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## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL YEAR JANUARY – DECEMBER 2017.

Dear Foster Parents, Donors, Well-wisher, and Friends,

On behalf of the entire fraternity of Mama Jane Family, I bring you greetings and also thank the almighty God for his Continued Care and Love, we really praise the Lord.

In this ending year, we have faced many problems and misfortunes, we lost our dear ones and others are bed ridden. A minute of silence to all those souls to rest in eternal peace. Amen.

This year has really been a challenge to us because of the taxes such as ground rate, unnecessary water and electricity bills and above all the weak economy. All in all I thank the almighty God for his providence.

### **Staff.**

The staff structure has remained the same though two care givers and one nursery teacher left for better pastures, we wish them good luck where they are. These who have persevered have done a good job.

### **Administration.**

The home has continued to meet her aims and objectives, Goals, vision and mission, core values have been achieved. A child is a Focal Person to us and we are always there to serve the vulnerable children. The home has continued to serve on institutional and Family support basis. Thus 44 children are residential and 53 children are on family support system. The children range from 3 years to 17 years.

### **Education.**

I wish to appreciate all the support on sponsorship towards the education of which these have been educated in this year. With all the necessary requirement to reach this far.

Nursery - 25 children.

Primary - 40 children.

Secondary - 12 children.

University - 4 students.

Graduates - 1 students.

Generally they are disciplined and academically good, God bless you all.

We have some university graduates in January 2018. We are now extending more support to some vulnerable children in the Nursery.

**Health.**

There has been a lot of health problems of these children and staff, we have had many admissions in the clinic and also to the Main Hospital. The administrator was also admitted having a problem with the eyes but she is having great improvement improvement.

Great thanks to Madhvain Group, Jinja Education Trust, Tip Top, East Africa Packaging, Indian Community, Picfare, Nile Ply Industries, Kairu Family

Some of the food stuffs especially the fresh vegetables, fruits and fresh food was harvested from the garden, this has resulted to health bodies of the children.

All the children below the age of 5years have been Immunized thus Polio, Tetanus, Measles as well Deworming as per the government Policy.

We have also tested all the children for HIV/AIDS and we also got the results.

**Activities.**

the home has maintained her activities and guidelines specified by the Government for the proper growth and development of the children thus feeding, life skills training, spiritual education, staff meeting, proper resettlement and child fostership.

**Visitors.**

The home has been blessed with visitors both from the Government, the Community, and also friends of the home from Europe, I wish to thank the Government for allowing these people to come to Uganda more so Mama Jane Children's Home. These have given us chance to share experience especially in the training of care givers in Early Childhood Education and Practice. We have also had a series of other visitors thus Inspectors from the District and also Ministry, other NGO's, this has provided a platform for improving the Standards for Institutions and Staff. We have hosted several people thus from Child Fund, Government Officials, Trustee Members, Police, Student Mentor from Belgium, Jinja Education Trust Trustees and Staff, employees of Xclusive limited, Students of Busoga College Mwiri. Thank you all for coming to visit us.

**Outcome.**

Mama Jane has responded to the Government Alternative Care on OVC / Institutional. Quarterly. meetings have been held and at first the guardians or parents were hesitate towards coming for the but there is now some improvement and others have shown positive results. The only challenge is the Income generating activities, we have advised them to start some savings and have bank boxes at home. Secondly the social worker is also doing thorough assessment which are now a guide or resettlement .

**Projects.****Guest House and Plot No.24.**

These have remained a permanent source of income for the home, no major changes have been done. The only challenge we have is that we have charged ground rate on our properties, this is very serious and worrying because we have never been charged before, we were even given an exemption letter but this around we are meant to clear all the money. We have also stationed a permanent askali to curb on the insecurities.

**Tailoring Project.**

This is a life skill training for our children, uniform and also other clothes are made thus improving on the income and also keeping the children smart. Am glad to announce that a number of children have picked interest, the items made are sent to friend all over to solicit for market. Jinja Education Trust has continued to buy our products, as a result more machines are bought to increase and also make the products more and more attractive. The Uniforms of the Nursery have continued to support the daily income. We have also included the craft section to improve on the income base for the home.

