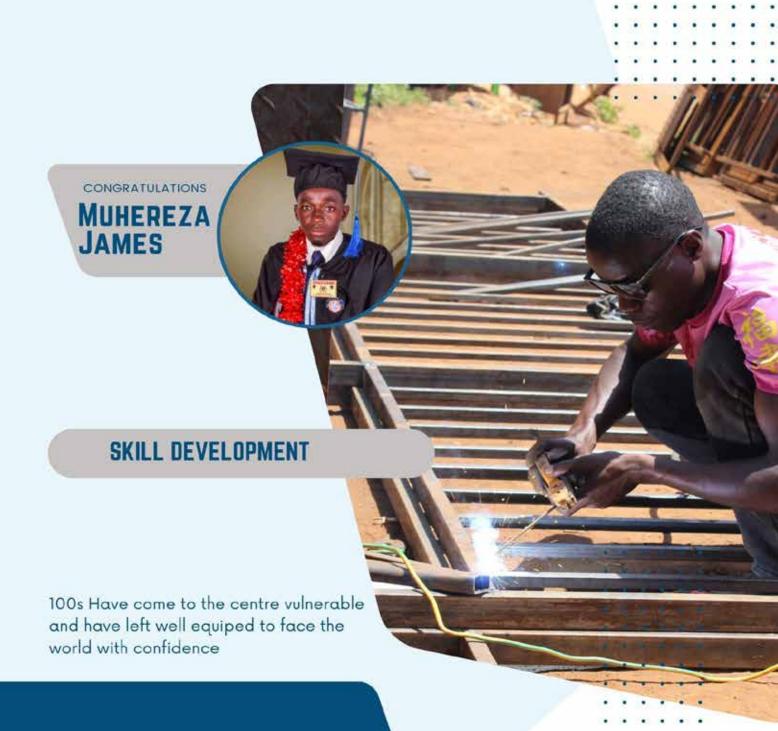
ST. MOSES CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



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Dear Donors, Friends, and Well-Wishers of the St. Moses Centre,

It has been another busy half of the year with so much to be proud of and celebrate. We are very mindful of the fact that the successes that we enjoyed throughout this period were only possible through the combined efforts of our donors, exceptional groups of friends and wellwishers. Thank you, great partners! Do not miss going through the highlights of the period below-they are truly heartwarming and engaging!

Sponsored Students/Children



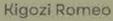


As the year closes, we extend our gratitude to the parents, guardians and teachers for their cooperation. Their contribution and support from all our donors and well-wishers, enabled 62 children/students study in different institutions. Thank you all for your generosity! The period was definitely loud-action packed, full of energy and diversity. At school, a number of activities took place, enhancina children/students' holistic learning. Such experiences enable them to gain more knowledge, be exposed to current affairs, be independent in their learning and nurture talents. Almost everyone was blown away by the performance of the pupils at the speech day. Children sang, acted, and spoke confidence. great atmosphere was electric, with cheers and chants filling the air. It is interesting seeing the far children have come! Friends, we cannot thank you enough for all the achievements in their lives!



Obo Crispus after Primary 7:

"On discovering that he was HIV positive, my father abandoned me and my mother. At the age of 4, all hope was gone. Thanks to St. Moses Children Care Centre that came to my rescue. I was sheltered, well fed, given medication and quality education. Here I am, done with primary level of education with hopes of great achievements in the future. Thank you SidEcole for the school fees, thank you St. Moses Children's Care Centre for all the guidance. I will forever be grateful!"





