

CCU Newsletter



Annual Membership Meeting

In February, the annual general meeting of the German association Children Care Uganda Deutschland e.V. took place in the parish of St. Lioba in Würzburg, Lengfeld. 22 members were present. The board was discharged, news from Uganda were reported and the budget for 2023 was approved. The next annual membership meeting will take place in February 2024 in Würzburg.

Change of Board

From the last elected board 3 persons resigned: Christina Scherbauer (1st chair), Theresa Marschall (2nd chair) and Johannes Fischer (treasurer). We thank them sincerely for their commitment as well as their time and perseverance in their offices during the last years.

Matthias Engel remains on the board and takes over the role of 1st chairperson from now on. The position of 2nd chairperson is taken over by Traudl Baumeister. Treasurer is Helena Spiekermann and the secretary is Amelie Schwabe. If you want to know more about them, you can read about them on our website or in the MainPost (newspaper) article published in February.

News from the association and from the work on site

You can expect information about:

- Annual general meeting
- Change of board
- News from Uganda
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- Outlook 2023

www.childrencareuganda.org/team

<https://www.mainpost.de/regional/wuerzburg/ver-ein-gibt-jungen-menschen-in-uganda-perspektiven-art-11055227>



From left: Helena Spiekermann (treasurer), Johannes Fischer (former treasurer), Christina Scherbauer (former 1st chair), Matthias Engel (former secretary, now 1st chair), Traudl Baumeister (2nd chair), Theresa Marschall (former 2nd chair), Amelie Schwabe (secretary)

News from Uganda



Eddy (center, front) graduated from 7th grade as the fourth best in his class. He is now going to high school.

Updates

Our founders have been back in Uganda since the beginning of February. We are happy that the work progressed well while they were in Germany. Through the events conducted in Germany, more people could get to know CCU and income could be generated through the sale of products. To all new newsletter subscribers: Welcome!

In January, a new tailoring course started with 13 young women participating. Through your kind support all sponsorships spots for the course participants were covered within 24 hours - what a success!!! The participants have already sewn their own skirts, pants and T-shirts, had business skills trainings and learned how to make liquid soap.

On the occasion of International Women's Day, we held a Community Dialogue with the theme "Gender equity" in our village community. The cover picture of this newsletter was taken at this event. We got great feedback by the 136 participants, who attended.

The current carpentry and joinery workshop unfortunately had to be canceled, currently the position for a new teacher is advertised for. A new course for 10 beneficiaries starts in mid-April, which will be closely supervised and so hopefully will go well.

16 participants will finish the hairdressing course with a graduation ceremony on April 5th. A new course will start at the same time as the wood workshop.



Wanted - 15 sponsors

We have also developed a sponsorship program for the hairdressing course. This covers the costs of the course, which is free of charge for the participants. As in the case of the sewing course, training materials, the teacher's salary and family visits with counseling sessions are included. In addition, all graduates receive a small package with utensils with which they can start their own small business after the course. Towards the end of the course, sponsors receive a letter of the person they are sponsoring.

Support now:

95 Euro one-time payment for 1 participant - subject "Hairdressing course sponsorship".

Admission of new boys

On Saturday, March 25th, we will welcome four new boys to the Center. We are excited to walk with them a part of their journey, to get to know their stories better and to work through them with them. We have made many preparations for this, such as arrangements with the probation office or court, preparing their families and the children and staff at the center, buying new materials and registering the boys at school. We appreciate all good thoughts and prayers to accompany this change and hope they settle in well.



News from the team

Since January, Kennedy has been working with us in personnel management as the HR. He brings in a lot of experience and professionalism and supports especially in leading team and administrative work. Welcome, Kennedy!

Our skills trainings will be funded by Help Alliance for another two years, which enables us to build a soccer pitch this year and continue our skills training (tailoring class, hairdressing class and carpentry & joinery workshop).

James, our previous social worker has been promoted to be our project officer to ensure better supervision of activities.

We have found a replacement for the social worker position: Filder now joins our team!

In addition to the new teacher for the wood workshop, we would also like to hire another* supervisor at the center. There are a lot of tasks to be done and the young people we take care of need a lot of support in their daily life. Aparo, who has been at the center so far, is closely involved in other tasks, why we need more staffs, who stay at the rehabilitation center with the kids full time. To create this position we still need financial support (see next page).



Spotlight info



Frequently asked question

"Why are we now taking in more boys who still have families, when the initial focus was on boys living on the street?"

The boys, who are currently in our care, are at risk of living on the street, or are already partially homeless and have then found shelter with other relatives or acquaintances. We want to act preventively even before the kids drop out of their families. At the same time there must be a threatening situation for a young person to get a place in the center. We also have to consider the group context whether we can accommodate someone with, for example, a drug addiction, as this can have a bad influence on others who have been able to distance themselves from drugs. We look at the situation from different perspectives and ask ourselves questions, including: What are our employees able to do? What impact does it have on the rest of the group? Is the young person willing to change anything about his or her situation? If you have further questions in this regard, we look forward to the conversation.

Support wanted!

We would like to expand the rehabilitation center team and hire another caregiver in April. The position will cost 150 Euros per month. You can sponsor a part of this job we are yet to create through a monthly or one-time bank transfer with the subject "Rehabilitation Center". Feel free to send us a message so we can better track when the donation goal is reached and the position can be created.



