



Special Children's Trust



ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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# DEAR SCT FRIENDS, PARTNERS AND WELL WISHERS...

## Greetings from the Special Children's Trust!

We congratulate you upon coming to the end of 2018 and hope that you have finished it in good health and spirit.

Here at the Special Children's Trust, 2018 was a year of growth in almost every dimension. We saw the largest number of children registered to receive our services to date, celebrated 10 years of *'having fun, learning and flourishing together'* as Dawn Children's Centre and saw dreams that we have held onto for so long begin to unfold in the most amazing ways!

With so much joy and gratitude we would like to inform you that we were able to acquire 5 acres of land, which is now home to our Forever Home. This will be a one stop centre for Health, Recreation and Education services that we believe will further our cause of improving access to quality services for children, especially those with disabilities, to achieve their full potential.

So far, our Mobility Hub, which provides posture and mobility devices, as well as trainings, for health professionals has been constructed and is already in use as you will see in our report as you read on.

Our Mukisa Inclusive Village on Bussi Island is also off to a great start, with the construction of a Multi Purpose Hall, which will host our outreaches, trainings and also provide a great space for community engagements. We cannot wait for the building to be finished because our outreaches have currently been taking place on the compound of the village health centre for the last three years with no shelter or privacy for the patients.

At our 6<sup>th</sup> successful Awareness and Fun Day for children with special needs the Vice President of Uganda Hon. Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi attended as our Guest of Honour, who also signed a petition to take care of children with disabilities.

We believe that we have been called and are being challenged as an Organisation to model best practices in the care of children with disabilities. We hope this will have a ripple effect and help to enhance the quality of services available for children with disabilities in Uganda.

All this would not be possible without the support, generosity and prayers of all our friends, partners and well-wishers from all over the world.

**On behalf of every child, family member and the entire staff team of the Special Children's Trust,**

**I thank you for every effort and for the part you play in bringing these dreams and services to reality for these children. I wish you every blessing,**

Best regards,  
Florence Namaganda  
Founder and Director,  
Special Children's Trust



# SPECIAL CHILDREN'S TRUST

The Special Children's Trust is a Registered NGO (S.5914/9715) and Social Enterprise based in Kampala, but has a nationwide reach through Outreaches and the Special Children's Forum members.



## OUR VISION

***BUILDING A BETTER AND SAFER UGANDA  
FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS***

## OUR MISSION

***REACHING OUT IN LOVE,  
OFFERING HOPE AND  
RESTORING DIGNITY  
TO CHILDREN WITH  
SPECIAL NEEDS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES  
IN UGANDA***

The Trust consists of Mukisa Foundation, Dawn Children's Centre and the Special Children's Forum.

We have a total of 58 staff members and a number of volunteers from all over the world.

Staff members consist of Therapists, Teachers, Special Education Teachers, Social Workers, Nurses and a Security and Administration Team.

The Special Children's Forum currently has approximately 80 Organisations and a large number of likeminded individuals fighting together to improve the cause of children with disabilities in Uganda.





### Current State of children with disabilities in Uganda:

1: In most communities, disabilities are still viewed as a result of bad omen, punishment for sins committed, a curse, witchcraft or a contagious disease. This results in stigma, abuse and neglect of children with disabilities and family breakups as parents assign blame to each other, fail to cope or accept their child.

2: More than 50% of children born with moderate to severe disabilities do not live up to their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