### **Nursery/ Early Childhood Centre.**

This has continued to support the Centre, the community has entrusted us with the Children, the Day Care has also improved, great thanks goes to the Belgium girls for the continued love and dedication. We have also maintained the partnership with their school so we can receive and share experience. This ending year, three girls joined the team and finished their training successfully. Next year we are going to receive 4 students to the early childhood Centre, we shared about the guidelines for caring for the children while in Day Care and also in Institutions. A big number of our students have joined schools around thus Gayaza, Mwiri Primary, Jinja Central, Namagunga e.t.c, every year the number increases.

### **Garden.**

In this ending year, we have maintained the yield, the 2 seasons yielded about 60 bags of maize, its only this season that we've been let down by the weather but we had also planted the maize, we just pray we get some yield. But we have also planted fruits to supplement the food, the only challenge are the thieves. none the less its good for the children to practice farming. The garden is saving us a lot of funds because we feed both the nursery and institutional children.

### **Livestock.**

The project is still running, there were two calves produced but one died. The milk has also reduced since Mpumudde is now a developed place and we are having little food for the animals but we still trying.

### **Poultry.**

We have made steady improvement in the poultry project, the project is generating income as well as feeding the children. Some of the grown up children are now taking a key role in managing the project and also learning how to look after the hen. I wish to thank the almighty for Alexandra Munch who spear headed the revival of the chicken.

### **Vocational Project.**

The structure still needs some more money for completion, a lot of efforts is made to seek for good people and we are still waiting

### **Challenges.**

Despite the various interventions, the challenges have persisted even for the ending year.

1. Increasing number of vulnerable children.
2. Start off kit for Resettled children.
3. High cost of living and Famine now in the country.
4. Dependency Syndrome of the grown up children.
5. Cost sharing on the children especially those on Family Support.
6. Limited Funds for running the home.
7. Robbery at the farm and gardens.
8. Fluctuations of the school fees.
9. Lack of employment and Jobs for the grown up children.
10. Legalizing children in their clans.
11. Ground rents and property rates by the municipal council.

### **Achievements.**

1. Feeding, Education, Clothing thus all basic needs were provided to all the children in Residential Care.
2. Salaries of the staff have been cleared.

3. Balanced diet to all the children.
4. We have also made so many friends thus Madhvani Group Of Companies, Picfare, Engaano Millers, Tip Top, George from Madhvani Steel, V.M. Patel, Acet UK and the entire Indian Community in Jinja, Jinja Community.
5. We have also reduced on the water and electricity bills especially for Mama Jane Premise.
6. The children are growing and looking healthy.
7. Care givers and Mother were trained in good practices for caring for children.
8. We have also managed to acquire laptops for the children to learn how to use computer at tender age.
9. The Nursery school is now registered with the district and the national license is coming soon.

**Future Plans.**

1. Completion of the Vocational Training Centre.
2. Refresher courses for Mothers.
3. Seek for funds to implement a more active Alternative Care and Resettlement plan.
4. Look for funds to clear the ground rate and property rate for plot Number 22, 24 respectively.
5. Fence the farm again to curb on insecurity and also proper demarcation.

**Conclusion.**

On behalf of the Management, Staff, Children and Myself, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you both here in Uganda and abroad, Stitchting Team, India High Commissioner / Indian Community, Madhvani Group of Co., Alexandra Munch and all Germany Friends, Jinja Education Trust

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Last but not least, I wish to thank the Staff, Children and Management Committee for all the love and support. This year has been a terrible one but we have managed persevere.

I also wish to thank the children for the hard work and discipline this ending year.

I want to also to thank the staff and children for their cooperation with me, the year has had a lot of challenges.

I do pray that God listens to our prayers for his Mercy and Blessing.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2018**

Yours Faithfully,

**AGNES NABAWANGA.**

**ADMINISTRATOR – MAMA JANE CHILDREN CARE CENTRE.**