"Life changed drastically after the death of my father. At the age of 6, life became very difficult, and my mother was left helpless as we relied on my father for support. I am deeply grateful to my German sponsors and St. Moses Children's Care Centre for providing me with education and fulfilling my basic needs. Their support has given me renewed hope, and after completing primary education, I now see a bright future ahead. Thank you for restoring hope in me I"





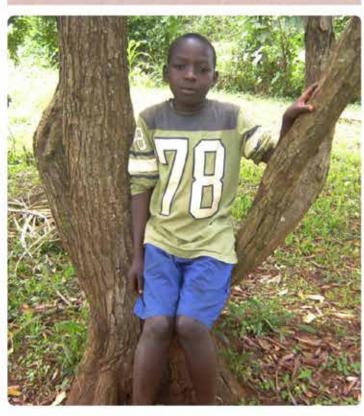
Romeo on the left with his childhood friend Crispus on the right after their Primary leaving exams at the centre.

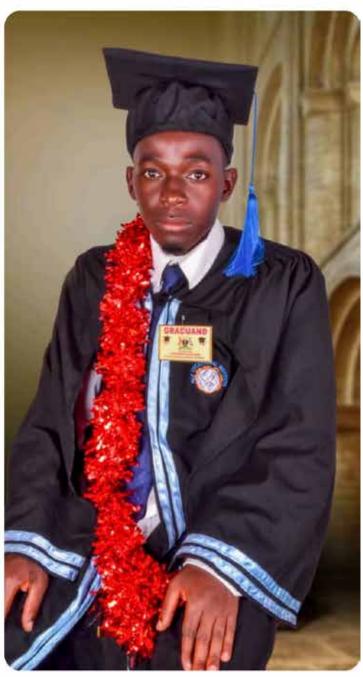


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Muhereza James,

"I feel so honoured to have come this far. Unbelievable! It is with great joy and deep gratitude that I express my sincere thanks to my German donors and the St. Moses Children's Care Centre Administration. You have guided me, challenged me, and believed in me even when I doubted my self. Your generosity is invaluable! With a Certificate in Plumbing, I believe the future is bright.







Community Development Initiatives

As part of our ongoing community development initiatives, 400 youths were engaged in a wide range of programs, including career guidance, and financial literacy sessions. They also gained tangible skills in areas such as photography, videography, hairdressing, catering, tailoring, agriculture, mechanical engineering, welding, carpentry, computer training, shoe making/repair and life skills development. In addition to these educational activities, the youths were introduced to the concept of saving, and by the end of the year, they had collectively saved a substantial amount of money. These initiatives are all aimed at helping the youths grow socially and economically, equipping them with skills for future employability and self-reliance.







Philip's
Journey in
Shoe
Making:
Overcoming
Challenges
and Building
a Future



Philip's journey into shoe making is a story of perseverance and determination. Despite facing physical challenges, such as weak hands and difficulty walking on his own, he has turned shoe making into a source of independence, knowledge, and community. Through learning skills like repairing soles, polishing, and sewing shoes, Philip has not only gained valuable expertise but also found a passion that drives him forward.

The benefits of his craft include financial support for his education, new social connections, and the opportunity to help others by passing on his skills. However, his challenges, including physical limitations, require creative solutions and resilience.

Looking to the future, Philip's goals are to open his own shoe making workshop, achieve financial stability, train others, and eventually build his own home. His journey serves as an inspiring reminder of how overcoming obstacles and following one's passion can lead to success. He is much grateful to St. Moses Children's Care Centre for the opportunity given.



Bagonza Kenneth:

A Passion for Carpentry and a Bright Future

Bagonza Kenneth's journey into carpentry is driven by a deep love for the craft and a determination to succeed. Through his training, Kenneth has gained essential skills such as cutting timber, smoothening surfaces and joining pieces, which lay the foundation for his future in the trade. Despite challenges like the dust on his way to the workshop, his passion keeps him focused.

Kenneth plans to start his own workshop, creating high-quality carpentry products that reflect his craftsmanship. He is deeply grateful to St. Moses Children's Care Centre for providing him with the training and support that has helped him on his path to success.

Kenneth's power of passion, perseverance, and community support will gift him a successful future.