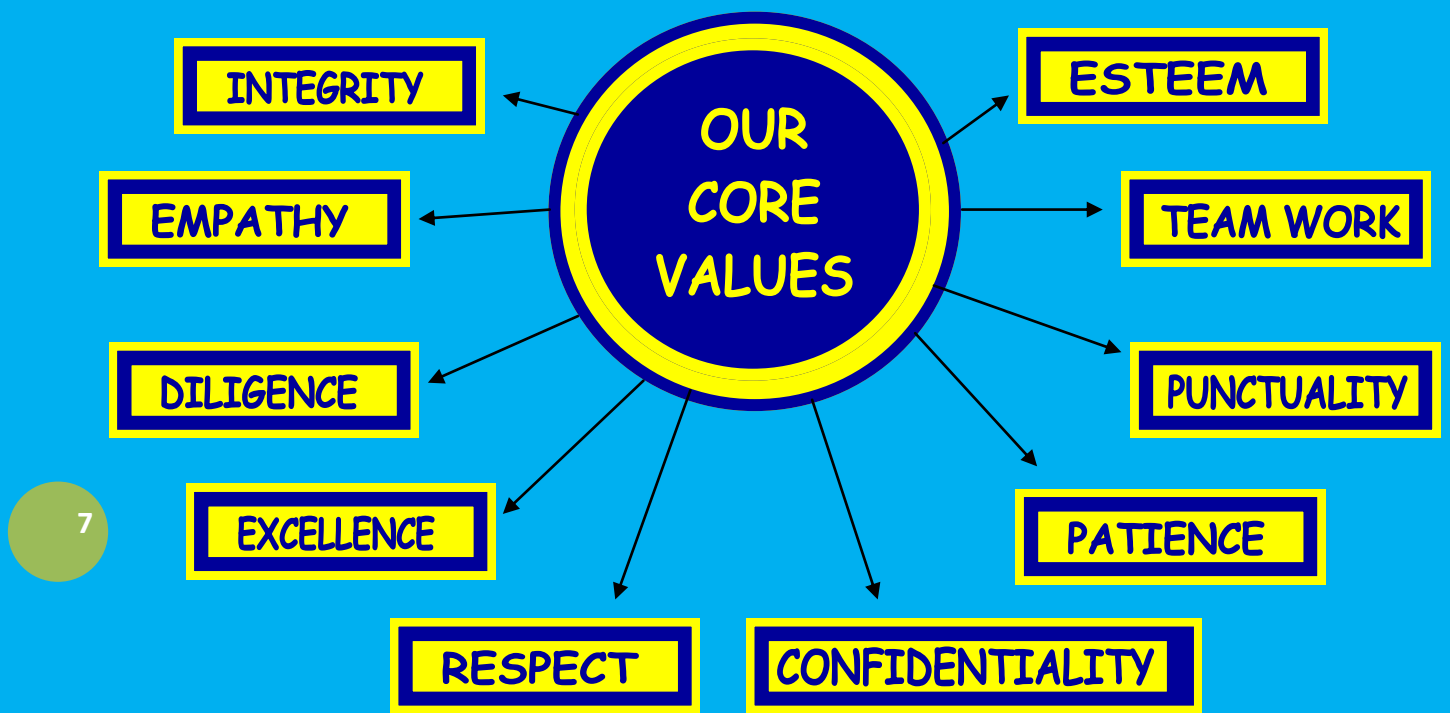
3: Specialised health services and equipment for children with disabilities are very few and too expensive for parents to access or afford.

4: According to the Ministry of education, only 10% of children with disabilities are able to enroll into main stream school each year and only 2.5% of them achieve the primary school leaving certificate. Less than 1% of these children move on to secondary education and these numbers reduce even further with higher levels of learning, as seen in the numbers of children with special needs who sat exams in 2018: PLE -1128, UCE -358, UACE -177.

5: There are many fragmented efforts of individuals / organizations working to address and champion the cause of children with disabilities.







**Our Objectives:**

- \* To Reduce mortality rate and high risks of secondary disabilities in children with disabilities through the provision of quality Medical, Therapy and Nutritional Support.
- \* To Improve access to Education.
- \* To Improve livelihoods and household incomes of families who have children with disabilities.
- \* To Promote social inclusion of youth and young adults with disabilities into society.
- \* To create a platform for organisations / individuals working with children with disabilities so as to establish unified efforts for networking and advocacy.



# MUKISA FOUNDATION

## OUR VISION:

To create strong family units in which children with special needs can flourish to their full potential

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## WHO WE ARE

**MUKISA FOUNDATION** is a Non-Government Organisation (NGO) founded in 2006 to address the challenges faced by children with special needs and their families through provision of quality care and creating awareness to help demystify disability, so as to give children with special needs a chance to achieve their full potential.

Over the years, Mukisa Foundation has seen its numbers grow from the first eight children, to over 4000 children and their families, who have been blessed by the receiving of various forms of Therapy and assistance. Although Mukisa started by assisting families mainly within the Kampala area, there are now families from a much wider spectrum passing through.



## WHAT WE DO (OBJECTIVES)

**1.0:** To reduce the mortality rate and high risk of secondary disabilities in children with special needs through quality welfare, medical, surgical and nutritional support.

**2.0:** To improve access to education through special education and vocational skills training for children with special needs.

**3.0:** To improve the household incomes of families who have children with special needs through skills development, mentoring and income generating activities.

**4.0:** To promote social inclusion of youth and young adults with disabilities into society through apprenticeship programs.

## OUR MISSION:

To empower families who have children with special needs through quality Medical, Therapy and Nutritional Support, Capacity Building, Resource and Information and Special Education



# DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

## WHO WE ARE

Dawn Children's Centre was established in July 2008 to help support working parents who have children with special needs, by providing quality care for their children within a safe environment and helping them to understand their children's condition so as to handle their situation more effectively.

