



# St. NICHOLAS Uganda CHILDREN'S FUND

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The St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund was founded in 2005 by Peter and Sharon Georges. They began paying school fees for three orphans while they were working as Orthodox missionaries in 2003 and within two years the number of children they were assisting had grown to more than fifty. Now in its thirteenth year, the Children's Fund is supporting over 240 children in school and provides additional assistance to needy families.

Half the population of Uganda is under the age of fifteen and there are almost three million orphans in a total population of 41 million. When Uganda's prolonged and violent civil war drew to a close in 1986 and the country started rebuilding, the AIDS pandemic hit with full force. The result of these two devastating blows, combined with pervasive malaria and poverty, is that a large percentage of the "middle adult" age group was wiped out. Children are being cared for by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and neighbors, and some are completely on their own. Teens and young adults find themselves without parents—and without the wisdom, guidance, and safety net that parents normally provide.

Education is extremely important in Uganda. Parents, guardians, and children see education as their best way of escaping a lifetime of poverty—scraping by as subsistence farmers or unskilled laborers, and early marriage for teenage girls. Although some primary and secondary schools are partially subsidized by the Ugandan government, no schooling is completely without cost. The place of education in a Ugandan family's priorities is evident by the fact that hospital admissions regularly drop off during the three times a year when school fees are due. Parents choose to do without medical care in order to keep their children in school. Although tuition and expenses are low compared to western standards, they are still beyond the reach of many Ugandans, especially for people who are caring for orphaned children of relatives and friends as well as their own.

As the number of sponsored children increased and Sharon and Peter became more involved with the children's education, they realized that the need sometimes extended beyond school fees, uniforms, lunches, books, and health care. Miserable living conditions seriously affect a child's ability to learn and thrive. In response, their assistance to struggling families has included rent assistance, beds, mattresses, sheets & blankets, mosquito nets, food staples, and health care for other family members.

Students are now being sponsored in primary and secondary school, vocational & professional training, nursing & medical school, and university. Peter and Sharon and their Ugandan staff nurture the children with love, advice, and discipline. Young people who once had no hope now have the opportunity to become capable and productive citizens, breaking the cycle of poverty and dependence into which they were born.

The St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund was incorporated as a non-profit organization in the U.S. in 2007 and as an NGO in Uganda in 2008. Peter and Sharon devote themselves full-time to this ministry without financial compensation.

## Mission Statement

**To provide for the education, health,  
and welfare of Ugandan children, teens,  
and young adults.**

## Fundamental Principles & Goals

1. We are driven by the biblical imperative to care for the least among us (Mat. 25:40) and to provide for "widows and orphans in their distress." (James 1:27)
  2. Beneficiaries are assisted based on need, regardless of age, gender, tribe, or religion.
  3. Primary activities are directed to paying school fees and related expenses, including lunches, school uniforms, learning materials, and health care.
  4. Essential related activities are directed to improving living conditions for vulnerable children and their families, including nutrition, medical treatment, clothing, bedding, shelter, clean water, sanitary facilities, and mosquito nets.
  5. We maintain complete financial transparency in all our activities.
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## Donations

Checks should be made payable to St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund and sent to the U.S. address below. We also accept online donations via our website. **Donations of any amount are welcome and appreciated.** For donors who are interested in sponsoring a student, the annual sponsorship amounts are as follows:

Primary School: \$300.00 (\$25.00/month)  
Secondary School: \$660.00 (\$55.00/month)  
Vocational School: \$1,200.00 (\$100.00/month)  
University: \$2,100.00 (\$175.00/month)

Your sponsorship donation will pay for school fees, lunch, school uniforms, shoes, school supplies, books, and medical care. If you would like to sponsor a particular child, please contact us by email or postal mail, or visit our web site.

## Additional sponsorship options for secondary, vocational, & university

**Partial sponsorship:** Specify the category of student you wish to sponsor and pledge any amount that you can afford. The only difference between partial and full sponsorship is that you may be sharing the support of the student with other sponsors.

**Co-sponsorship:** Join together with other individuals or families to sponsor a student at a higher level. This is a good option for a Sunday School class or church group.

**The St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund is a registered  
non-profit 501(c)(3) organization eligible to receive  
tax deductible contributions.**

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