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## **ACRONYMS**

AHCM Another Hope Children's Ministries

OVC Orphans and Vulnerable Children

CBO Community Based Organization

NGO Non Governmental Organization



Miss. Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Another Hope Friends and Supporters, Another Hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) has continued with its struggle to bring another hope to vulnerable children of this country that have faced numerous challenges in this century.

AHCM has continued to play a major role in providing accommodation, education support, care and support services to the children with a loving heart.

We are proud to share with you some of the events and achievements that have taken place at AHCM in the year 2009. We have also continuously received vulnerable children that need support from different parts of the country and this has encouraged us to look for more friends that can give us a supporting hand to the care of the children.

Let me conclude by thanking all AHCM staff and Volunteers for their undying support and tremendous amounts of energy they have put in to meet their busy schedules as well as our donors and supporters for working hand in hand with AHCM to give another hope to the vulnerable children of Uganda.

Miss Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba

**Executive Director** 

Another Hope Children's Ministries' Uganda

#### 1.0 Background of AHCM

#### 1.1 Introduction

Another hope Children's Ministries (AHCM) is a Christian non-profit organization located in the Wakiso District of Nansana, Uganda. Run by a dedicated team, AHCM is committed to giving hope to orphaned, abused and abandoned children and children from impoverished families.

It was ffounded in 2005 by Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba. Ruth's challenging family background and her work as a post-graduate statistician inspired her to support vulnerable children in Uganda. It started as an orphanage but now also delivers a number of other sustainable projects and initiatives to increase the number of people helped.

Achieved NGO status in August 2009 (previously started as community based organization)

#### 1.2 Vision and Mission

**Our Vision** is an improved quality of life for vulnerable children in Uganda, including quality education, proper accommodation, nourishment, health care, and living a Godly life.

**Our Mission** is meeting the spiritual and physical needs of vulnerable children in Uganda, through strategic partnerships, ministering and undertaking specialized and sustainable child-focused initiatives.

## 1.3 Objectives

The Organization has engaged its staff in different activities which all aim at improving the quality of life of the vulnerable children of Uganda and these include;

- Provision of safe and clean water to HIV/AIDA affected families through construction of water towers.
- Provision of education services to vulnerable children.
- Provision of accommodation to homeless children
- Continuous counselling and to HIV infected children and their parents.
- Teaching children to make Art and Craft items hence developing their life skills.

- Poultry rearing
- Conducting children Guardian Workshops.

#### 2.0 HIGHLIGHTS OF ANOTHER HOPE PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES.

We feel joy and happiness to present to you this Annual report that will go a long way in providing you with all the events and achievements that have happened at Another Hope Children's Ministries. All these activities have been aimed at giving a supportive hand to the Orphans and Vulnerable Children of Uganda so that they can feel a sense of belonging within their mother country.

We are also happy to report that we are able to go through the process of registering with the Registrar of Companies successfully which certificate was received and we also managed to register with the Uganda Non-Governmental Organization Board (Non-profit organization Board) and AHCM upgraded to a Non-profit status from a Community Based Organization (CBO). A one year certificate for the period of August 2009 to August 2010 was received

All in all it has been a very busy period characterised by exciting events as highlighted below;

#### 2.1 Recruitment of children at AHCM

AHCM has continuously received vulnerable children though the capacity to take them on is still limited. The total number of children receiving care from AHCM by 2009 was 60 of which 33 were being housed at AHCM Nansana while 27 were in different communities. Out of the 60 children, 40 were attending school while 3 were not ready for school as they are still young and 7 never attended school due to lack of funds for school fees.



#### Category of AHCM supported children

- HIV Positive children.
- HIV/AIDS Orphans.
- Street children.
- Children that have been in the civil war.
- Children from impoverished families that cannot access the basic needs of life.

### 2.2 Sponsorship for Children

By the end of 2009 34 children had gotten sponsors and we are hopeful that those that have not got sponsors will get sponsors by 2010. This however, does not stop AHCM's call for any potential sponsor to support any number of children with anything that can help them attain education.

