



2019

ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



FAR AWAY
FRIENDS



WE ARE

A GLOBAL COMMUNITY

OF

**FRIENDS, ADVOCATES
& LOCAL LEADERS**

IMPROVING
RESOURCES

IN RURAL VILLAGES

#FORTHEKIDS





WE BELIEVE

**YOUTH HAVE THE POWER
TO TRANSFORM THEIR
OWN COMMUNITIES**

WE HELP PROVIDE

**THE TOOLS TO BUILD
THEIR DREAMS**

(QUALITY EDUCATION + HEALTH CARE + OPPORTUNITY)

SO THAT

**CYCLES OF POVERTY
CAN BE BROKEN
FOREVER.**



A LETTER FROM OUR CO-FOUNDER & UGANDA COUNTRY DIRECTOR



Collines Angwech

Greetings from FAF Uganda! We would like to send our sincere gratitude for the outpouring of support that we received from all our supporters that we now call family of FAF.

The year 2019 was such a big year with so many achievements and this was all because of your continued support towards the growth of our organization. Thank you for believing in our vision and mission and working with us to make it possible.

At Global Leaders Primary School (GLP) we were able to once again have 100% passing of our candidates who did the 2018 Primary Leaving Examination (PLE). 2019 is also when we were able to finally drill the borehole water well at GLP that now not only serves the pupils, but also the entire community of Adagkolo and Adagani villages!

Global Leaders received play materials for Nursery section and the entire school thanks to our friends at the Games for Good Foundation, such as goal posts, netball and volleyball stands among others. This has made the school look so beautiful and lively that people passing on the road side can't keep their eyes off of it all, and most of the pupils who reported first were so happy and ready for school having seen the new additions.

The construction of both girls and boys Dormitories with support from the Green Family Foundation was also successfully completed and handed over.

Just like the previous years, Global Leaders once again welcomed a team from America who always come to see the progress of Global Leaders and of the community of Amolatar at large. This time when the team visited, we completed a number of programs such as a training on CPR where 17 head teachers and 3 health center staff were trained, a total of 25 mattresses were given to four health centers across Amolatar District, including Biko Health Center II, Nabweyo Health Center III, Amolatar Health Center IV and Muntu Health Center III.



Additionally, we made great progress in the development of our School Outreach Program. In 2019, we were able to officially hand over a new 6-stance pit latrine to Namasale Primary School and with different head teachers, our UG & US Teams visited Agwingiri Girls School where we talked to the students and learned about their need for new toilets to improve the learning environment for their female students.

AF promised a 5-stance latrine for the school, a project which we look forward to completing in 2020. The FAF-US & UG teams were also able to visit several of our partner schools where we provided sanitary hygiene kits from AfriPads to over 250 girls and had mentorship sessions with them.

FAF was also able to attend the Amolatar Youth Day Celebration of 2019 as one of the event sponsors, where the theme of the day was “Education as a Catalyst for Development.” Thousands of youth were in attendance to listen to their local leaders and development partners as well as express their concerns and views towards the development of their district!

Thank you for your support and dedication in helping us accomplish so much together for children & youth in Amolatar in 2019! We look forward to the things we will achieve together in 2020!

COLLINES ANGWECH

**CO-FOUNDER &
UGANDA COUNTRY DIRECTOR**

IMPACT *AT A GLANCE*



100%
of GLP Primary 7
students passed PLE
in the top two
divisions



6
new play structures
and a new field built
at GLP to serve
children in Namasale



70
families per day access
clean water from our
new well at the GLP
campus



25
mattresses & 4 medical
supply bags donated to
health clinics across
Amolatar District



20
teachers & health
workers from across
Amolatar District
received free CPR
Training from RNs



250
girls recieved
reusable AfriPads
through our School
Outreach Program

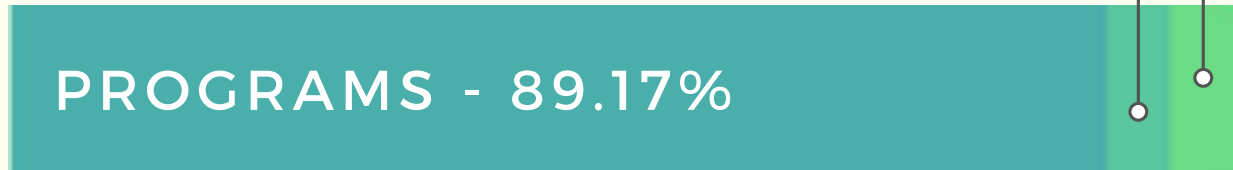
FINANCIALS

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOTAL EXPENSES 2019 NET ASSETS

\$168,508 **\$110,416** **\$58,092**

2019 EXPENSES BREAKDOWN

OPERATIONS - 5.62%
 FUNDRAISING - 5.20%



PROGRAM INVESTMENTS BREAKDOWN

EDUCATION 96%

SCHOOL OUTREACH 1.5%

COMMUNITY HEALTH 3%



- GLOBAL LEADERS PRIMARY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT
- TEACHER SPONSORSHIP & TRAININGS
- SPONSORSHIP OF COMMUNITY EVENTS
- CULTURAL IMMERSION TRIPS



