

BUILD WITH US SUMMER CAMP 2019



THE REPORT

ANGEL'S
CENTER



Children With Special Needs

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Executive Summary

In the month of July, Angel's Center conducted a 1 day Build with us summer camp with the aim of restarting the building process and reaching out to children with disability in the community through a speech and language therapy services. The main activities of the camp included actual building, healthy camp which involved speech and language therapy services, awareness creation on disability, deworming and tuberculosis screening of the participants. Other activities included selling of the African crafts, building caps and overalls to raise some amount of money to support the construction process.

Mobilization of the summer camp

Several planning, review, feedback and preparation meetings were conducted with different organizations, companies and individual wishers. Mobilization of parents of children with disability was done at Wakiso Health Center IV and telephone calling of Parents with children at Angel's center was carried out. A community road drive was also carried out within the neighboring communities and these included Kona, Kisimbiri, Kayunga, Nkoowe and Gombe.

During the mobilization process, a crowd fundraising page was created online <https://chuffed.org/project/bktrainees-fundraiser> and this spearheaded by Anna Piasecki a volunteer from Germany and more fundraising

by done in Germany through selling the African crafts.

Description of the summer camp.

The Build with us Summer Camp was conducted on the 26th, July, 2019 at New Angel's Center building site with the purpose of resuming the construction process. The building or construction process had paused since September last year due to limited funds. Over 200 people from different corners of Wakiso and Kampala attended and benefited from the summer camp. Over 80 children with disability were reached out with different therapy exercises and counseling and guidance to their parents and guardians.

Objectives of the summer camp

- ◆ To resume the construction process by setting up some walls on the building structure together with supporters and well-wishers.
- ◆ To raise awareness on disability through offering psycho social support to parents and speech and language therapy exercises to children with disabilities.
- ◆ To raise some funds through purchasing the Build with us summer camp kits (helmets, overall and building gloves) and purchasing the African crafts. All money raised from the summer kit has been spent on buying bricks, cement and building materials.

Activities of the Summer Camp

Actual building / setting up of walls

The setting up of walls was spearheaded by Engineer Charles Mutumba and his team. This was done together with the participation of the guest of honor and the invited guests. This activity was conducted as an indication to recommence the construction process. With both financial support and in kind contribution from well-wishers and donors, the construction process is estimated to continue until the structure reaches the roofing and shuttering levels. We want to thank and appreciate everyone for their support upon this achievement.



The guest of honor Dr. Thelma laying bricks as sign of setting up the walls with the help of Eng. Charles”.



Pupils from Kings Norton school laying bricks as sign of setting up the walls with the help of Eng. Charles



Healthy Camp

The speech and language health camp was led by Hope Speaks Ministries. Hope Speaks is our partner organization that supports and provides speech and language therapy to children at the center. This main purpose of the health camp was to provide speech and language therapy exercises to children as well as train and equip parents and guardians with skills and knowledge to implement these exercises at home. Other services to children such as deworming, malaria and tuberculosis screening were also provided to children.



Children and their parents during the speech therapy sessions”.



Speeches

The guest of honor

We were so privileged to have the consulate of the Republic of Liberia to Uganda Dr. Thelma Awoori as the events' guest of honor. "Am much honored to be the guest honor of the Build with Us Summer Camp". Dr. Thelma is an advocate for the rights of children with disability and is currently the patron of The Uganda Down syndrome Association (TUDSA) and the chief organizer of the World Down syndrome day. She was thankful for to guests and parents of children with special needs for turning up in big numbers and the great work done by Angel's center together with parents for taking care of these children. Building such a structure will create more awareness through increasing access to information to parents and community members and quicken the delivery of services such as community based rehabilitation, education and other integrated therapy services to children with special needs. As the end result, stigma and discrimination against children with disabilities (persons with disabilities) will be reduced.



Dr. Thelma Awoori, the guest of honor giving her speech during the event

Summer camp crowd fundraising leader (Anna)

Anna Piasecki is a young girl from Germany with a lot passion for children. She has been volunteering with us for a period of 5months. She studied psychology and during her voluntary work at Angel's center, Anna wanted to know more about the operation and different approaches used to reach parents and families raising children with disabilities in Uganda.

During orientation and her entire engagement with parents, staff and children at the Center, she realized that the main challenge was limited and small space in which Angel's Center is currently operating compared to the overflowing numbers of children with disabilities that come in to receive early learning and integrated therapy services. Through planning and managerial meetings and discussions, it was planned to conduct a building camp at the new Angel's Center site since the organization had started construction process. Anna tasked herself to spearhead the Camp for instance she came up with the camp name "Build with us Summer Camp", made several site visits and developed a video documentary and storytelling photos showing the progress of construction process which had paused to due to limited funds and the current physical premises of Angel's Center. She also initiated an online crowd fundraising page for the organization and created face book posts of activities carried out at the center on daily basis. Not only the above mentioned, Anna made an extra step to engage her mother and entire family in this event through supporting Angel's center parents support initiative by buying African crafts and selling them in Germany. Her main goal was to raise funds in order for Angel's support the construction of the new Angel's Center.



Anna on the right after receiving her certificate of appreciation from Miss. Rosemary



Parents and children during the Build with Summer Camp

Director Angel's Center

Miss Rosemary Nambooze started her speech by thanking guests and parents for turning up in big numbers and for the support they have of building a new Center. In her speech, she briefly talked about the background of Angel's center which was to bring together parents and families of children with special needs to share on the coping strategies of raising these children and finding a place where children would come learn and interact and be supported in their physical, emotional and social development. Rosemary also informed guests about the importance of building the new center. For over 6 years now in providing integrated services to the community in Uganda, Wakiso district, we have seen the center grow from 10- 150 children by 2018 and the current premises we occupy now, the space is so limited to manage the overflowing numbers of children with special needs. Therefore the new center will help to expand our services to the wider community and reach many vulnerable families of children with disability that strongly need such services and facilities.

Events participants

From the beginning, many people got involved in the summer camp. During the summer camp, over 200 participants attended. Different organizations and companies supported the event and these include Hope Speaks, Steadfast Safaris, Matsiko advocates, Go Culture, Kings Norton International School, Katalamwa Cheshire, Gem Foundation, Kiyita Family Alliance for Development (KIFAD), speech therapy students from Makerere University and neighboring schools.



Miss Rosemary Nambooze

Entertainment

Uganda Pioneers Association cultural group warmly entertained the participants with good cultural songs and dances. It was supported by our friend and a well-wisher Adrian a gifted and talented disabled person. Adrian has a passion for children with special needs because he believes that through singing and playing with them, he reaches and encourages many souls with disabilities.



UPA cultural group during one of their performance



Adrian and his colleague during their performance



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