In 2012 we expanded Dawn from only Day Care services to an Inclusive Education and Day Care Centre for children with and without special needs to learn, play and grow together.

It was the first of its kind in Uganda with all specialist services including Physio and Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Special/ Inclusive Education, Special/ Assistive Aids and a Resource and Information Centre under one roof.

In 2017 we found there was a lack of Primary schools willing to participate in Inclusive education and therefore expanded our services to include Inclusive Primary Level Education adding Primary 1 and in 2018 Primary 2.

We started with a focus on Early Years Intervention and Early Childhood Development initially taking on children from the age of 8 months to 7 years only, however this age range has continued to expand due to the addition of Primary education.



**At Dawn we provide a safe environment  
where children with special needs and those without can  
HAVE FUN, LEARN and FLOURISH TOGETHER**

# HOW WE WORK

SCT uses a holistic child-centred 360 model which focuses on each child as a unique individual and looks at every aspect of their lives, so as to achieve their full potential.

As shown in the figure below:



# HEALTH: THERAPY:

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Therapy activities were conducted at Mukisa and Dawn throughout the year and the turn up of new clients in 2018 showed an increase in comparison to the previous year.

Parents are continuously advised to take part in therapy, so as to learn what they can do at home on the days they don't attend sessions at the centre.

Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Behaviour Training are provided by a qualified team of professionals at both centres.

**PHYSIOTHERAPY** Mukisa had 1 and Dawn had 2 Physiotherapists in 2018.

**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY** Mukisa had 3 and Dawn had 3 Occupational Therapists in 2018.



**MUSIC SESSIONS** were also carried out throughout 2018 as a form of therapy and have proved to be one of the parent's favorite sessions.



The table below shows the number of Therapy sessions carried out at Mukisa Foundation in 2018. There was a decrease in the number of sessions compared to 2017 due to the changes in the staff team throughout the year.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Tue	92	99	111	103	125	134	110	72	86	98	94	64	1,188
Wed	73	126	114	85	106	103	69	117	81	104	89	54	1,121
Thur	85	96	94	77	111	95	46	95	68	79	105	44	995
Fri	52	36	96	60	28	40	26	60	44	40	60	26	568
Total	302	357	395	325	370	372	251	344	279	321	348	202	3,872



An exciting addition to the Therapy schedule in 2018 was the introduction of **SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY** twice a week at both Mukisa and Dawn.



A variety of conditions were observed in the children who were seen for new assessments this year including,

- Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) (25),
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) (3),
- Cerebral Palsy (CP) (21),
- Developmental Delay (2),
- Intellectual Disability (3),
- Down Syndrome (3),
- Brain Injury (2),
- Rehabilitation for a broken arm (1),
- and those undiagnosed (6).

This year the total number of children receiving therapy at Dawn increased in all therapies;

- Physiotherapy (49),
- Occupational Therapy (105),
- Behavioural Training (44)
- and Speech and Language Therapy (93).



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210 clients were registered to receive Speech Therapy services, 117 at Mukisa and 93 at Dawn.

A total of 153 sessions were carried out at Mukisa, however attendance by parents was inconsistent. 252 sessions were carried out at Dawn.

The table below shows the total number of 69 New Assessments carried out at Dawn in 2018. There were a higher number of assessments carried out at Dawn this year compared to the previous year.

MONTH	NO OF ASSESSMENTS
JANUARY	13
FEBRUARY	10
MARCH	10
APRIL	1
MAY	6
JUNE	2
JULY	7
AUGUST	4
SEPTEMBER	4
OCTOBER	4
NOVEMBER	3
DECEMBER	5

From this total;

- 39 children enrolled to start therapy
- 4 were referred on to other places
- 19 did not return
- 7 joined a waiting list for 2019 enrollment.

# SUCCESS STORY: "A FUTURE TO HOPE FOR"

**MIRACLE NAJJINGO NOELA**, was born premature at 6 months. She was diagnosed with spina bifida and referred to Mulago hospital for further treatment. At Mulago she was placed in an incubator for 11 days. Miracle had to wait for any form of surgery until she was 4 months old but eventually the surgery she required was conducted successfully.

As she approached 8 months old it was noticed that Miracle's legs were crossed and she was placed in plaster of paris (POP) for 2 months to help correct the deformity.

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Mama Miracle was referred to CORSU Hospital for further assistance with her child's needs, where she was assessed and given a variety of therapies and exercises, a standing frame and Ankle, Foot Orthoses (AFO's) to correct the positioning of her feet and strengthen her muscles for standing.