Children at AHCM have always interacted with their sponsors and pen-pals through letters which are written with help from the volunteers and AHCM staff. We feel this gives courage to the sponsor to continuously look for funds to support the child as well as reminding the child that he/she has people that care for him/her. Sponsors also have been good to these children and have always sent them gifts for their birthdays and Christmas day.

Table1: List of 2009 Children's Sponsors.

No.	Name of Sponsor	Country of Origin
1	Hal and Kathryn Ribich	USA
2	Andrew and Wendy Burkart	USA
3	Gary and Sherri Stock	USA
4	Brayko, Brent and Brenda	USA
5	Henning Megan	USA
6	Joe and Michelle Hochrein	USA

No.	Name of Sponsor	Country of Origin
7	Amy Garcia	USA
8	Paul and Mary Harrison	USA
9	Nancy Albers	USA
10	Julia Mansfield	Australia
11	Becky Igram	Australia
12	Lorraine Gaunt	UK
13	Lorraine Gaunt	UK
14	Brian and Kate Bilton	Australia
15	Lynn Hetcher	USA
16	Geraline &Fabian	Netherlands
17	Phyllis Freeman	USA
18	Mike & Barb Post	USA
19	Lynn Doville	USA
20	MaryAnn & Tom Neuses	USA
21	Nataelle Vinadia	France
22	Renee Wineck	USA
23	Bill & Jill Beaudin	USA
24	Jennifer Wischer	USA
25	Diane Erickson	USA
26	Beverly Smith	USA
27	Mr & Mrs Borch	USA

No.	Name of Sponsor	Country of Origin
28	Bill & Julie S	USA
29	Jean Pierre & Pascale Debrueres	France
30	Dale & Kim Basten	USA
31	Ms. Hglund Paula	USA

#### 3.0 Donors, Partners and Volunteers & visitors at AHCM

#### 3.1 Volunteers & visitors at AHCM

During this year 2009 AHCM received various local and international visitors. Among these included the following

Visitors and volunteers at AHCM have really contributed a lot to its development, most of them did tremendous work ranging from advising on what should be done, painting children's dormitories and the main house, purchasing of a 10,000 litter water tank which moved a long way in solving the water problem at AHCM and many different donations that have contributed a lot in improving the quality of life of orphans and vulnerable children of Uganda.





Mr. Geoffrey Kinaalwa greeting visitors from Massachusetts, USA



Table 2: 2009 international Visitors

No.	Name	Country of	Duration at
		Origin	AHCM
1	Phillip Kroll (M)	Switzerland	5 Months
2	Hitomi Ishida	Japan	1 Year
3	Nidia Lopez Julia	Spain	2 months
4	Mari Suzuki	Japan	5 weeks
5	Lynna Sheehan	Australia	1 Month
6	Danielle Bruce	Canada	3 Months

No.	Name	<b>Country of</b>	<b>Duration at</b>
		Origin	AHCM
7	Geraline Buijs	Netherlands	10 Weeks
8	Citeren Magz	UK	2 Weeks
9	Elizabeth Dentith	UK	7 Weeks
10	Nataelle Vinadia	France	3 Weeks
11	Phillip Boegner	Germany	1 Month
12	Chiara Maria Mizzoni	England	1 Month
13	Lynna Sheahan	Australia	3 Weeks
14	Jeniffer Ogwal	UK	2 Weeks
15	Mike Costaschuk	UK	2 Weeks
16	Claire Thompson	England	1 Week
17	Jasmin Walti	Switzerland	1 Month
18	Jenny Recotta	USA	
19	Andrea Reese	Australia	
20	Keyata Marie Mitchell	Canada	3 Months
21	Thomas Arthur Grenier	Canada	3 Months
22	Jung Hyuk	Korea	3 Months

#### 3.2 AHCM Donors

There a number of organizations and individuals donors that have stood with us in various ways. We than Good Measure International in a special way for agreeing to receive online donations on our behalf, this went a long way in increasing AHCM donations.