- AFRIPADS DISTRIBUTION & GIRLS MENTORSHIP DAY



- CAPACITY BUILDING DONATIONS
- CPR TRAINING DAY FOR TEACHERS



EDUCATION

is for everyone



A GLP student poses in front of the new boys dorm completed this year



Our education programs are the cornerstone of our work at Far Away Friends. We believe that an investment in education is a direct investment in the development of an entire community. In 2019, we invested 96% of program funding in our education programs benefitting students & their teachers in Namasale & across Amolatar District, as well as educating American visitors about the practice of "Do No Harm Development" and ending the White Savior Complex. Our vision is that through building collaborative and ethical cross-cultural partnerships, every child in the villages we serve will be equipped with the tools to transform their community and break cycles of generational poverty *forever*.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

OUR IMPACT

GLOBAL LEADERS PRIMARY

OF GLP STUDENTS

250

JOBS CREATED/
LOCAL STAFF

30

FULL TIME
BOARDING STUDENTS

100

OF PLAY STRUCTURES
BUILT IN 2019

6

OF TEACHER
TRAININGS

2

DORMS
COMPLETED

2



SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM

OF PARTNER
SCHOOLS

4

GIRLS WHO
RECEIVED AFRIPADS KITS

250



AFRIpads is the leading manufacture and largest commercial supplier across Africa of reusable sanitary

pads and employs over 500 Ugandan women to make their products. We are proud to partner with AfriPads to provide girls in our partner schools with their products & training!

community
HEALTH CARE
SUPPORTING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS *initiative*



In 2019, we expanded our Community Health Initiative by donating 25 mattresses to four health centers across Amolatar District to increase their capacity to serve patients -- particularly pregnant mothers. Additionally, we were also able to conduct our first Community Health Training on CPR Basics, led by Jess Putnam (CPR Trainer & Registered Nurse), Amy Blankenbeckly (Registered Nurse) and Stephanie Skirka (Children's Hospital Colorado Nurse of the Year 2014) who, together with a local facilitator, provided CPR training to 17 Head Teachers & 3 Health Care workers from across Amolatar District!

AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF YOUTH

in Amolatar District



JOINING FORCES WITH LOCAL "KYOGA HEROES"

In November 2019, FAF was invited to join local Youth Empowerment & Drama group, "Kyoga Heroes" for their community event, "**TWO WONE PEE**" ("**No One Owns a Disease**") to sensitize their community on how HIV is transmitted, prevented & treated.

FAF Co-Founder & Country Director, Collines Angwech, was invited as a guest speaker at the event which drew more than 3,000 young people & families from across Amolatar District to learn more about HIV/AIDS prevention.

AMOLATAR YOUTH DAY 2019

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Opportunity ON TAP

Celebrating our 2nd Annual Gala with our FAF Community!



In June, the FAF Community came together for our 2nd annual evening of celebration & impact, *Opportunity on Tap*.

Together we shared an inspiring (and ridiculously fun) night in support of our work to improve health care systems for women & girls in Namasale. Thanks to your generous support, we raised over \$9,000 to fund our Community Health Initiative through which we were able to fund the construction of new toilets at Agwingiri Girls' School and supply mattresses and medical supplies to Biko Health Center through our Community Health Initiative!

Thank you for joining us for an unforgettable evening of impact!

SPECIAL THANKS

We'd like to extend a special thanks to the following business & organizations whose support made this event possible!

**THE PARKER FAMILY • LIN MIKLAS • RAM, LLC.
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OUR FIRST FIVE YEARS



2014

FAF is registered as a 501c3 & begins fundraising to build a school.



2015

Lakewood High School students help raise the last \$13,000 needed to finish GLP



2016

GLP opens its doors in March, providing high quality education for children in Namasale



2017

FAF expands our impact by launching our School Outreach Program to improve education across the district



2018

GLP Primary 7 Students pass PLE in top two highest divisions & FAF launches Community Health Initiative



2019

GLP now has dorms, a community well, playground and is one of the top schools in Amolatar

OUR PEOPLE



Our team is made up of passionate volunteers & staff who have dedicated their time, talent & energy to making our programs impactful & sustainable. From our volunteer team in the US, to our team of passionate educators & staff in Uganda we are **stronger together**.

OUR CORE TEAM

JAYME WARD
Co-Founder &
Executive Director

COLLINES ANGWECH
Co-Founder & Uganda
Country Director

CHRIS SKIRKA
Head of People &
Organization Culture

KAITLYN PHILLIPS
Education Programs
Director

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SIENA TORNILLO
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Coordinator

JESSIE JENNETT
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Manager

HANNAH DRENNEN
Early Childhood
Education Advocate

OUR BOARD

RITAH OMIA **COREY WARD**
MARC COMINA **KARISSA WARMACK**
HEIDI WILHELM

Special Thanks to our friends at the Amolatar District Local Government and our incredible GLP Staff who are our partners in development.

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Global Leaders Primary
Head Administrator

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Manager

ONGOM TOM RICHARD
Global Leaders Primary
Head Teacher

RITAH OMIA
Programs/Procurement
Assistant

BRANDT SSEMWATIKA HERMUS
Communications Assistant

THANK YOU!



Thank you for being a part of the Far Away Friends community and standing with us to ensure that every child -- no matter how far away -- is equipped with the tools they need to transform their communities and break cycles of poverty forever.



OUR PARTNERS

THE GREEN FAMILY FOUNDATION

THE GAMES FOR GOOD FOUNDATION

THE SOMMERS FAMILY
 ARVADA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

LITTLE PUB COMPANY & LAUREN WARD
 PAINTING WITH A TWIST LAKEWOOD

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 THE OUT OF DOOR ACADEMY
 THE PARKER FAMILY

THE FAF @ LAKEWOOD
 HIGH SCHOOL CLUB
 LEAD BY GRACE BRUCE-BROWN

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