One day, Mama Miracle was watching a television programme on Bukedde TV showcasing Mukisa Foundation and visited the Centre looking for further assistance. Mukisa took her on board and provided extra therapy sessions.



Miracle has made great progress and is now able to walk and run around. She is in Middle Class at Masanafu Church of Uganda Nursery and Primary School.

She loves to have friends and play with others but still faces challenges with stigma and making friends as other children don't always understand the difficulties she has with incontinence.

Regardless of these challenges she is growing in confidence and we see a bright future ahead for her.



# HEALTH:

## MEDICAL AND NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT:

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This department provides special porridge flour, fish powder and milk powder for children who are malnourished.

This year (2018), 42 children received nutritional support to boost their health.

The department has also made it possible for parents to purchase these items at cost price from the centre.

Other Medical support given from or through Mukisa in 2018 included;

- 20 referrals to hospitals, such as, CoRSU, Katalamwa, Kampala Audiology Centre, Mulago, Butabika and Rubaga for further management.
- 28 receiving medication from Mukisa on a regular basis.
- 71 receiving medical support for contributions to hospital bills.

A number of children both at Mukisa and at outreach locations also received Vitamin A (below age 6) and de-worming tablets in three month intervals.

**There was a decrease in nutritional support and medication given this year, but an increase in the number of children and families helped with hospital bills.**





# HEALTH:

## EAST AFRICA MOBILITY HUB:



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The East Africa Mobility Hub was constructed in 2018 in partnership with Medical Missionary News (MMN) and ELMA. We are currently working in partnership with Shonaquip, South Africa, to provide quality Specialised Wheelchairs and Standing Frames.

The Hub is also providing other therapy and medical appliances including;

- Wooden Standing Frames,
- Wooden Supportive Chairs,
- Rolls,
- Wedges,
- Mats and Mattresses,
- And other adapted furniture.



A two week workshop was conducted in August with team members from Mukisa Foundation, Dawn Children's Centre and Shonaquip, South Africa in which 23 children were measured and fitted for specialized appliances. 21 were given wheelchairs and 2 were also given standing frames. 2 extra children also received wheelchairs later in the year.



# HOME BASED CARE AND SOCIAL WORK

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**HOME BASED CARE** takes services into the community and closer to families.

It has been more effective in 2018 than in previous years due to the implementation of Community Clusters.

## A TOTAL OF 523 HOME VISITS WERE CARRIED OUT IN 2018.

- 362 home visits were carried out by the therapy team.
- 115 home visits were carried out by the social work team, of which 4 were in Masajja to assess new clients, 6 were in Masaka to check on old clients and 105 were in Kampala.
- 46 home visits were carried out by the Mukisa nurse, of which 35 were in the home and 11 were hospital visits.

2 Organisations were also visited.



## JUSTICE PREVAILED BUT WHAT NEXT?

### CHILD PROTECTION CHALLENGES

It is all too common to find people who believe in superstitions and rituals that say when you have sex with or sacrifice someone with special needs, it will bring you great wealth. It is unfortunate that people still believe in such superstitions and that these things are happening to children and young people often and yet such cases are not reported, even by the parents.

We faced such a circumstance with one of our beloved Mukisa girls in 2018, in which she was being sexually abused and raped consistently by a man in the community. One neighbour decided to take a stand against it and reported it to the police, as well as to Mukisa. Investigations were started in February and after a year of court cases and sitting in court for days on end, the final hearing took place in November and the suspect was sentenced to 7 years imprisonment.

This case was brought into the light and is the **VERY FIRST CASE** in the history of the Ugandan courts of law, to be won by a young adult with intellectual disabilities. We hope it will set precedence for the future, encouraging and empowering more parents to report such cases and the Judicial system to give fair and timely hearings, so as to protect and safeguard our precious children.

Sadly, we lost 19 of our dear children in 2018; 18 from Mukisa and 1 from Dawn; due to sickness, failed treatments and feeding challenges.

Rest In Peace OUR ANGELS YOU WILL BE DEARLY MISSED...



# OUTREACHES

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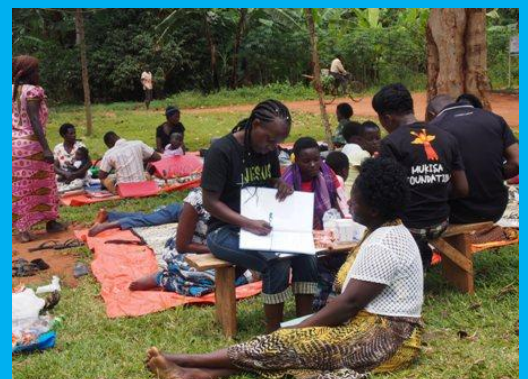
OUTREACHES are an important part of the Mukisa Foundation schedule in bringing much needed services to the communities and villages.