Table3: Donors that have supported AHCM

	Name of Donor	Country
No	) <b>.</b>	
1	Aid That Help	Germany
2	Good Measure International	USA
3	Bill and Pam Gotha sucker	USA
4	Joe and Michelle Hochrein	USA
5	John and Billie Hochrein	USA
6	Danielle Bruce	Canada
7	Acts 1:8 Ministry	USA
8	Connie Ystesund	USA
9	Ed and Renee Wineck	USA
10	Jason and Linda Carpenter	Uganda
11	Samaritan Purse Uganda	Uganda
12	Lorraine Gunt	UK
13	Paul and Launa Stayer	USA
14	Amy Garcia	USA
15	Elizabeth Humphrey	UK

#### 3.3 AHCM Partners

These have contributed a lot towards mobilizing Donors, advising AHCM Management hence contributing to the development of the Organization.

Table4: AHCM Partners

No.	Name/Organization	Country
1	Wakiso Sub-County	Uganda
2	Leep Now	USA
3	Involvement Volunteers Association	Australia
4	Kampala Kibuli Rotary Club	Uganda
5	Green Bay West Rotary Club	USA
6	Ronald Skow	USA
7	Kids Worldwide	USA
8	Uganda Pioneers Association	Uganda
9	Ashinaga Nansana	Uganda
10	Community Development Office Wakiso District	Uganda
11	Ministry Of Gender Uganda	Uganda

#### 3.4 INTERNSHIP STUDENTS

The Organization also received a team of Uganda Christian University students who came to carry out their practice at AHCM for a period of three months i.e. May-July 2009 as fulfilment to attain their degrees in their different fields of study. As AHCM we felt so privileged to contribute to the development of the students in this country as well as developing net-working and relationships with different Universities in the country.

As the management of Another Hope Children's Ministries we thank the students for their positive contribution towards the development of AHCM, their coming was really overdue. May the Almighty God bless them.



Intern students during a home visit in Maamba, Gomba

#### 4.0 Projects at Another Hope Children's Ministries

#### 4.1 Water Tank/Tower Project

Appreciation goes to Acts 1:8 Ministry in Green Bay, United States which has funded this project. The project started in April 2009 and it is aimed at increasing the availability of safe and clean water to the community members and particularly the children in Kkona village, Wakiso district. The project has also helped in creating more time for the children who used to walk miles in order to get water before and after school. This used to give them limited time to read their books which always resulted into their bad performance and it also put young girls at a high risk of being raped at the wells during the night. We have received tremendous support from the community members and the District of Wakiso in particular; special thanks go to the Probation office of Wakiso District.

Before the project kicked off there was a consultative meeting and there after a survey of the neediest homes with support from Wakiso sub-county officials who provided a lot of technical support to the Organization. Such relationship is highly welcome and will go a long way in supporting the needy children of Uganda.



One of the families that had benefited from the water tank

#### 4.2 Poultry Project.

This projected was started in May 2009. AHCM is very privileged to observe a steady improvement in this project. Heartfelt thanks go to Danielle Bruce, Geraline Buijs and Bill and Pam who funded the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the construction of the poultry house and the purchase of the 300 chicks which are one month and three weeks now.

Paul and Launa Stayer through Bill and Pam's group also gave a supporting hand in this project when they constructed an extension of the poultry house in August 2009 during their visit at Another Hope Children's Ministries. The Organization also employed a full time staff, Mr. Mustafa Sserwada to oversee the entire project and to make sure that the security of the project is guaranteed.

This project is aimed at helping to generate more income for the Organization which will help to contribute towards the school fees of children that have no sponsors, helping balance the diet of the children at AHCM, help children to learn how poultry rearing is one as well as creating jobs for the community members.



