



Mama Jane Newsletter 2015.....

10 year land mark, hooray Stitching Team.

Its now 10 years since Stichting Team was established by Mariska, Esther and Frits to coordinate the activities in Holland and abroad.

Mama Jane Stichting during the 10 year tenure has achieved remarkable success.

Through the Connection, Mama Jane Children Care Centre has managed to get a lot of friends and donors, this wasn't possible without the Team, great thanks to the innovation which has managed to convince and also keep track of the friends and sponsors of the home.

To mark the 10 year anniversary, Mariska and Esther visited Mama Jane Children Care Centre to evaluate the progress of the Home

through Stichting . A lot has been achieved, the friendship and partnership between

Stichting and Mama Jane is a productive one, with out them, a lot would be pending.

The Mama Jane Fraternity wishes to acknowledge the friendship and time committed to helping Mama Jane Children Care Centre.

With the 10 year anniversary, it emphasized the continued need of Network and partnership, we cant achieve anything in isolation but we can do great things if we all work together, we shall forever cherish the partnership.

We salute you all the Stichting Team Holland.



Mariska with the children



Birthday Celebration with the grown up children.

This year`s celebration is organized by the grown up children, they asked that they take charge of the preparation since they are part of the Family, they met last year and it was resolved that they should be part of the Mama Jane Family.

They will counsel the children, play with them and also give simple gifts to them.



The matron with the grown up

They have formed an association to link up with every child that has been in Mama Jane and ensure they come home and still be a part of it, it's a great gesture of love and commitment, we wish to thank all of them for always having Mama Jane at heart, May the almighty bless each of them.

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Special points of interest:

- Its now 10 years since Stichting Team was established.
- Home sweet home. The grown up children have decided to have the celebration at their home Mama Jane Children Care Centre.
- We have made it this far because of Mama Jane said the grown up children.

New Developments at Mama Jane Children Care Centre.

The Children`s Home has undergone several changes to suit the role it plays in the Community.

The kitchen is the first place that ensures that lives are saved, previously there was a lot of smoke and also consumed a lot of firewood, the Friends of Mama Jane Children Care Centre through Jinja Education Trust resolved to renovate the Kitchen to fit the standards.

The toilets are also another section that was renovated, most of them were old and always blocked, we managed to put new sinks and painted them again.

The rooms of the children have also gotten another face lift, previously due to the size of the rooms, there was less

aeration, we have improved the aeration so that the residents can also get more fresh air.

We have also managed to improve on the safety of the children, we have acquired fire extinguishers every where around the rooms to curb any possible fire outbreak.

We have also new staff members coming in to help the children, we are having a high staff turn over because of the wages that are far below, we have a burden of training the new ones so we beg any good person who could help finance the administration of the home.

We have also managed to introduce new

shopping bags made out of sugar bags, they are more environment friendly and long lasting, we need to conserve the environment because its what feeds us.

Acknowledgement.....

With the ever increasing cost of living, one item that is now scarce and expensive is food, despite the high costs of living, we have managed to maintain a balanced diet for the children, I wish to take this opportunity to salute Afrinspire together with ACET UK through our Parent Ian Sanderson for the continued support towards supplementing the diet of the children, through his contribution, we have managed to provide a balanced diet and the children look healthy too, together in the same spirit is the Jinja Education Trust, Madhvain Group of Companies and lots of the people in Uganda and Abroad because when you feed the stomach especially the children,



You will have charged their whole bodies to be active and happy, let me take this opportunity to thank all the people who endeavor to support these children, we are driving towards a noble goal and we together can achieve this noble goal.

I also wish to thank the following friends of the Home, Alexandra Munch and all the Germany Friends, Herke and Marry in Pingjum, all the friends in Holland and Peter Benders in Uganda, your all a blessing to Mama Jane Children Care Centre.

Challenges of the Home.....

Mama Jane Children Care Centre just like any other Family is faced with a number of challenges, some are beyond our control.

Talking a look at the activities and services provided, lack of a permanent donor has greatly affected the home, some of the activities are not done since finances are not available, the administration of the home.

The ever increasing cost of education, educating a child is not a simple joke in

Uganda since there are so many charges now, it greatly affects the budget of the other activities.

The increasing number of orphans and vulnerable children, despite the call for less institutionalization, more children are being introduced to the institution for care and protection.

Resettlement kit for the grown up children and also some children to be reunited with the families, the cost is meagre to the organization.

