

# **The Mary Wood Trust**

**Annual Report- 2012-2013**

## **Charity Name**

*The Mary Wood Trust*

Registration Number: 1144311

Registered address: Crowshaw Farm, Lothersdale, BD20 8HN

## **Charity Structure, Governance and Management**

### *Trustees*

Chairperson: Clare Ramsden

Treasurer: Dr Peter Wood

Trustees: Kath Smith, Ann Gover

Trustee selection method: By personal invitation and approval by existing trustees.

We usually have three meetings a year to discuss the finances of the charity, fundraising activities since the last meeting, proposed future fundraising events, various on-going projects in Uganda, how monies should be spent in Uganda and communications with our contacts in Kanungu. We endeavour to make sure of the accountability of monies sent and received by asking for receipts where possible.

At least one trustee tries to visit S W Uganda each year, at his or her own expense. This allows for inspection of building work carried out and also for continued support and interest in the projects and people, especially the sponsored students at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School.

## **Activities and Objectives**

### *Aims and Objectives*

1. To provide scholarships for education and training with a view to improving disadvantaged young people's life skills and opportunities in Uganda.
2. To advance education and relieve poverty by providing sponsorship, training, funds or items for disadvantaged children, young people and those in need in Uganda.
3. To develop facilities in Kinkiizi Diocese, Kanungu District, in particular at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School and Ruth Memorial Nursery School, in order to achieve the aims outlined in 1 and 2 above.

### **Achievements and performance**

#### *Activities over the past year*

At Ruth Memorial Nursery School we have been able to demolish old buildings and replace them with two new classrooms.

We have also been able to provide the maize for daily porridge for the 60 young children at RMNS and pay for 5 double wooden desks.

At Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School we have provided mosquito nets for all the new entrants to the school.

A project to build a sick bay at NGSS was launched with various fundraising activities planned. This was instigated after careful discussion with the governing body of the school. A generous donation from Wilmslow Churches Together Harvest Appeal was the driving force behind this launch.

A new project- B.O.B. campaign (providing **B**ags **O**f **B**asic necessities) was created by Jess and Emily Leigh and Lisa Butcher. Jess has been the main fundraiser for this, trying to achieve her target of £2000, so that all the girls at NGSS can have a bag of basic necessities.

The sponsorship programme at NGSS has shown more people interested in supporting individual girls and at the end of March the number of sponsored girls had grown to 18.

We have actively encouraged individuals to support the charity by setting up monthly standing orders. This gives a reliable source of regular income.

We have tried to encourage people where appropriate to Gift Aid their donations.

We have supported Justine Tuhiriwe, the acting headmistress of NGSS, to study for her masters degree in Education (Planning and Administration), which, once completed, will hopefully allow her to be confirmed in her position as headmistress.

The building of a new Female Staff House, which we are financing, has met with some delays due to the inefficiency of the contractor. We hope to resolve this problem as soon as possible.

The Dental Unit at Nyakatare Health Centre has been installed. This is not directly part of our aims and objectives but we have been able to channel gifts received especially for this project.

We have managed to give medical assistance to one young man who was brought to our attention last year. He was suffering from a growth on his left cheek and needed urgent medical intervention in Kampala and had no other means of support.

We were able to give a small financial contribution towards feeding some of the 3500 Congolese refugees who crossed the border into Kinkiizi Diocese to escape the fighting in the Congo.

### *Fundraising*

Kath Smith's sponsored skydive

Charity lunch in Bahrain

Garage sale in Bahrain

Lothersdale Lent lunches

Wilmslow Churches Together Harvest Appeal

Oliver Ramsden's sponsored half marathon

Craft and jewellery sale

### *Newsletters*

Two newsletters have been distributed to interested parties this year.

This is an important part of keeping supporters up to date with our activities in Uganda and to see where our money is being spent.

### **Financial Review**

*Charity's policy on reserves*

We have invested £30,000 to help provide a regular on-going income to support 10 girls at Nyakabungo Girls Secondary School.

**Further financial review details**

*Principal sources of funds*

Reserve investment

Wilmslow Churches Together Harvest Appeal

Donation from the Linden Trust

Donation from St Christopher's Cathedral, Bahrain

Regular monthly giving

Individual private sponsorship of 11 girls at NGSS

Fundraising in Bahrain

Fundraising in the UK

*How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.*

Sponsorship for education

Helping the needy and sick

Food for the hungry at RMNS

Improving facilities at NGSS and RMNS