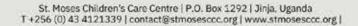
Opio Richard Patrick:

Aspiring Mechanic with Ambitious Goal

Patrick is a passionate learner pursuing a career in mechanics. He enjoys the course and feels fulfilled by the hands-on learning experience, diagnosing and repairing car problems. Despite challenges like long walks and dusty roads to his training Center, Opio remains focused on his goal of becoming a skilled mechanic.

He has gained essential skills, including driving, diagnosing issues, repairing engines and brake systems, which will help him in his future career. Opio plans to open his own workshop for self-employment and also train future mechanics.

He is grateful to St. Moses Children's Care Centre for the opportunity to study and their continued support in helping him achieve his dreams.





Mwesigwa Moses: A Journey in Welding

Moses is passionate about welding and enjoys learning the practical skills of measuring, sharpening metals, welding, and joining materials. Though he faces challenges, such as long walks and dust on the way to his training centre, his determination keeps him motivated. Moses's goal is to open his own workshop for self-employment and become a responsible businessman. He's gaining valuable skills and confidence in his trade, which will help him succeed in the future.

He is grateful to St. Moses Children's Care Centre for the opportunity and support they have provided, helping him move closer to his dreams.









The Micro Credit PROJECT

To promote community development, we continued providing loans to community women to support their income-generating projects. In the second half of the year 2024, a total of 241,250,000 UGX was disbursed in revolving loans to at least 30 women's groups, with an average of 10 women per group. Follow-up visits were conducted by Community Facilitators to ensure the effective management of these income-generating projects and to facilitate prompt loan recovery.

To further encourage participation, plans are in place to introduce new loan products that will attract more clients and expand the project. In recognition of their hard work, well-performing groups were rewarded with a luncheon to celebrate their achievements and motivate them to continue excelling.





Training Workshop on Learning Disabilities.

St. Moses Children's Care Centre hosted a series of enlightening sessions on learning disabilities, aimed at equipping staff and partners from various organizations with valuable skills to better support children both at school and at home. The sessions focused on understanding and addressing the unique needs of children with learning disabilities, fostering an inclusive and supportive environment.





The Centre's Income Generating Projects

To continue supporting its activities and ensure its ongoing financial stability, St. Moses Children's Care Centre's incomegenerating projects were still prioritized. The cattle project, with 8 cows, produced 2,632,600 UGX from milk sales. Agricultural gardens yielded 1,120,000 UGX from crops like oranges, mangoes, and matooke. Additionally, the Centre earned 6,859,477 UGX from its volunteer/guest houses.





Plans for the Next Half Year

- >> All the 62 sponsored children were facilitated with school fees in their respective schools. 5 children were recruited for sponsorship at primary level.
- >> Muhereza James graduated with a Certificate in Plumbing at Nile Vocational Institute.
- >>20 sponsored children were monitored by the social worker in their respective schools and homes to follow up their progress and support them where necessary.
- >>Career guidance and counselling sessions for all Centre sponsored children were carried out to help them make better choices in life and to manage their lives respectively.
- >>Several youth activities were implemented to grow their social and economic abilities.
- >>At least 400 community women were economically empowered through the Micro Credit Project.

- >>Continue with sponsorship of children, organise career guidance and counselling sessions for sponsored children and support more needy children if funds permit.
- >>Hold a guardians' meeting and continue monitoring children at school and in their homes.
- >>Continue with implementation of the Micro Credit and Youth Project activities for community development.
- >>Renew the Centre's registration certificate.
- >>Transfer Butema Farm land title into St. Moses C.C.C name.
- >>Replace worn out solar batteries and renovate one guesthouse if funds permit.
- >>Revaluate Centre assets if funds permit.
- >>Buy a grass cutter to boost feeding in the cattle project.
- >>Start on the formation of an old students' association to solicit their support where need be.

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to all our donors, partners, and supporters across Germany, Switzerland, Spain, the UK, the USA, and beyond, Church communities, schools especially Parkschule Stadtbergen. Your unwavering generosity has been essential to our success!

We cannot express our gratitude enough!

Lillian Nambi, Administrator **Gaby Lubyayi**, Adviser





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