



THE CHILDREN WITH THE ARTWORK THEY HAVE MADE FOR HANNAH

Angels Centre for Children with Special Needs

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Angels Centre Update

by Rose Nambooze

Welcome to yet another edition of our reporting for 2014. This term has been one of many blessings and we thank God for all that He has given to us. We have received more children at the Centre and have been kept very busy.

In our last newsletter, I mentioned that Baby Joshua with Down syndrome and a heart defect was sent to Italy for a heart operation. Baby Joshua has returned to Uganda and the operation was very successful. He has started to put on weight and is looking very healthy.

We have had much support from across the world from various sources and we are so grateful for all the help we have received.

Thank you for your support:

- ✚ For food by the Families in Famine UK
- ✚ Through assistive devices by Kathy UK
- ✚ For knitted jumpers from Hannah's Grandmother UK
- ✚ Hannah special grant for children sponsorship through online fundraising

- ✚ Through the arrival of a 5,000litre tank donated by VAD through the friends in Germany
- ✚ Samaritan purse gift boxes for every child
- ✚ By the district Special grant for parents income generating activity among others



5,000 litre water tank donated by friends in Germany



Baby Joshua on his return to Uganda



Shadat in his new jumper sent from Hannah's Grandmother



Kayemba receiving his gift from the Samaritans

Occupational Therapist

by Rose Nambooze

This term we have been very lucky enough to raise the funds for an occupational therapist. His name is Diaz and he attends the centre Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

Diaz has introduced various therapy techniques and is able to use his expertise in helping our children to develop in different areas.

Diaz is trained in physical therapies, speech therapies and vocational therapies. He has introduced exciting new techniques to engage the children:

- ✚ Beading – this is an arts and crafts activity which will enable children to earn a living when they are older.
- ✚ Buttoning – teaching the children how to button their shirts to allow them to become more independent.
- ✚ Walking outside – this allows children to explore their outside environments and will teach them how to walk independently.

THANK YOU DIAZ

We are very excited to be having regular therapies for our children and we are very much looking forward to seeing them progress in different areas. Welcome to the Angels Centre team!



My Role as an Occupational Therapist

by Diaz

Occupational Therapy is the treatment of people with both physical and mental disabilities using purposeful activities to enhance and maximise individual's performance in activities of daily life. When I was given a job at Angel's center for children with special needs as an occupational therapist, I started occupational therapy interventions depending on individual client's needs.

On the left, we can see Tendo receiving passive range of movements of upper limbs and on the right using the standing frame.

In some skills, children are grouped together e.g. Independent mobility training to enable children to socialise and be familiar with their environment. Independent mobility also helps in learning other skills like shopping, toileting, among others.

I also train children with improved concentration, attention span, and grasping skills vocational skills so as to be able earn a living independently.

Sometimes, I train children, teachers and mothers skills in order to keep regular therapy activities while at their homes and clinical settings. On the right is Abryl learning how to feed himself with his mother.



Other Updates and Upcoming Events

by Rose Nambooze

Maternity Leave

Two of our members of staff are now on maternity leave. Our part time volunteer, Patience has had a beautiful baby girl named Daniella. Our accountant Sarah has given birth to a handsome boy named Timothy. We are pleased to report that both babies and first time mothers are healthy and settling in to their new roles very well.

Thank you to our visitors

We received 2 part time international volunteers; Laura Hurkmans from the Netherlands supported the centre by making an evaluation of the operations of the centre analysis of how it operates and she made recommendations for improvements. Elisa Pfeifer is a part time volunteer from Germany who is helping with the children once a week and she is doing a great job.

Farewell Party

Our long term volunteers Hannah from the UK and Miia from Finland are departing back to their homes near the end of May. They have for sure changed the face of Angel's centre through their service as volunteers. We will be having a thanksgiving for them on 18th May.



New Children

This term has seen a number of new children at our centre.



This is Faustine, aged 4



This is Ivan, aged 14



This is Andrew, aged 7



This is Allen, aged 10

Home Visits

Over the Easter holiday, we will be conducting home visits for all of our children. The therapist will be joining us to assess their living situations. We look forward to seeing each of our children and their families in their home environments.

Sports Gala

On the 7th June 2014, there will be an annual sports gala for all children in Uganda with special needs and disabilities. This is a great opportunity to meet other children from different schools and for them to have a day dedicated to them which will help to create awareness for these children.

HAPPY EASTER!

We wish you a very happy easter from Angels Centre. God bless all those who have supported us in various ways and God bless our beautiful children and keep them smiling.



Maama Shadat with her children Shadat and Shadia