In 2018 outreaches continued in both Luwero and on Bussi Island, however the number of clients showing up for services were significantly less than the previous year.

The table below shows the number of clients seen at each outreach throughout 2018.

DATE	LOCATION	NO.OF CHILDREN
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Luweero	20
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Bussi Island	20
31 <sup>st</sup> April	Luwero	22
28 <sup>th</sup> May	Bussi Island	9
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Luwero	32
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Bussi Island	13
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Luwero	41
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Bussi Island	21
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Luwero	36
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Bussi Island	12
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Luwero	88
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>314</b>

Of this total, 239 clients were seen in Luwero and 75 on Bussi Island.





# FAMILY EMPOWERMENT: INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

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A variety of workshops were held throughout 2018 with large numbers of parents benefitting from the teaching and information given.

**A NUTRITION WORKSHOP** was held at Mukisa Foundation on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 with a team of nutritionists from Rubaga Hospital. **A total of 25 mothers and fathers attended** where they were taught about different food types and how to provide an appropriate nutritious, balanced diet for their families and especially their children with special needs to enhance their health and development.



**A FEEDING WORKSHOP** was also held on 27<sup>th</sup> June and was attended by 27 mothers. They were taught how to feed their children appropriately to avoid choking and given demonstrations of exercises to strengthen the muscles of the jaw.

**A DISABILITY WORKSHOP** was held over two days, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**A total of 40 parents attended** and were able to learn the types of disability, causes, management and prevention.

**CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING** was conducted for our Mukisa Mamas on 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 during a Reproductive Health Camp, which was facilitated by Reproductive Health Uganda. **55 of our mothers** were able to receive cervical cancer screening and were informed of the importance of doing this on a regular basis. They were also given information on family planning and a variety of methods that can be used to prevent unplanned pregnancies.



**A DENTAL WORKSHOP** was held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Mukisa, which was attended by 39 mothers. They were given information about the importance of brushing and taking care of their own teeth and especially the teeth of their children.



**Other Income Generating Activities** in 2018 included;

- How to make Counter Books; a workshop held in Luwero on 27<sup>th</sup> April, which was attended by 16 mothers.
- How to make Liquid Soap; 4 workshops were held at Mukisa Foundation throughout the year and were attended by a total of 24 mothers.



- And others...



- A successful harvest of maize from the Mukisa Farm in Kakairi in which we were able to receive 604kg of maize, 350kg of maize flour and 230kg of maize brand for use in the centre.





## SUCCESS STORY:

### "I WAS INSPIRED TO BUILD A FARM TO BUILD A LIFE"

**An URBAN FARMING WORKSHOP** was held in April 2018 which gave 11 Mukisa mothers the opportunity to visit Kwagala Farm, and meet Dr Diana Nambatya, the Outstanding Kampala Promoter of Urban Farming. She narrated to the mothers that just with her half acre of land in Kulambiro, Kisaasi, she operates an integrated, modern farm producing biogas, organic fertilizer and seeds. At her farm she teaches and mentors youth in urban agriculture and agribusiness, a move aimed at empowering them to alleviate poverty at their homesteads by engaging in urban farming as an income generating activity.

The Mukisa mothers were able to learn how to carry out urban farming on smaller pieces of land even around their home areas. One of the mothers, Jane Nantongo, was inspired by the teaching and has been able to begin her own urban farming business by growing vegetables including spinach, sukuma wiki, tomatoes, dodo, egg plants, yams and others in the little space she owns around her home.

**Ms Nantongo says she is very grateful for the effort Mukisa has invested in them because she is now able to earn a living daily within the community.**

**She says people around her home buy vegetables on a daily basis and she has developed a passion for urban farming. She hopes to expand her business**





**A TRANSITION AND PARENTING WORKSHOP** was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> October to provide and equip both children and parents with knowledge and information regarding the transition of the children from Mukisa Foundation to other schools and institutions. There were 12 parents and 16 children in attendance.



**3 FAMILY LEARNING DAYS** were organised and facilitated by the Children at Risk Action Network (CRANE).

**A Skills Workshop** was conducted on 14<sup>th</sup> September for 20 children and 40 mothers who were grateful for the opportunity to learn how to make re-useable sanitary towels.



**A Catering Workshop** was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August and was attended by 8 parents and 20 children. They were taught about different types of food including rice, greens, vegetables, meat and how to prepare them. The children were also empowered and encouraged to assist their mothers in the kitchen at home.