Dependency Syndrome of some children to the home, it's a policy for most of the children to always come back to get some support even for those who have been reunited with the families, they end up consuming what could have been for the other children.

Cost sharing is another problem, the children on the family support entirely depend on the Institution despite the understanding that they make some contributions.

Picture stories.....



David Ssebajja and peter for a boat



Bead making one of the activities at



New Kitchen at Mama Jane Children

Policy Changes and its effect...

The Government and all the children rights activist demand that all the children need a home, Home is the best place for a child and not the institution.

This implies that all the children in the institutions should only care for the children on a temporary basis.

Those without next of kin or the parents unknown are meant to be provided with foster families or be adopted.

The Management of Mama Jane has resolved that all children with the next of kin be reunited with their families

and where possible the children be supported from their families.

We have managed to invite all guardians and engaged them in meeting regarding the matter, some of them were positive while others are negative but it's a government directive and we have to operate with in the law, we don't want to go against the law.

Some of them children have been resettled, last year we resettled 5 children and more are to be reunited or resettled with their families.

Home is the best place for a child, every child deserves to have a home and not an institution.

Partnership with KDG Belgium...

The Organization through the Early Childhood Centre has established good partnership with the KDG College in Belgium, we have signed agreement to receive Early childhood Teachers to Mama Jane Early Childhood Centre.

They interact with the children in all activities thus songs, rhymes, life style and even language sharing.

They have undertaken to improve and furnish the early childhood centre.

This year Sophie and Aajge renovated the children play room and furnished it with all the materials needed to make it a better place for the children to play and enjoy being in the room.

We await more teachers from Belgium.

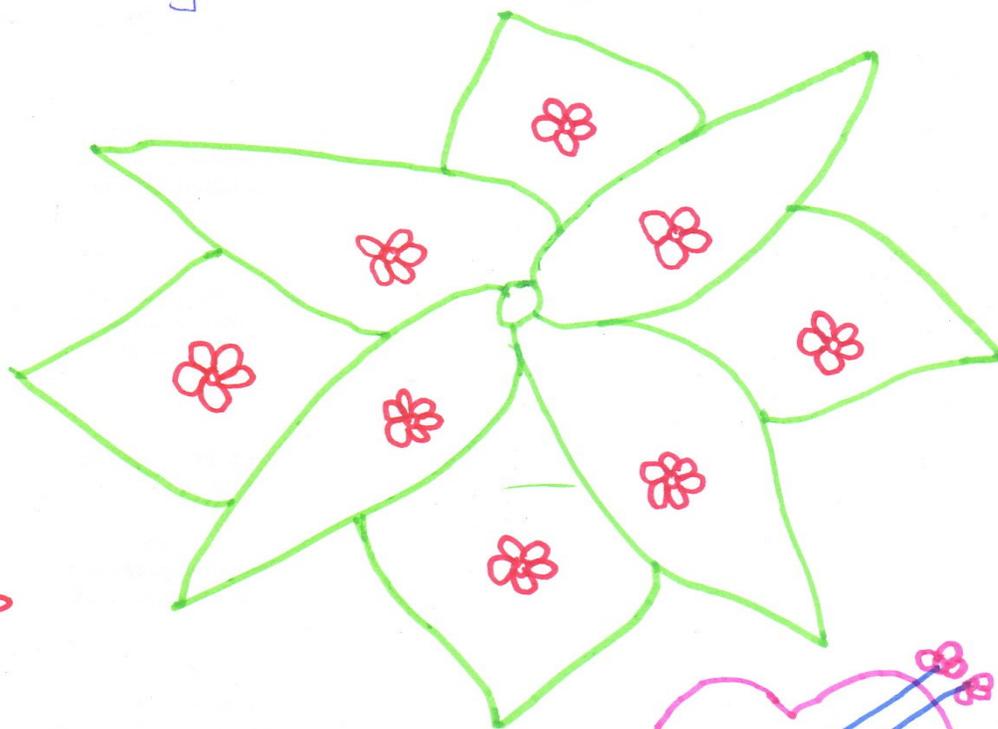
The children have also enjoyed their stay.



Children in the new playroom refurbished by sophie and aajge.

Children's stories.....

Dear friend. How are you.
My name is sheila Nalukwago.
I am in primary three.
My school is spire road primary school.
I like rice better than posho.
I am working hard to be promoted to
primary four and last term I was in
second position.
I like praying.
I want to be a teacher.
My best subject is english.
May God bless you.



Good bye