

# CCU NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOLS ARE OPEN AGAIN

The primary schools were closed for almost two years. They've finally been open again for a few weeks and our boys can take part in regular classes again. We are very grateful and happy when we see how motivated and happy the children go to school. The boys who are new to our center have already found sponsors. The sponsorships will initially run until the end of the year. We were also able to include new children who live with their families in the sponsorship program. We currently have five requests for sponsorships open. It is about the children who live with their parents or relatives, but still need support. If anyone else would like to take on a sponsorship for 20 euros a month, please feel free to contact us.



## LIFE AT THE REHABILITATION CENTER



At the end of the year, we took the kids of the rehabilitation center to the climbing forest. It was a great and connecting experience. We also celebrated Christmas together. During the holidays some boys visited their families.

We were very happy about their willingness to do this, as this shows the progress in psycho-social counseling and relationship building. The home visits were also good opportunities for us to talk to the children's relatives and to gain a better insight into their situation. Before Christmas, community dialogues took place with our village community, where we talked about the prevention of early pregnancy. Our dance and football group has paused over the holidays. However, shortly before Christmas, our football team won the bronze medal in the "Christmas Cup". Since we can now see again which young people cannot go to school due to the school openings, we have resumed the activities. The leisure activities give us a good opportunity to sit down with the adolescents and conduct family analyses. This allows us to plan in advance who can take part in our next skills training sessions. These will start in April.



Aparo, our counselor, was very touched by many stories and will accompany the young women through psycho-social counseling over the next 6 months. In March, our CCU products will also be presented at the "Women's Day Fashion Show" in Gulu. After our fashion show, the organizer asked us at the closing ceremony whether we wanted to exhibit our products there. We are looking forward to the feedback. You can message or visit us, if you would like to purchase a ticket for just 10k.

## TAILORING COURSE

In November, our participants of 2021 completed the sewing course. The graduation ceremony and the fashion show were very emotional and beautiful. The women also presented their self-sewn products there. The enthusiasm for the hand craft skills of the women was very great. Three of them have the opportunity to apply for a position at our partner organization "Amani Ja Yuu". They have their interviews there in February. We keep our fingers crossed! :) This year we would like to offer a total of two sewing courses for 13 participants each. The first started last week and the second will start in mid-July. We have already found sponsors for all 13 young women in the first course. We are full of anticipation to be able to pass on skills to the women and thus encourage them on their life path. The last few weeks we have been very busy with the home assessments, where we visited the beneficiaries at home and asked about their family and educational background. In this way we can ensure that our support reaches the right people.



## MOVING TO OUR NEW OFFICE

As we were reporting to you last year, we were able to acquire a new office site in Gulu. We are moving there in February, since we have to leave our old office space. Even if it is connected with nostalgia (this is where it all started!!), we are very happy to be able to work in a completed building in future. The renovation work is still in full swing and in order to be able to finish everything, we are still in need of 6000 euros.

We are very grateful for any financial support. You can donate with the reference "office relocation". Thanks so much!



## TEAM

The team in Uganda ended the last year with a trip together and started the new year with the "Team Planning Days". We are very proud of every single employee. In the last year, every employee has developed their skills enormously and the team has grown even closer together. During the planning days, everyone from their area of responsibility reported on the activities, challenges and goals achieved in 2021 and together an outlook for the year 2022 was created.



The planned activities have already been noted in a calendar for the new year, so that we can easily combine regular meetings, activities and workshops with other important tasks. We are full of motivation and zest for action. 2022, here we come!

Another good news is that we have gained a new team member. We've been looking for the right person for a year and a half, and now we can finally fill the administration position. Our new team member Betty is 28 years old and from Gulu. With her previous experience, attitude and what she has shown of herself so far, she fits in perfectly with the team and our organization. She was able to take part in the team planning days and thus gain a good insight into our work.. Welcome to the team dear Betty!



## NEWS FROM THE GERMAN BOARD

The board still meets about every three weeks via Skype, discusses current topics and is kept up to date by Mimi on the ongoing situation in Uganda. We are currently preparing the donation receipts for European Citizens.

In this regard, we would like to remind everyone who did not include their address with their bank transfers to send them to us within one week to [deutschland@childrencareuganda.org](mailto:deutschland@childrencareuganda.org). Donation receipts will be sent by mid-March at the latest.

In the new year we would also like to officially say goodbye to our treasurer Regina Döll. For the last two years she has been collecting donations, handling banking matters and making sure that the needed resources get to Uganda. Thank you for your commitment and the time you have invested in CCU. So we also have a new Chief Financial Officer from the German side: Johannes Fischer. Welcome to our board team. He was elected at the general meeting in August and will continue in office from now on.

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