**A Skills Workshop** was also held on 29<sup>th</sup> June in how to make decorations for events including decorative bottles, ribbons and others. 12 girls from the Creative Learning Centre and 12 mothers attended.

The workshop was led by Julie and the Creative Learning Centre teacher at Mukisa and parents were also encouraged to contribute their own creative ideas.



The PARENTS SAVINGS SCHEME got off to a slow start this year and a total of 21 mothers were only able to save 4,632,000/- compared to the 23 million that was saved the year before.

Mama Keith Ahabwe was able to save the most, a total of 1,425,000/- which she planned to use to revamp and restock her retail shop.

The parents named the savings scheme The **KWAGALANA GROUP**. When translated from Luganda, 'Kwagalana' means 'Love One Another'. The group has seen considerable growth this year as they received a grant of approximately 10,000,000/- to boost the savings scheme.

With this grant they bought 2 tents, 150 chairs and 720 plates in order to start a Business venture in hiring out tents and chairs for functions. They also added catering to their business in December, starting with catering for over 500 people at the Mukisa Foundation Christmas party.



## FAMILY EMPOWERMENT: CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

- **MOTHERS PAMPERING DAY** was held on 11<sup>th</sup> May with an attendance of 90 mothers. They were given a spa day of massage, manicure, pedicure and a makeover with new clothes and make up.
- **FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST** was held on 8<sup>th</sup> June with an attendance of 44 fathers. They started with a huge breakfast, followed by a disability workshop and a financial workshop with advice about savings, shares and bank accounts.
- 12 children, 9 mothers and 2 staff members represented Mukisa at a **WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY** event hosted by Angel's Centre on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

- 19 children, 4 parents and 5 staff members from Mukisa attended **NIGHT TO SHINE**, a prom for children with special needs hosted by Watoto Church in partnership with the Tim Tebow Foundation.
- Mukisa staff attended the **A-Z BOOK LAUNCH** on 23<sup>rd</sup> September to show thanks to the author for donating proceeds to Mukisa Foundation and children with special needs.
- Dawn Children's Centre celebrated 10 years of operation with a **10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND CELEBRATION**.
- **CHRISTMAS PARTIES** took place at Mukisa and Dawn on 21<sup>st</sup> Dec and 13<sup>th</sup> Dec respectively.







# SPECIAL AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:

## CATCH UP CLASS AND AUTISM CLASS

In **CATCH UP CLASS** children are provided with special educational goals that meet them at their level of ability with the view to helping them 'catch up' with their academic education.

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We started 2018 with 14 children in class, of which 6 were new children. As the year progressed, unfortunately 2 children dropped out for unknown reasons.

The rest of the children made great progress throughout the year in areas including behaviour, turn taking, communication, concentration, writing and identifying.

At the end of 2018, 2 children were promoted to the Creative Learning Centre and 1 child was referred to another special needs school for the following year.



**AUTISM CLASS** started 2018 with 7 children. Throughout the year 2 children were promoted to catch up class, 1 was brought back from catch up class and 1 dropped out due to family issues. The year ended with 5 children enrolled.



Unfortunately attendance was inconsistent in both classes during the course of the year due to high levels of sickness with some children ending up in hospital, as well as the long distances children travel to school, especially during rainy season when there are high risks of flooding in some areas.



# SPECIAL AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: CREATIVE LEARNING CENTRE (CLC) AND VOCATIONAL CLASS

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The **CREATIVE LEARNING CENTRE** is set up in partnership with **CRANE Network**. 2018 had a total of 20 children in the CLC. We started with 7 children in January, with an addition of 13 new children joining.

By the end of 2018, 5 children had dropped out for various reasons, 5 were integrated into Vocational Class, 1 was integrated into home employment, 1 was integrated into catch up class, 3 were integrated into mainstream schools and 5 will continue with CLC into 2019.

**VOCATIONAL CLASS** had a total of 8 children throughout 2018. The Mother-Daughter club was continued successfully during the course of the year with both mothers and daughters learning new skills.



At the end of 2018, 4 children graduated from Vocational Class and 4 will continue in 2019.



# SPECIAL AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION:

## DAWN CHILDREN'S CENTRE: INCLUSIVE KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Those without special needs who enrolled in full time school were 10.

1 typical child registered for a block of drop in therapy sessions and rehabilitation following a broken arm.

Out of the 89 children that ended 2017 enrolled at Dawn Children's Centre, 21 did not return in January 2018. 2 graduated from Top Class and moved on to other schools, whilst 19 did not return for a variety of reasons.

January 2018 saw Dawn start the year with a total of 68 children, an increase from the previous year.

