

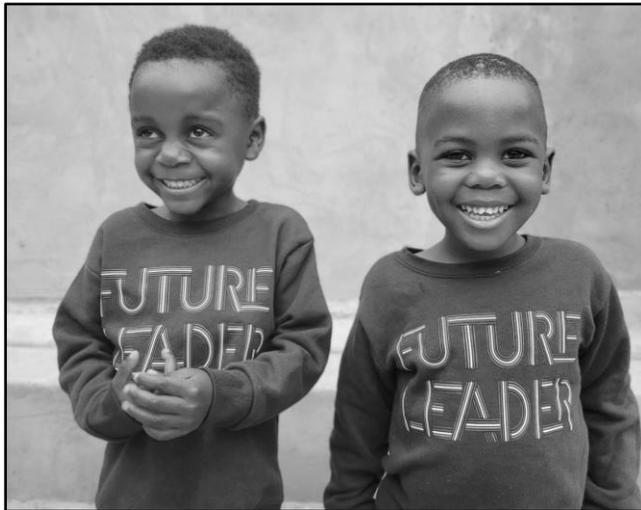
Meet the Besties!

One of these little guys was rescued from extortion. As a vulnerable child, he was born to an impoverished mom who left him in the care of his alcoholic father. His father then gave him over to a man who attempted to traffic him. It took us a year to get him into our custody.

Now, he's in primary school and is safe and happy!

The other little one was born to a hopeless, impoverished teenage dad. The mother abandoned both dad and son. His dad struggled to care for himself let alone his child. Both son and dad had no prospects for a future. Now, his dad is skilled and working as a small business owner, and his son, as seen in the photo below, is overcoming malnourishment through proper care. He's healthy and was first in his class at school! Both dad and son are treasured successes of the Literacy of Love Sponsorship Program.

THIS is the POWER of LOVE in ACTION!



**On the front cover, the featured child is nonverbal. Because of his disability and poverty, he was denied access to schooling. We found him hand-making bricks in the village and living in awful conditions. His grandmother had no way to care for him, so she desperately gave us complete custody. He is now an apprentice of one of our graduate welders who cares for him and advocates for his future.*



Literacy of Love

Change a life; Change a history.



Before



After

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Literacy of Love has the belief that by changing one life, a ripple effect may be caused to impact many others. Our “Family of the Heart” members have a wide variety of backgrounds ranging from being abused or abandoned to being orphaned or neglected. All of the children, however, came from dire circumstances where they lacked basic needs. Our primary goal is to nurture our children’s minds, bodies, and souls, provide shelter and offer an education.

Literacy of Love (LoL) has big dreams and big faith. I founded LoL to support destitute and vulnerable Ugandans find hope and a future! This isn’t just an organization; it is a family. LoL aims to ensure children are in school, have a safe home, and that basic needs are provided. Our children’s home, The Heart, is a sanctuary where many are overcoming trauma through a sense of safety and security. With a multifaceted and sustainable model, the cycle of giving a hand doesn’t end, instead the very children we serve will be given opportunities to make a difference for others.

Literacy of Love has nearly 60 sponsored children in school and even more members ranging from toddlers to widows and grandparents. We sponsor primary, secondary, vocational, and university students as well as young entrepreneurs. Our success stories include an electrician, mechanic, plumber, engineer, doctor, driver, laboratory technician and several business owners. We are thrilled, thankful, and most of all blessed to be proud owners of our permanent home, an acre of farmland, and 8 shops in the village. Many of our graduates are mentors and vocational teachers to inspire our next generation and encourage fortitude. *Our vision is big because our hope is big! We’ve got nearly a decade of established relationships and community involvement which demonstrate our measurable change. We walk in faith to create a family, change lives, and develop a new and hopeful history. We raise Ugandan children with values to be Ugandan leaders.*

Cari Matejka, CEO

“Every ounce of love causes a ripple of change; be the change.”

Do you feel called to support Literacy of Love?

100% of all sponsorship and giving goes towards our programming.

There are no administrative costs.

Wholesale Shop: This provides an opportunity to buy all home and school needs from our own shop – both in bulk and at a discounted rate. It will provide jobs for our graduates and earn profits to build sustainability. [7.5k]

Clinic: Our clinic will be developed in 4 phases. We are currently completing the construction phase. Then, we will develop a laboratory followed by a pharmacy. Lastly, we will complete the clinic. This will be the only clinic of its type and sophistication in our village. The clinic will employ our graduates, create jobs, and generate income which builds sustainability for LoL. It will also provide free medical care for our children. [Lab: 12.2k, Pharmacy: 9.4k, Clinic: 14k]

Transportation: This goal pays for our family van which doubles as a taxi when it’s not in use at home. It creates income and employment. [13.5k]

Garage/Mechanic Vocational: Generates income and provides multiple jobs for LoL graduates. Repairs family van for free and becomes vocational center for future children to learn skills. [Garage: 25k, Land: 20k, student hostels 15k]

Sponsorships: Sponsorship covers the cost of educating and boarding a child for a year. Boarding covers housing and shelter. Fees are made yearly. [primary: \$500, secondary: \$900, vocational: 1.5k, university: 1.7k]

Maize Mill: We purchased land and constructed the mill house. We need to finish installing electricity as well as stocking food ingredients. This project enables us to process our own food from the farm while also providing a profitable resource to the community. We will not only employ our own graduates, but we will also earn profits to build sustainability for LoL. [15k]

Tour and Travel: By developing ecotourism, we will not only be able to employ our own graduates, but we will also create sustainability with profits. We will market our company with our history which will raise awareness about our program to people around the world. This tourism budget includes a 4x4 Land Cruiser. [25k]

Other Projects: Garden development (2k); 2 acres of adjacent farmland (9k); Rentals (20k); Secondary School (425k); Audio Studio (15k)

Electronic Payments:

Venmo, Zelle or FB Messenger Pay (Cari Matejka)

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