Chickens feeding

#### 4.3 Cattle Project.

Friends of Another Hope have continuously supported it with different donations. With support from Connie Marchek and Ed & Renee Wineck AHCM was able to purchase the cows in July 2009. Below are the goats that were received with a lot of happiness from the kids. God bless the hands that gave.



## 4.4 Arts and Crafts Project.

This project was started in 2008 and by 2009, the children had learned a lot of items such as making palm leave and banana fibres purses. Children did a lot of crafts that were sold and this helped to sustain the Ministry. In addition this project helped to build life time skills of arts & crafts which will help these children in the future. We thank all those that have bought our crafts and also those who have helped to sell them. Please continue.



Children doing art & Crafts

#### 4.5 Community Support Project

During this year AHCM, visited Moses Tusabe's family in Gomba and they supported them food and the Sunday school children in the community church with clothes, shoes, tooth brushes and Sunday school materials. We started on the construction of a permanent house and a pit latrine in Moses' family that they longed to have for a long time. It was joy in this family to have them.



Sunday school children with their gifts



Moses' father thanking God for the gifts in his family

#### 5.0 STAFFING AT AHCM

The Organization has been able to expand in terms of staffing; three more full time staff were recruited and these include Ms. Batuuka Esther as the Administrative Assistant, Ms.Namuswe Mary as the Social Support and welfare Supervisor and Mr. Sserwada Mustafa as the Farm/Construction Assistant. This therefore means that the Organization has grown from two full time staff at the beginning of the year to five full time staff members as of 31st¹December 2009. These however, are supported by other part-time staff that include the Finance and Administration Officer Pastor Elijah Musoke, Project Coordinator Ms. Rita Nankanja, Assistant Project Coordinator Mr. Kinaalwa Geoffrey, Mr. Richard Kavuma Incharge of Music, Mr. Saka David Documentary & Filming and Mr. Kamoga Ronald the children's Pastor. This team led by the Executive Director Ms. Ruth Nambowa has been able to work tirelessly to develop the image of AHCM in a way of trying to achieve the objectives of the Organization.



2009 AHCM Staff

On a sad note, the Organization lost one of its most hardworking staff member, Mr. Kinene Abubakar (Commonly known as Big Brother) on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009. This affected the entire Organization as he was behind the development of the Music department and the discipline of the children. Up to now the entire Community of AHCM mainly the Executive Director still find it hard to do anything without thinking and remembering Big Brother, he is really missed by the children as his presence at AHCM would be realised by the joy and laughter of the children. May his soul rest in eternal peace.



The late Kinene Abubakar



His wife and children

## Poem about Big brother from Bernah Namutebi, one of AHCM children

Oh big brother

A man of the century
A brother and father to everyone
Kind and loving
Encouraging and helpful
Comforter to those in anger
Helper of those in need
Oh he made everyone happy
A father
A brother
A philosopher
And a Pastor
Oh he was everything we needed as children at AHCM
NANTONGO HELEN'S STORY WHEN SHE MET BIG BROTHER
When I came to Another Hope Children's Ministries in 2008, I met Big Brother, and he was such a loving man that I will never forget in my life.
My best memories with him are;
• His advice to us in various situations which helped us go through difficult situations.
His non-stop gifts and surprises for us.
• Kids' games in which we had alot of fun.
• He was really a loving brother and father we really miss him alot.
MY HIS SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.

#### 6.0 Children's Activities

#### 6.1 Kids Games:

With support from Samaritan Purse Uganda, in June 2009 our children participated in the kids games in which they competed in various activities such as water bucket, tug of war, hats and cups, make me laugh, freebee among others. We thank Samaritan Purse-Uganda for this opportunity. Below is the photo of the children during this event.