Those with special needs enrolled in full time school (58), those with special needs enrolled for drop in therapy sessions (3) and those without special needs enrolled in full time school (7).

Throughout 2018 a total of 52 new children were added to the Dawn register compared to 53 in the previous year.

Those with special needs who enrolled in full time school were 33.

Those with special needs who enrolled for drop in therapy sessions were 8.

By the end of 2018 the number of children who dropped out along the way was 12, a decrease compared to the year before.

Dawn ended the year with an all high total enrollment of 108 children and the biggest number of children without special needs recorded (16).

Those with special needs in full time school were 85, those with special needs in drop in therapy sessions were 7 and those without special needs in full time school were 16.

From this 108, we saw 9 children graduate from Top Class including 6 with special needs and 3 without.

In January 2018 we added Primary 2 to make the total number of classes 8. The number of children that received services in each class in 2018 is shown in the table below.

ZEBRA CLASS	19	MIDDLE CLASS	12
PEACOCKS CLASS	24	TOP CLASS	10
TEX CLASS	16	PRIMARY 1	7
BABY CLASS	18	PRIMARY 2	5



# SPECIAL AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION: SCHOOL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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School activities throughout the year 2018 at both Mukisa and Dawn Centre included;

- Music, Dance and Drama (MDD),
- Swimming Lessons,
- A visit from the Library Van,
- Mukisa School Trip to Entebbe Zoo,
- Dawn School Trip to KCCA Farm and Kiwatule Recreation Centre,
- Sports Day and more...





# ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS: 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AWARENESS AND FUN DAY

The 6th ANNUAL AWARENESS AND FUN DAY for children with special needs took place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

This year's theme was

## LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND

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This year there were a total of 34 Organisations in attendance with over 1000 children and adults present.

We were grateful that our invite for Guest of Honour was accepted by Vice President Hon. Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi.





# ADVOCACY AND AWARENESS: SPECIAL CHILDREN'S FORUM

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**THE SPECIAL CHILDREN'S FORUM** is a platform for Organisations and individuals working with or having an interest in the cause for children with disabilities.

Two meetings were held in 2018.

The first meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> April at Uganda Society for the Deaf, Namirembe.

The second meeting was held at CRANE Network on 6<sup>th</sup> October.



## CAPACITY BUILDING:

FOR VOLUNTEERS, STUDENTS, PARENTS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS, SUCH AS, TEACHERS, MEDICAL PERSONNEL, POLICE AND OTHERS



In 2018, Dawn Children's Centre had a total of 9 volunteers throughout the year, including, 4 young people from the German Red Cross, 1 Special Education Teacher from Ireland, 2 Physiotherapists from the USA and 2 Childcare workers from Belgium. We also had a group of young people visiting from a High School in Chester, UK.

