



Dear friends,

We thank you for being part of our 2018. And what an amazing year it has been! Looking back we can honestly say we have not had any year that has gone any faster or any better for us as an organization. We are thankful for every moment, but most especially for you, the people who make all these things possible.

As we wind up this great year, we would like to share with you some of our highlights from the three components of SCT and some general happenings of 2018.

This year as SCT we were able to pay off our 5 acres of land that is going to be home for many of our SCT initiatives. This includes our Inclusive Model School, a Mobility Hub for assistive devices, a Community Clinic, Therapy and Recreation Facilities. We hope to build this to the highest standards so as to serve as a centre for excellence and an environment where children can flourish to their full potential.

Dawn Children's Centre

We recently celebrated 10 years at Dawn, which was marked by a Thanksgiving Service, great presentations from the children and Vision Casting the future of Dawn to our parents and well wishers. The number of children at Dawn has increased so much this year that it is currently bursting out of its seams! We moved from 60 to 106 in a very short period and have had to do several modifications to accommodate all our children. We look forward to a time when our forever home will be complete and we can move our school to its new premises.

Mukisa Foundation

Three years ago Mukisa Foundation started an outreach on Bussi Island. Bussi is a small Island of about 10,000 people in Lake Victoria. Like many Islands in Uganda, the people on this Island have no access to basic services, and the children with disabilities, the elderly and those living with conditions such as HIV are most affected by this. The Mukisa team visits the Island once a month and offers Therapy, Nutritional and Medical Services, as well as referrals to hospitals on the mainland. Currently the services are carried out in an open field of the only government medical centre. Mukisa hopes to establish a centre on the Island, which will be home to the Outreach Clinics, a Vocational Skills Training and Apprenticeship Centre for youth with disabilities. The development of this 'Mukisa Inclusive Village' started mid this year, with the construction of a community hall.



Special Children's Forum

SCT is championing a forum or platform for Organisations and individuals who work with children with Special Needs in Uganda, with the aim of creating a stronger voice for advocacy, networking and for referral purposes. Our bi-annual meetings took place on the 7th of April and 5th of October. There were over 100 people in attendance, representing more than 60 organizations in each meeting, which makes it the highest attendance we have ever had.

Through the forum, we have participated in creating a **screening tool** for early identification of children who have disabilities. This tool has since been recognized and adopted by the Ministry of Education. Plans are underway to make it a national tool to be used in all schools and communities.

Events and Celebrations:

Night to shine:



School trips:



Several workshops and seminars for parents at both Dawn and Mukisa, different organizations and communities:



Fathers' and Mothers' day celebrations:



Awareness and Fun Day:



Sports day



10th Anniversary thanksgiving and Vision casting day



On behalf of the children, parents and the entire SCT team, I would like thank you for whatever role you have played in making this a special year and I hope that you will continue this journey with us as we strive to build a better and inclusive Uganda for children with disabilities.

Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a new year filled with every blessing,

Florence Namaganda
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