New address of the German association

Due to the change of the board, there has also been a change of address. Please send all mail in the future to:

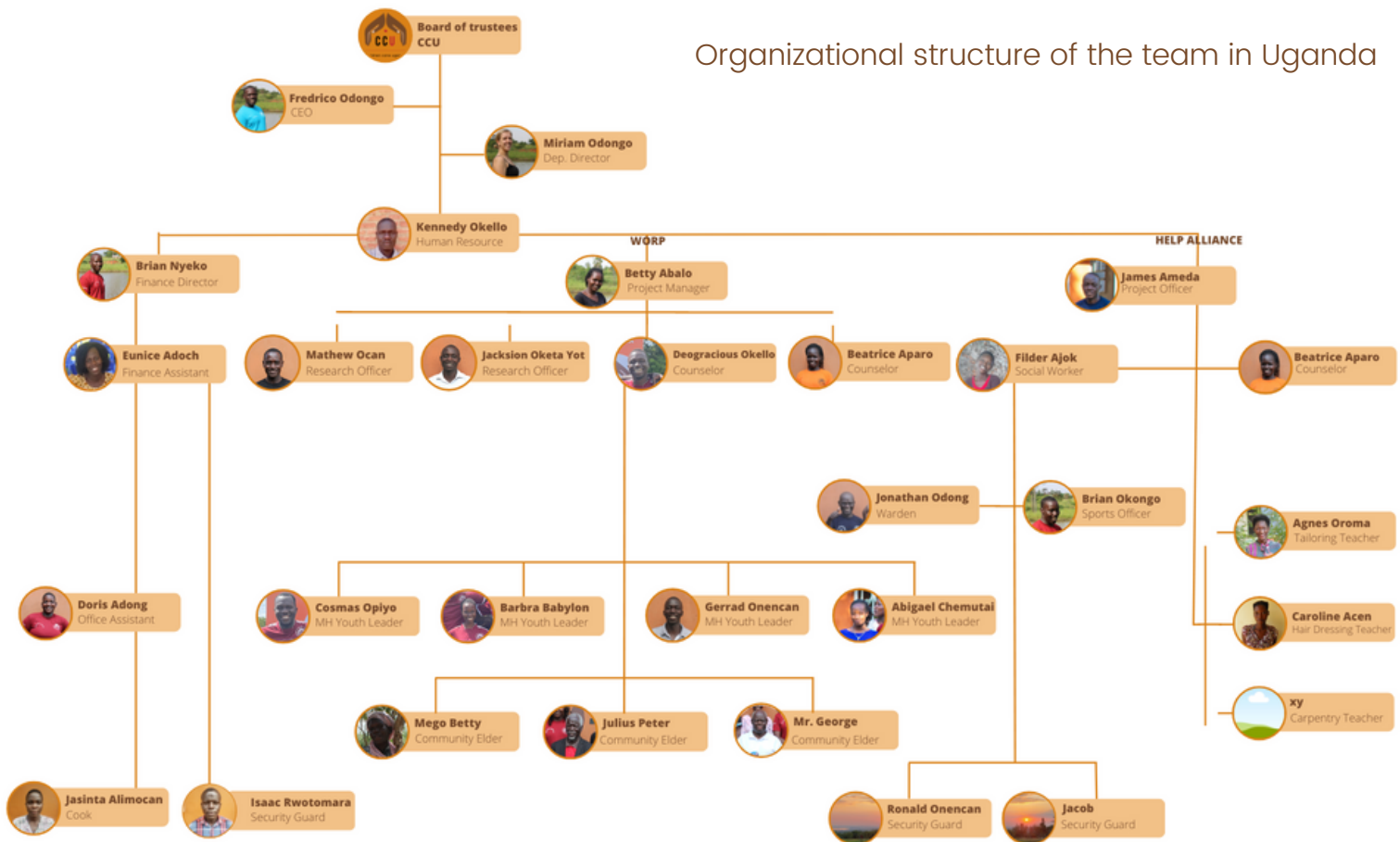
Children Care Uganda Germany e.V.
c/o Traudl Baumeister
Schadewitzstrasse 19
97074 Würzburg
Germany

Tax benefit letters for German citizens

The donation receipts were successfully sent by our previous treasurer Johannes Fischer.

Please note that we sent donation receipts automatically only for donations of a value of more than 300 Euro/year and only if the address was included with the donation. For all amounts under 300 Euros/year, it is sufficient to submit the bank transfer receipt. If you have not received a donation receipt but would like one: Please send an email to deutschland@childrencareuganda.org.

Organizational structure of the team in Uganda



Some of our goals for this year

- Offer two sewing classes with 12 young women each
- Admit more boys to the center
- Through the sponsorship project, provide schooling for children at the center, as well as for children from the villages
- Stabilize woodworking workshop and hairdressing course and enable 20 young people to participate in each per year
- Start of our mental health project
- Construction of a soccer field
- Attract more companies and private persons as supporters
- Supporting underage pregnant women through "birth help package", family analysis and counseling
- Fencing of the field to prevent damage and theft

Thank you for your interest and support!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us:

info@childrencareuganda.org

Best regards,

Team and Board of Directors of Children Care Uganda