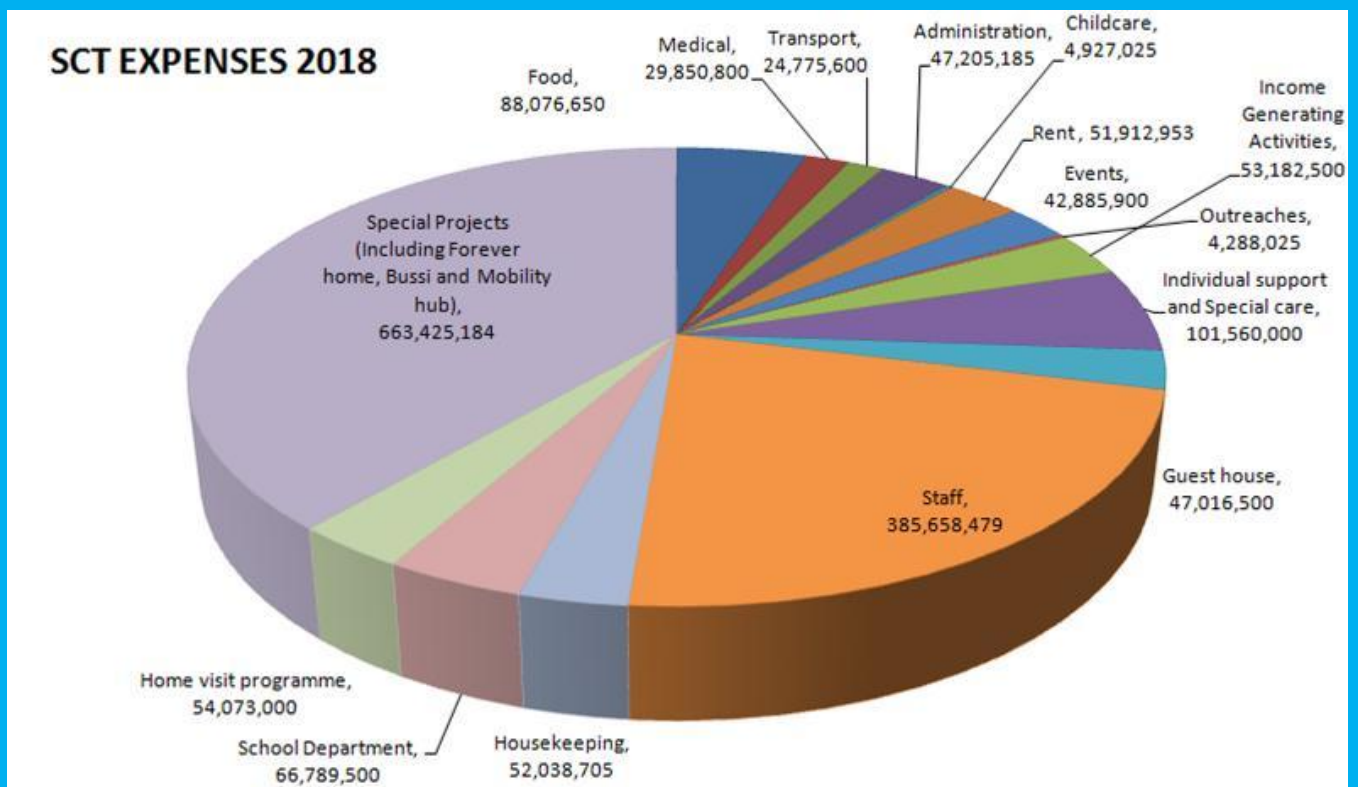
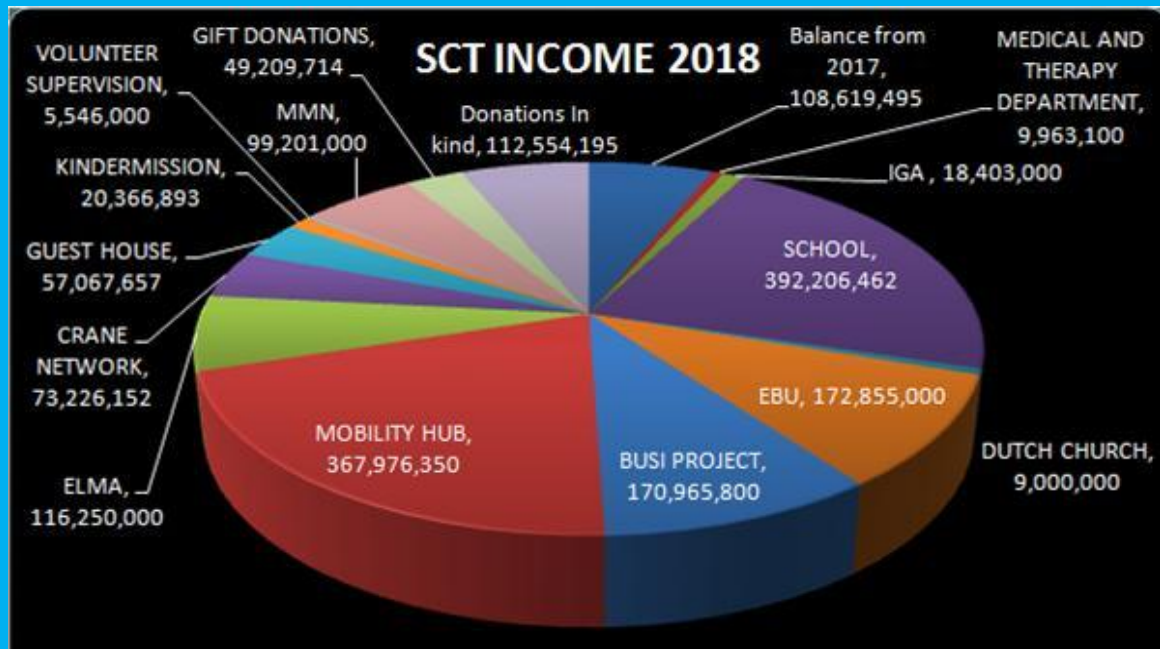


Mukisa Foundation had a total of 6 volunteers throughout the year including 1 Teacher, 2 young people from the German Red Cross, 2 Childcare workers from Belgium and 1 Personal Admin Assistant.

# FINANCES 2018

## SPECIAL CHILDREN'S TRUST

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TOTAL INCOME 2018	1,783,410,818
TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2018	1,717,666,006
SURPLUS	65,744,812