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RE: ANNUAL REPORT FOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, SPONSORS, DONORS, FRIENDS FOR PERIOD JANUARY-DECEMBER 2022.

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

Allow me on behalf of the entire Mama Jane Community to extend our humble greetings from this end. We wish to thank the Almighty God for His Love, Care and Providence in this ending year 2022. In this ending year, we have faced many Problems, Challenges, misfortunes, we have faced a problem of Inflation in Uganda resulting to a surge in the prices of everything, we have also in this ending year had a problem of Ebola in Uganda and it made us so worried especially for the children at school because it was contagious and deadly, Mama Jane Community also Lost two very important Persons, Peter Benders who died in April and Peter Musoke in late October. This was a blow for Mama Jane since they had so much passion for the children. A minute of silence for all those souls to rest in eternal peace, Amen.

Staff

The Staff Structure has remained the same for this ending year. Todate Mama Jane Community has a total of 13 staff. I wish to salute the current staff for the commitment and dedication, they have mentored the children and guided the children in a parental way. I have in this ending year organized some refresher courses to equip them with the latest knowledge as regards Child Care and Protection. The only challenge is that these dedicated Staff receive a low remunerations. Next year we hope to enroll at least two social workers, this is aimed at providing quality service to the children both on Family support and Residential Care.

Administration.

The aims and objectives, Vision, Mission, Goals, Core Values have been maintained. Institutional Care and Family Support are all still operational. We have also introduced Supported Independent Living for the Care Leavers or those children who are 17 and 18 years but finalizing with education and need supervision and some children who have no known next of kin and have come of age. The home is charged with the responsibility of monitoring and supervising them at schools and holding meetings with the guardians especially for those on Family support and Supported Independent Living. This ending year we have not admitted any more children on Residential care but we have enrolled the children on Family support to avoid unnecessary separation within the Family and we have supported them from the community.

Education.

All our children both on Residential Care and Family Support have attending school this ending year, allow me on behalf of the Management Committee to thank all the sponsors and friends for educating these children. We had children in Nursery, Primary, Secondary, University and Tertiary. The only challenge we had this year was the sharp increase in the school fares and requirement, some of the these requirements were not budgeted for but we thank God for his providence.

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

Health.

We have not had any major health problem this ending year, this is attributed to the good and balanced diet, Cleanliness, prompt vaccination and adherence to the Standard operating procedures. Allow me recognize the following people and companies for their continued providence:- Madhvani Group of Companies, Jinja Education Trust, Tip Top, East African Packaging, Jinja Indian Community, Indian Community, Kairu Family, Kituuzi Fish Farm, Mr. George in Senegal, Mr. Sunil Christopher, Jinja Municipal Council Health Centre, Islamic Hospital Gabula Road and all the friends of the home for helping the children to maintain good health.. All the friends mentioned have done a great deal to ensure that these children have a good diet which has culminated into good health. Secondly all children were immunized against Measles and Rubella, Polio, and deworming.

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Visitors.

This ending year was a blessing for Mama Jane Children Care Centre. We received special visitors from Holland and Germany. We received a Team from Germany and also Mariska and Esther from Netherlands visited Mama Jane Children Care Centre and we shared a lot of ideas. We also had visit from Jinja education trustees, we thank all the all the people who have visited Mama Jane Children Care Centre.

Projects.

- The Guest House and Plot Number 24 have remained the only permanent source of income for the home, the Rent Money has been used to cater for the needs of the home, some of it is used to pay school though as I talk now the income has reduced because the two house need urgent renovation and new taxes that are being introduced.
- The Tailoring project is another viable project, this is one project which helped the children during the long holiday, and the children have mastered the knowledge of making their own clothes and uniforms.
- The Nursery Project is another venture which has continued to serve the community and also
 raise some revenue. This ending year the numbers of children in the nursery has reduced but we
 still thank those parents that have continued to support the school.
- 4. Garden: we have continued to maintain the 2 seasons of planting and we do thank the Good Lord for the weather, we planted maize, sweet potatoes, cassava and in this ending year, this has helped to supplement on the diet of the children and reduced on the cost of food. The only challenge we faced is the weather because it has been unreliable.

 The Vocational Project: the Vocational Project is one of the recent projects that has been championed by Jugendhilfe Ostafrika in Germany. They have furnished the Tailoring project and very soon we shall start with the short courses for the learner, next will be computer course.

Achievements.

Although we have had a challenging year, we have managed to score some achievements, these include

- 1. We have managed to furnish the Vocational Project with Sewing Machines that were bought by
- 2. Feeding the children with a balanced diet.
- 3. We have educated all the children
- 4. Some Taxes have been paid.
- 5. Salaries have been paid.
- 6. Made many friends thus Madhvani Group, Picfare, Jinja Education Trust, Haba na haba
- 7. Utility Bills have been paid thus Water, Electricity, Internet, Subscription fees, taxes e.t.c.
- 8. Care Givers have been trained and obtained Certificates.
- 9. Renovated the Mama Jane Premises i.e Painting and plumbing works, electric works.
- 10. Had meetings with the guardians on Family support.

Challenges.

Despite the aforementioned achievement, there are also some challenges which we need to address in the coming years.

- 1. High cost of living due to the economic situation.
- 2. Continued cases of abandonment and domestic violence in the Families.
- 3. Cooperation of the Guardians on Family Support
- 4. Dependency syndrome of the grown up children.
- 5. Permanent source of funding.
- 6. Resettlement kit of the children.
- 7. Acquiring land titles for Mama Jane Premise.
- 8. Transport is also another challenge.

Future Plans.

- 1. We hope that in the future we can acquire a vehicle to ease on the transport.
- 2. We also want to Install new solar batteries to reduce on the cost of electricity bills.
- 3. Acquisation of a new water tank as one of the tank is broken and cant hold the water.
- 4. Funds for the acquisition of the Land Titles and extension of lease for Mama Jane and Plot 24.
- 5. Increment of the salaries so as to retain some staff members.
- 6. Fencing of the Vocational project
- 7. Seek funds for start off kits for the grown up children.

Conclusion.

On behalf of the Management, Board of Trustee, Staff, Children and Myself, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of you both here in Uganda and Abroad, Jugendhilfe Ostafrika in Germany Stitching Team in Netherlands, Indian Community in Jinja, Madhvani Group of companies, Tanzanian Team, Herke and Marry, Afrinspire Team through Ian Sanderson, Nile Ply, Engaano Miller, East African Packaging Limited Religious Leaders, Friends from Mwiri College for the continued support. Last but not least, I wish to thank the Management Committee for all the Managerial Support and Love to the children. Thank you so much.

I also wish to thank the Almighty God for all his continued Blessings. Special thanks goes to the children and colleagues for their cooperation and dedication throughout the year.

Let us join our hands to give Praise and Glory to God for his good melodies.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2023.

Yours Faithfully,

KAIGWA SEITH.

ADMINISTRATOR - MAMA JANE CHILDREN CARE CENTRE.

