



*S* SUSTAINABILITY

EVERY DAY,

1,000,000\* Ugandan children

face life without a chance, without a choice.

These are orphans in the midst of a nation's

losing battle with AIDS...

Starved for food, thirsting for water,

dying to be loved.

\*2006 UNAIDS Epidemic Update

What about  
EVERY OTHER DAY?

Uganda is caught in an epic spiral of decline. As AIDS rips families apart – 2 million people, nearly 7% of the nation, is currently infected<sup>†</sup> – and the economy continues to struggle in its recovery from the despotism of the 70's and 80's, these children need more than just a meal. Most of them carry only a passing memory of their parents' love and few of them risk thinking beyond tomorrow.

†UNAIDS/WHO Statistics 2005

GIVE THEM

HOPE.

With it comes the  
freedom to dream.

There is an irreplaceable sense of safety and stability that comes with knowing you have a meal and a place to lay your head at night. It is a feeling we often take for granted. For the children of Watoto, it is an incredible gift.

GIVE THEM

LOVE.

And they will have the  
courage to act.

Watoto places each child in a family dwelling where they stay until their graduation from Secondary school. They live with a house mother, brothers and sisters, and a sense of love and belonging. The children build a personal support structure they could not have while trying to survive alone.

GIVE THEM

KNOWLEDGE.

So they have the  
tools to succeed.

The ultimate plan for every Watoto child is to attain a Primary and Secondary school education. Watoto has sponsored students to attend public universities as well as started its own vocational school for graduates. Education positions students to be active members of their country, culture, and economy, eventually allowing them to give back.



# The Watoto Model

## CREATING A VILLAGE OF HOPE

The Watoto mission is not simply about saving as many orphaned and vulnerable children as possible. It is about raising them up to become future leaders who will bring about sustainable change in their nation.



### Administrative Building

Watoto Administration provides offices for the School Headmaster. The structure also contains a library and computer lab.

### Village Homes

Volunteers from all over the world come and give of their time and resources to build brick homes for the families.

### Teacher's House

Each Watoto teacher is provided with staff accommodation as part of their employment package.

### Primary & Secondary

Watoto Schools provide a quality Primary and Secondary education with hope to start a University by 2010.

### Vocational Building

Vocational education opens the door for young graduates to learn a trade such as Tailoring, Metal Work, and Hospitality.

## A SENSE OF FAMILY

When children are welcomed into a Watoto village, they are enveloped into a loving family. A house mother looks after eight children, each with their own bed. The goal is to provide holistic, residential care for every child so that each one will become a responsible Christian and a productive citizen of Uganda and Africa.



## BUILDING THE SCHOOLS

Over 1,000 students are currently enrolled in a Watoto-run education system that ranges from Primary School to Vocational School. Through sponsorships and scholarships, support is given to Secondary School graduates to attend University, furthering their education and allowing them new opportunities.



## SECURING THE LAND

Before a new Watoto village can break ground, land must be secured. Two hundred acre parcels, as required for building in Uganda, typically cost over \$500,000 USD each. These plots are not readily available. We need your help to create a reserve of funds that will allow us to secure land for new villages when opportunities arise.



## VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

Behind every cluster of Watoto homes is an elaborate infrastructure that must be developed before the homes are fit to live in. The requirements include access to water, landscaping, provision of septic tanks, and a framework for electricity. Watoto homes are designed to have running water and a bathroom which are rare in rural Africa. The goal is to create a fund for infrastructure expenses to make sure that every home built meets the Watoto standard.



## SELF-SUSTAINABILITY

At Watoto, it is critical to generate self-sustainability for continuing development. The aim is to pursue land for raising livestock and cultivating crops. The farms will provide the children with opportunities to learn new skills and help the villages become self-sustaining for meat, vegetables and dairy.



HOW CAN YOU  
make a

*Difference?*

## DONATION

As Watoto moves towards self-sustainability, there will always be a need for funds to expand our vision to more sites throughout Uganda. Land alone costs over \$500,000 USD per village.

Whether you want to make a one-time donation, sponsor a child, secure land, purchase machinery, or build village infrastructure, any help that you give goes directly towards raising future leaders.



## SPECIFIC PROJECTS

There are a number of projects where individuals and organisations can contribute to strengthening Africa's future.

### Projects include:

- Watoto Children's Hospital
- Agriculture Farm
- Fish Production
- Project Gulu:
  - Children's Village & Babies' Home
  - Trauma Counselling Centre
  - Craft Production Unit



## VOLUNTEER

If you are interested in visiting a Watoto village and helping with construction, medical care, teaching or any other volunteer opportunities, we would love to hear from you.

To partner with Watoto in any of these capacities, please contact your local Watoto office or visit [www.watoto.com](http://www.watoto.com).



## THE HISTORY OF WATOTO

In 1994, Gary and Marilyn Skinner established Watoto as a compassionate response to the critical AIDS crisis confronting Uganda and much of the rest of Africa. Today, Watoto is impacting the lives of more than 1,500 children by providing for their physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs.

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