



# Isaac's House Newsletter

## August 2017



### About Isaac's House

As a small charity, we are extremely appreciative of our sponsors, donors and supporters. The success of Isaac's House and the positive difference that has been made to the lives of the children we support in Uganda is wholly thanks to the passion, commitment and generosity of our supporters.

Isaac's House continues to be a personal charity with a vision to help vulnerable children in Uganda. We currently have 19 children living at Isaac's House children's home in a safe, stable, family environment. Thanks to their sponsors the children have access to education and health care, and more importantly they have a place to call home. As a charity, we also support 19 children in the community with their education, to give struggling families the opportunity to send their children to school and the chance for a bright future.

### Latest News

#### Education updates...

As usual our children continue performing their best in school and we are proud of all the hard work and effort they put into their studies. A school term in Uganda includes exams during the beginning, middle and end of term, with the position in the class always recorded. This can cause stress and pressure for the children but they always do their best and are so appreciative of the opportunities they have.

This year Brian decided, after completing the equivalent of GCSE's, he would be better pursuing Agriculture than continuing with his academic studies. Brian joined Entebbe Fisheries Institute to study Agriculture and is doing incredibly well. Brian is using his initiative and used his pocket money to buy piglets. In the holidays he has been helping with chickens at Isaac's House, and completing other agricultural volunteer work.



All the children are beginning their final term of the school year in September and this is a very important term for Gloria, Simon, Lawrence, and Sam and in the community Rachel, Gerrard and Julius. Simon is completing his Primary leaving Examinations; these will determine whether he has to repeat the last year of Primary again or move up to Secondary school. We have faith in Simon who is always performing in the top 10 in his class and is highly praised by his teachers. Lawrence, Sam and Gloria will all be completing the equivalent of their GCSE's so this is a really important time for them and we wish them all the best of luck! We loved seeing the three of them in their end of year Prom photographs and the outfits they chose for themselves. It is incredible to see how far they have come and the beautiful young adults they all are!

## Following in the charities footsteps...

Many of you will know about the lovely Anna Grace and her three children under three! Anna Grace is a wonderful mother to Ada, Daron and Danah but with no nearby family to support or help her life isn't always easy for Anna. Anna lives in Namulanda near Isaac's House and the children love it when the family visit. During the last school holidays, we were so proud to hear



Lawrence had an idea for a collection for Anna Grace. Lawrence took it upon himself to collect money from the children (25p each, 1,000ugx) and the staff to buy things for Anna. He bought Pampers, washing soap and food and took them to a very surprised but delighted Anna Grace. We are so proud of Lawrence and all the children, for their generosity and following in the footsteps of Isaac's House charity; helping others.



## Volunteer Trips!

As a charity, we love being able to take volunteers to Uganda. Not only for the once in a lifetime experience but also to see for themselves the good work being done. So many volunteers on returning from Uganda help us to raise money and awareness for the charity. This year we have already had two volunteer trips to Uganda, the first trip organised by founder Paul Howells in February and the second was the Weightmans staff trip organised by Trustee Hayley Gilroy. The children at Isaac's House are approaching school holidays in the middle of August and are eagerly awaiting the next group of volunteers, with half the group being previous volunteers. We hope they all have a wonderful time and thank you for the bonds created with our wonderful children.



## Thank you to Weightmans!

Isaac's House would like to thank the Weightmans Liverpool office for their four years of sponsorship. During this time Weightmans have hosted many events. Weightmans employees have gone that extra mile not only fundraising within the office but outside of work too. There have been four volunteer trips to Uganda and 42 members of staff (many returning on later trips) visiting Isaac's House, resulting in a whopping 1840kg of donated items from the UK being flown over to Uganda in their suitcases! More importantly, there are over 25 people from Weightmans sponsoring our children to learn, each making a £20 per month ongoing donation.

[Click here](#) to view the video to say a big thank you to Weightmans, from all the children, staff and Trustees at Isaac's House...

## Helping Florence....

As a charity, not only do we help children but we support families, so when Florence came to founder Paul Howells with her story he was so moved and touched the charity got together to discuss the best way to help Florence and her family.

Florence and her husband stayed in Masindi village working as farmers, they had two children and Florence was pregnant with their third child when one night everything changed. Thieves came to their place at night, and brutally cut off her husband's head. As Florence witnessed this they then attacked her, and using the machete removed her hand. Florence became unconscious and the thieves assuming she was dead stole everything from the house, leaving her a pregnant widow and mother to two.

Kindly at Hoima hospital, they operated on Florence's arm and allowed her to stay at the hospital until her baby was born and reached 2 months. Following this she went to stay with her mother, however her mother is also paralysed from the waist down so they have been struggling over the last few years to work and to make ends meet.

**HOW WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...** Florence explains she struggles with rent, food, and school fees. Florence would like to be self-employed and open a dairy shop, so she can provide for her children. Florence's initial set up of her business, including a room behind the shop for her family to sleep would cost just **£500**. This would be life-changing for Florence and her family. Isaacs House have been fundraising over the past few months for Florence and will keep you updated on how this money can help re-build her life. Thank you for your support.



## Fundraising Events...

### **ISAAC'S HOUSE CURRY NIGHT!!**

We are very excited to announce the first fundraising event of 2017!

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm, Isaac's House are hosting a Curry night at Gild Hall Formby! Tickets are £15 and include Chicken or Vegetable Curry, fantastic live music from **Captains of Industry**, followed by a disco. This is a night not to miss and will hopefully raise a lot of money for Isaac's House and the children we care for.



## ISAAC'S HOUSE HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Our next fundraising event is not far behind and is a Halloween party!

The event is on the 27<sup>th</sup> October in Revolution – Cavern Quarter in Liverpool City Centre. Be there or be scared!

Tickets are £12 and can be purchased either via Eventbrite [here](#) (no hidden fees at the check out) or directly from our Facebook events page [here](#).

You would be goulish to miss this party!!



## Photograph Moment....



This our photograph moment for this newsletter! This is a selection of close up moments from our sports day on the Weightmans volunteer trip in May, organised by Janice Weatherly who has made this an annual occurrence which is much loved by the children. Janice is famed for her regimented organisation...and even more so for her whistle!

We think this photograph perfectly captures just how competitive our children can get! We wonder where on earth they get it from?! (Anyone who knows Paul Howells well will know full well that they get it from their dad!)

# Support Isaac's House with £5 a month...

We are looking for supporters to donate £5 a month to Isaac's House charity. You may think your £5 won't make a difference but it really does help...

- ✓ £5 provides clean water into the children's home for 2 weeks
- ✓ £5 can feed a child with their school breakfast and lunch for 2 months
- ✓ £5 enables children to visit their guardians during school holidays
- ✓ £5 purchases medicine to treat malaria
- ✓ ...and whereas £5 may buy you 1 drink, £5 in Uganda allows ALL of the children we support to a nice cold soda!

Set up sponsorship or donate online today at [www.justgiving.com/isaacshouse](http://www.justgiving.com/isaacshouse).



*Thank you from the children at Isaac's House!*

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