### 6.2 Music, Dance & Drama:

The children engage in music, dance and drama activities which make them happy and also build their talent. They managed to produce and film two songs and three traditional dances

### 6.3 Children's Christmas Party

Due to the fact that even Jesus liked children so much Mark 10:14, it is always important to support children celebrate His birth. This is why AHCM takes it serious to organise a Christmas party for the children every December. On this day children come together, sing Christmas songs and share a moment of happiness. It was a joy when all the children gathered to on this day. Receiving gifts made them smile. Thanks to all sponsors that sent gifts to the children. Please keep it up. Also AHCM received visitors from Massachusetts who brought lots of gifts and the children had chicken and chips bought from Nandos on Kampala Road



#### 7.0 Achievements and Challenges AHCM faced in the year 2009.

#### 7.1 AHCM Achievements

- The Organisation has expanded and the number of children under its care has increased to 60, 58 are school going children of which 7 are Secondary school and 51 are primary school going children.
- by the end of 2009, 12 water tanks in had been constructed in Kkona Village, Wakiso sub county, Wakiso District and now these families are eble to harvest clean water during the rainy season.
- The poultry project kicked off well with 300 chicks hence improving on the prospects of the Organization increasing on its income generating activities and these also provide life time skills to the children.
- 57% of the vulnerable children AHCM serves had gotten sponsors and they can now go to school.

- The Organization has been able to provide health to the children. No complicated case
  of disease was experienced this year. The four HIV positive children were linked to
  HIV/AIDS service providers that offered them free services and they are in good
  health now.
- AHCM was able to complete the land balance and now its owning a 1.5 acres in Kkona Village, Wakiso Sub county, Wakiso District where a transition home and head office are expected to be constructed.
- AHCM managed to partner with Good Measure International in USA, Rotary Club of Kampala Kibuli in Uganda, Aid that Help in Germany, Acts 1:8 Ministry in USA and Uganda Pioneer's Association in Uganda.
- AHCM received 6 intern students that have been able to add value to the Organization and at the same time they have also been able to learn and gain experience.
- In the year 2009, AHCM received a total of 22 international volunteers.
- Guardian/Parents workshop was held



- There were 3 Board meetings held
- Food donations received from Pr. Solomon Mwesige.
- A study about the academic performance of school going children sponsored by AHCM was carried out and a report produced.
- The organization identified a sponsor to carter for Natasha Zam Birungi (AHCM sponsored child) and her entire family. The sponsor now supports them directly.
- The Executive Director travelled to the USA to raise more awareness about AHCM activities and this helped the organization to secure more support for it's activities for instance there was an increase in the sale of the art & craft items the children make.
- The organization managed to secure safer and more specious premises.

#### 7.2 AHCM Challenges:

- Some children not having sponsors which made it difficult for some to attend school.
- The fact that AHCM has not constructed their own premises, the rent being paid has been a great challenge
- We had one serious indiscipline case of a child were it necessitated us to involve the local authorities and the guardian. It's still a bigg challenge but we are continuing to do our best.

#### **8.0** Future Plans:

- To construct a children's transition home in Wakiso where children can have enough space and at the same time have it's head office
- Construction of Vocation training Institute to equip children with technical knowledge.
- To widen on the farming project.
- Expansion of the poultry project

## **APPENDIX**

## a) Table 5: Executive Committee

Sno	Name	Designation
1	Miss Nambowa Ruth Bulyaba	Executive Director
2	Ms. Nankanja Rita	Project CoordinatorCoordinator
3	Ms. Hamida Namatovu	Care taker
4	Mr. Kinene Abubaker	Music and Discplinary Master
5	Pr. Elijah Musoke	Finance & Admin
6	Mr. Kinaalwa Geoffrey	Ass Project Coordinator
7	Ms. Namuswe Mary	Social Welfare
8	Pr. Kamoga Roen	Children's Pastor
9	Ms. Batuuka Ester	Administrative Assistant

## b) Table 5: Board Members

Sno	Name	Title	Academic
			qualification
1	Mr. Seruynage Moses	Chairman	
2	Ms. Aida Nakanjako	Vice Chairperson	
3	Mr. Sebuliba Isaac	Member	
4	Mr. Joseph Kayizzi	Member	
5	Ms. Mukasa Immaculate	Member	