

BUILD WITH US DINNER

EVENT REPORT



A huge thank you to everyone who got involved and contributed to the success of the "Build with Us" Dinner. You have helped to raise an amazing amount of money so far were now making sure that the money does incredible things here at Angel's Center by ensuring that it "breaks the ground for construction to commence in September 2017.

Executive Summary

Build with us dinner was a charity fundraising event put up by Angel's Center for Children with Special Needs to raise funds to construct an integrated home for children with special needs. The event took place at Hotel Africana. Over the years, Angel's Center has received so many special needs children with the desire to be enrolled at the center and be equipped with the different integrated therapy services but due to the limited capacity to accommodate a large number of children, many have been denied access to education and rehabilitation services. Apparently the center only accommodates 30 children and it was for this reason why the Build with us (Zimba Naffe) charity fundraising dinner was organized to raise funds for the expansion of the center to be able to reach out to the ever growing population of children with special needs.

Event main objective:

To raise funds to expand the center in terms of constructing an integrated home for children with special needs.

Specific objectives

- To create awareness for the need to cater for children with disabilities.
- To reach out for a new network of sponsorship.
- To gain publicity.



Event Description

The event was a remarkable evening held at Hotel Africana in Nile hall. It was a night of food, drinks, live music or entertainment. The fundraising dinner was graced by the ambassador of Belgium to Uganda as the guest of honor. Don't miss out on his speech towards making children with special needs independent. There were also a number of speeches given from different people with the focus of calling every citizen to support children with special needs through empowering, education, and giving hope to live independent lives by building a safe home or school. The following people gave speeches during the dinner;

The director of Angel's Center. Miss Rosemary Nambooze

In her speech, she thanked all guests for coming in big numbers and for the support they have given to Angel's center. Rosemary gave a brief history in the establishment of Angel's Center. "Angel's Center for Children with special needs was formed in 2012 after our experience of raising a child with Down syndrome in Europe. She said. "While pursuing my masters' studies in social development and globalization in the University of Antwerp, Belgium, My husband and I were blessed with a baby boy Abryl who was born with Down syndrome, a heart defect and a hearing loss". She narrated. The constant hospital visits in addition to lack of appropriate services for children with development challenges gave us the reflection to set up such a center to provide a range of services for children with disability". She added and recognized all parents of children with special needs among the audience and acknowledged them for great work towards their children. "You are super heroes". She said.



The chairperson Board of Directors Angel's Center.

Mr. Niwagaba Alfred

As a board chairperson, Alfred thanked all guests for sparing their time to support Angel's Center. In the same spirit, he upheld the Government of Belgium through the Ambassador for their unrelenting support they have given them over the years by issuing visas to Abryl to receive treatment and other medical checkups in Belgium. Alfred being a father of child with special needs, he recognized all fathers present for their considerable task and their fatherly roles. Angel's Center is currently on small rented premises and can only accommodate 30 children. "The number of these children is increasing day and night. We therefore call for support to have our own land, build a big school that will accommodate a big number of children even in the communities" He explained.



Motivational speaker.

"Being a believer, there is one book I have held strong in my life and kept me moving and that's the book of the Bible. Psalms 139: 14- "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made". Said Dr. Naboth. R. Cole, the event's motivational speaker. In his communication, Dr. Naboth urged the audience to restore Hope in the lives of children with special needs. It is at this point that Dr. Naboth once again expressed gratitude to his Mother for the hope and guidance she gave to him that has made him what he is now despite the abuses and insults he received from the community and his peers. Having been crippled by polio as a child, he defied all odds to prove that with right care, children with special needs can grow up to become useful citizens. Today, Dr. Naboth Cole is the founder of Hope for People with Disabilities, a motivational speaker and a lecturer at Makerere University. His speech inspired many people. He concluded and requested the guests to support the noble cause "Build with us".

"Since childhood, people have used negative words to tarnish my abilities, but as a person with disability, I have used my obstacles and turned them into great opportunities".



The guest of honor.

We were so privileged to have the Ambassador of Belgium to Uganda, H.E Hugo Verbist as the Event's guest of honor accompanied by his wife. In his speech, he was honored to be an event's guest of honor. He was so thankful to the guests for turning up in large numbers. He recognized the different activities Angel's Center is implementing to ensure that children with special needs are supported in their physical, spiritual and emotional wellbeing. In his speech, he requested every citizen to develop skills to make these children be independent in life by making them meet their potentials through transforming their obstacles into great opportunities and to make them as happy as they can be.



Event participants

The build with us dinner attracted a total 500 participants. The invitation was for invited guests, country diplomats, corporate executives, civil society organizations and parents of children with special needs.

Event promotions

Several promotional materials were used displayed during the dinner such as posters, pull up banners, and flyers which were distributed to companies, photo booth, and reservation cards for

different companies and guests. Tickets were also sold to individuals to promote and invite a bigger number of people to attend the event. Media releases were sent out through social media such as facebook, tweets, websites (www.buildwithus.one) local newspapers such as Matooke Republic, red pepper, and many other blogs. The build with us advert was also ran on NBS television with Angella Katatumba Development foundation (AKDF) brand and Salvador Patrick Idiringi as the event's MC (Master of Ceremony). These strategies were used in order to reach out to the wide public from the city of Kampala.





Now, just in case you missed the Dinner gala at Hotel Africana, here is a great opportunity to be part of the ground breaking ceremony at the site in Wakiso Town Council in Banda parish, a few kilometers on Hoima road after Wakiso District Headquarters. Come and be part of this life changing event and a gesture to humanity as you support children with special needs. See you then!

Thank you for supporting and starting this journey with Angel's Center.



Event sponsors

