

How You Can Help

The Arlington Academy of Hope relies on financial donations from supporters in Arlington, Virginia and elsewhere in the United States. Consider the difference your contribution can make.

- \$35 School uniforms and shoes for one child
- \$50 Lunch for one child all year
For many, school lunch is their first and, often, only meal of the day.
- \$72 A set of 10 textbooks
- \$100 Malaria medication treats as many as 25 students who may not have access to any other medical care.
- \$200 Monthly salary for one teacher attracts highly qualified, dedicated teachers to move to Bumwalukani.

To make a donation to support AAH, please make your check payable to the Arlington Academy of Hope and mail to:

Arlington Academy of Hope
511 N. Edison Street
Arlington, Virginia 22203

For more information on AAH:
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The Arlington Academy of Hope is incorporated in the state of Virginia and has applied to the IRS for tax-exempt status as an educational charity.

The Arlington Academy of Hope

Bumwalukani, Uganda



An Elementary School in the Heart of Africa

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AAH-Transformation Through Education

A Small Circle of Friends

John and Joyce Wanda, the founders of the Arlington Academy of Hope (AAH), were born and raised in rural villages in Uganda. Unlike most in their villages, and with great sacrifice on the part of their parents, John and Joyce diligently pursued their educations. This personal commitment to their studies opened a world of possibility for them, and in 1996, the couple immigrated to the United States. Providing a high quality education for children in Bumwalukani village who were poorly served by the inadequate, government-run schools became their passion. They created a scholarship program to help pay for the education of a handful of children in the village. This idea grew, nurtured by a small circle of friends, and has evolved into the Arlington Academy of Hope.

Hope in a Village

Only a short time ago, children lucky enough to attend school in Bumwalukani village, in a remote corner of Uganda, sat 110 children in a single classroom, on a dirt floor with no books or supplies, no lunch, and more often than not, without a teacher in sight. Using well-worn pencils, they spent their school day drawing pictures of themselves on scraps of paper. For those who knew these children, their expressionless eyes were the most difficult to accept.

Today, an Arlington community's vision to provide a model for a high quality, all-around education in Eastern Uganda has become a living, exuberant reality. In a brand new building, the Arlington Academy of Hope (AAH) opened its doors in February 2004 enrolling 78 eager children. By the end of the first month, that number more than doubled.



AAH students wearing Arlington Traditional School t-shirts attend grades one through six. AAH seeks to provide an alternative to the inadequate government-run village schools that continue to fail Ugandan children.

The AAH is unique in Uganda. Children are taught a traditional curriculum in English that encourages participation and self-expression. In addition, students are taught health and hygiene, music, drama, handicrafts, agriculture, domestic care and ecology—subjects that will enrich their adult lives and their communities.

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“We Love to Learn”

Children attending the Arlington Academy of Hope literally run to school, some of them many miles every day. Each morning, the entire school gathers for an assembly where the flags of Uganda, AAH and the United States are raised. News of the day is shared and words of encouragement are given. The students shout in unison, “We love to learn!” hoping their friends in America can hear.



In addition to academics, AAH students follow the ABC's of success— Academics, Behavior, and Character

At AAH, every child is given a desk, books, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, crayons, paper, ring files, chalk, and a math set. AAH also tries to give an uniform and shoes to those students who come to school barefoot, in tattered clothing. In addition, the children receive a warm meal during the day. And AAH is working to provide its teachers with the textbooks and teaching materials they so desperately need. These pioneers have become mentors to teachers and community leaders from neighboring schools who come to AAH to observe and learn.

A Light on the Hill

The name Arlington Academy of Hope reverberates over the hills and beyond. The



The local community has already acknowledged AAH as a new standard in teaching and commitment to learning.

children are recognized in a crowd for their dressing, behavior and self-expression. Government leaders and dignitaries have taken a keen interest in AAH and Bumwalukani. In less than a year, there is talk among government leaders of providing electricity to the village, and of grading and improving the roads. Bumwalukani will never be the same again simply because of hope in a small village, the Arlington Academy of Hope.



AAH is wired for electricity and has its own generator.

Sponsor a Student

Student sponsors are very special friends of the Arlington Academy of Hope. They pledge to donate \$25 each month so that one child can attend AAH. Sponsors receive a profile of their sponsored student, photograph, and letters from the child. Your life and a child's life can be changed forever.



Children and their sponsors become lifelong friends.

“My name is Rebecca Nandutu, I am in fifth grade and I am twelve. I was not happy at my primary school.

“Teachers did not seem to care about students. Often, we were taught only one subject and we were always hungry. At AAH, teachers teach us well. Each day we learn all the subjects on the timetable, and do many other school activities.

“We are very happy that there are people in the United States who care for us and have built a school for us. We thank you very much.

“Teacher Cynthia from Arlington Traditional School in Arlington, Virginia told us that if we work hard, we shall be successful. So we are working hard.”

Fulfill a Promise

Yes, I want to help AAH provide the children of Bumwalukani village with a high-quality, well-rounded education and help meet their basic health and nutrition needs.

_____ \$35 _____ \$50 _____ \$72
_____ \$100 _____ \$200 Other \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip code _____

Email _____

Credit Card Information

Type VISA MASTERCARD

Number _____

Ex Date: _____

Signed: _____

Please send me information on how to sponsor a child at AAH.

I would like information on volunteer opportunities with AAH.

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