efforts to promote economic growth and poverty alleviation, little has been accomplished. Wealth is concentrated in the hands of a few, while the majority struggle to meet basic needs such as food, energy, health care, housing, and education. Income inequality worsens poverty, creating a vicious cycle that is difficult to break. Because wealthy families have greater opportunities than the poor, this reinforces the poverty cycle: the rich become richer as the poor remain in poverty.

A majority of university students in Uganda come from the upper classes, with most of the rest coming from an emerging middle class of professionals. Most sponsorship programs stop at the high school level, while those few that sponsor to university provide tuition, and sometimes room & board. This leaves the student from a poor background without funds for books, clothes, and personal needs. The social gap remains, and so does a sense of inferiority.

With this understanding, we not only support our university students with tuition and room & board, but also textbooks, laptops, seminars & field work, clothing & shoes, and personal needs. The success stories that we share in these newsletters illustrate the self-confidence our graduates demonstrate after they leave campus and enter the competitive job market.

**Davis** joined our program in sixth grade. He was fourteen years old, three years behind his classmates. His mother had died when he was two, and he lost his father six years later.



Davis and his older sister, Olivia, were taken in by a maternal uncle who earned a living hawking fruits and vegetables in the neighborhood and who struggled to keep them in school on a regular basis.

Davis performed well in secondary school and continued to a bachelor's degree in Fashion & Textile Design from Nkumba University, the premier institution in Uganda for Commercial Industrial Art & Design. He landed a job with Industrial Graphic Systems, a subsidiary of Kwik Computing, Ltd., a company specializing in offset and digital printing solutions. They design and print everything from coffee mugs and baseball caps to full-size billboards. Their clients include major corporations, the U.N., and the new nation of South Sudan.



*Kwik's screen-printing machine is the only one in Uganda. It can print ten thousand shirts or posters in one workday.*

Davis specializes in digital embroidery design and has cross-trained in all other areas of the company. He also started his own business, DiDi Fashions, to which he dedicates his evenings and weekends.



He tailors both men's and women's fashions, specializing in wedding parties.



*Wedding apparel designed by DiDi Fashions*

**Maxencia** is a multimedia superstar, but we could not have envisioned what she would become when we first met a sad and sullen fourteen-year-old girl. Both parents had died when she was very young and she has no memory of them. She was raised by a much older brother who had children of his own. As he could not afford secondary school tuition, we accepted her into our program. Max was an average student who did not blossom until she enrolled at Ndejje University for a degree in Journalism & Mass Communication. In her very first semester, she scored a front-page article in the university newspaper, a foretaste of future success. During her time at Ndejje, she became a mentor and big sister to our other journalism students who came after her.

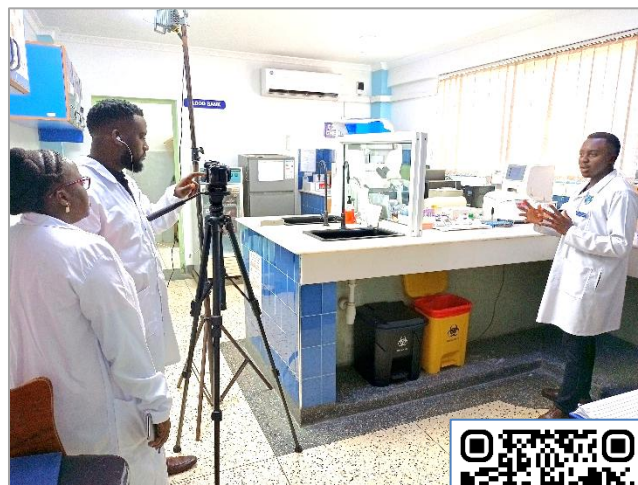
After graduation, she produced a medical call-in program for NTV Uganda and authored articles for two national magazines. She is currently employed in the Communications Department of the Uganda Cancer Institute where she had done her internship during university. She has her own business called Fourth Estate Events, offering a wide variety of media services. Max's company does media management, digital content creation, media buying, photography & videography, and events management.



Her major client is Henrob Hospital, a full-service health institution that specializes in laparoscopic surgery and training. Under contract with Henrob, Max creates and

posts digital content on all social media platforms. She has produced videos on Prostate Awareness Month, the hospital's neo-natal unit, and many other topics which may be found on Henrob's YouTube channel. She also leverages her contacts with NTV to obtain promotional spots for the hospital.

We had the pleasure of observing one of Max's video productions for Henrob. She provided the equipment and the videographer and directed the shoot with calm professionalism.



*Scan the QR code and view the actual mini-promo spot created on this day.*



Thanks to your help, our graduates have developed confidence and self-respect. By our believing in them, they've learned to believe in themselves. Thank you for your faithful support and for your prayers.

*Peter & Sharon*

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