

Primary education is free, but  
**students must pay an annual fee**  
to cover the cost of books,  
uniforms and classroom supplies.  
**Children who cannot pay  
are not allowed in school.**

**90%**  
live without  
electricity  
or running water

**\$2**

more than  
**50%**  
of the  
population  
survive on  
this amount  
**per day**



### Education is a Fundamental Human Right

In 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including the right to education, which is central to achieving the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals.

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## Circle of Peace School

Makindye, Uganda

*A sanctuary for learning*

Only  
**20%**  
of boys  
**17%**  
of girls  
are educated  
past the  
**7th grade**



## UGANDA

**LAND AREA:** 77,108 sq miles

**POPULATION:** 35,918,915

**CAPITAL:** Kampala

**GOVERNMENT:** Democratic republic

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:** English

**CURRENCY:** Ugandan new shilling

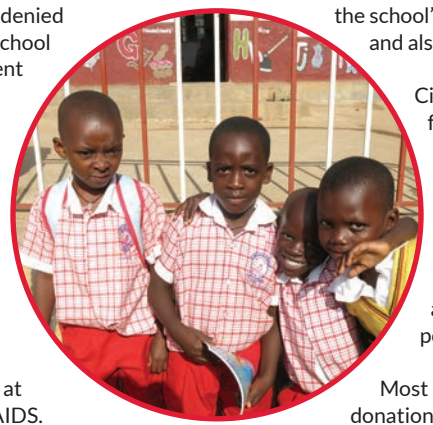


# CIRCLE OF PEACE SCHOOL

At Circle of Peace School in Makindye—a suburb of Uganda's capital city—about 300 boys and girls from preschool through grade six receive the education that they would otherwise be denied because they are unable to pay the required public school fees. Students live in a safe and nurturing environment where they can realize their full potential and develop as people who experience human rights and fundamental freedoms. The school is run by its founders, the Bbaale family. Classes are taught in English. The School serves children of all faiths; both Christian and Muslim students attend.

Forty orphans and underprivileged students reside in a boys' dormitory and a girls' dormitory on campus. The school provides for all their needs: housing, food, clothing, medical care and emotional support. Approximately one-third of the pupils have at least one parent who is deceased or ill from HIV or AIDS. Without COPI, they would have no home, food or education. Most of the school's students commute from home.

Circle of Peace School is governed by a board of directors which reports to the Ugandan Ministry of Education. Despite meager conditions, the school's students do very well on required national tests and also are extremely well-behaved.



Circle of Peace School receives no government funding. It is primarily supported by the selfless commitment of the Bbaale family, headed by Amina Bbaale, the family matriarch. Five of her daughters and three of her sons, as well as other relatives, either work at the school or provide for it financially. Families of the students contribute what they can toward their child's education, and the school generates operating income from a poultry farm.

Most importantly, the school relies on the generous donations of international supporters. All donations, cash and in-kind, are greatly appreciated. No gift is too small.

## IT STARTS WITH LOVE



In 1991, Uganda native Joanita Bbaale earned a degree in Education from Kibuli Teachers College. As a public school teacher, she was troubled by the fact that underprivileged students were denied an education because their families were too poor to pay school fees. Joanita often found herself teaching basic reading to her Sunday school pupils.

A national effort to enroll Uganda's children in nursery schools was initiated in the early 1990s. Because there were no nursery schools in her area, Joanita left her paid teaching position to establish a local school for the children in her neighborhood. There were initially eight students who met on the porch of her parents' home that first year. Soon more students began coming.

At the end of the 1994 term, parents pleaded with Joanita to continue teaching their children. She and her family responded by renting land, erecting temporary classrooms, and adding teachers. Higher grades were added each year until the school was offering nursery through seventh grade classes.

In 2011, Circle of Peace International was established as a US-based 501c3 nonprofit corporation, whose mission is to assist the Circle of Peace School in meeting the educational needs of its students.



## YOU CAN HELP A CHILD TODAY

### SPONSOR A CHILD

An annual donation of **\$395** provides food, housing, clothing, medical care, books and an education for a student at Circle of Peace School. You can change a child's life with the gift of opportunity and hope at [www.circleofpeaceintl.org](http://www.circleofpeaceintl.org).

### SPONSOR A PROJECT

Visit [www.circleofpeaceintl.org](http://www.circleofpeaceintl.org) and choose a specific Circle of Peace School project that resonates with you. Make a donation, fill a need and help sustain the work being done on behalf of deserving children.

1997

Circle of Peace School licensed by the Ugandan Ministry of Education.

A new Circle of Peace campus established at the Bbaale family compound to serve grades four through seven.

2007

Latrines constructed at Bbaale compound.

2010

Original lower school campus abandoned and all classrooms were consolidated on the Bbaale family compound.

Land purchased for campus expansion and additional solar panels installed. **Funded by the Clinton Global Initiative grant.**

2009

Improved cook stoves and 12,000W solar photovoltaic system installed by AHEAD Energy.

2011

Chicken farm established to feed the children and earn money for the school. **Funded by the Davis Projects for Peace Foundation grant.**

A water harvesting system and solar thermal water heating system installed.

Shower stalls built.

New desks, school uniforms, television, mattress covers, team uniforms, classroom and office supplies donated.

2012

Sewing machines donated, classrooms and office painted.

2013

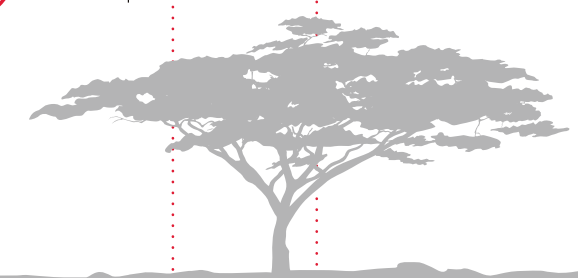
Playground renovated and compound fenced.

2014

New bathrooms built, gutters and windows installed, dining shed renovated, building purchased to serve as girls dormitory.

2015

New classroom built, girls dormitory and kitchen renovated.



*I would not trade anything for my experiences at Circle of Peace School.*

**AMINA NAMAZZI**  
STUDENT FROM THE FIRST COPS CLASS  
AND LAW SCHOOL GRADUATE