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Giving Thanks for a Year of Blessings



Veronica and her children celebrating the completion of their new home

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SPOTLIGHT CHILDREN

As we celebrate Thanksgiving and approach Christmas, we pause to reflect on the many ways God has worked through the generosity of our CARITAS family this year. Your compassion, prayers, and support have made an extraordinary impact on the lives of children and families across our mission sites. **Today, we want to all give you a big thank you by sharing some of the beautiful accomplishments you helped bring to life.**

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Collage of CARITAS For Children completed projects in 2025

2025 Completed Projects

A HOME FOR VERONICA AND HER CHILDREN



The family's new home built by CARITAS

Early this year, you helped us raise \$35,685 to build a safe and stable home for Veronica, a widowed mother and her six children.

This house has restored dignity, hope, and security to a family that had struggled for years just to survive. Your support changed their future forever.

EASTER FOOD BASKETS FOR 200 FAMILIES



Easter baskets laid out for families to collect

Thanks to you, we were able to provide Easter Food Baskets to 200 families, offering a full week of nourishment and celebration. Many families came to our CARITAS Center to receive their baskets, while our team traveled to distant villages to reach those unable to come. You brought joy and relief to thousands of people during the holiest season of the year.

FIRST COMMUNION DRESSES AND SUITS



Students wearing the First Communion dresses and suits

With your help, we provided First Communion clothing for children in need, dresses, veils, suits, and shoes, so they could receive Jesus with dignity and joy. This simple act allowed children to stand proudly with their peers on one of the most meaningful days of their lives.

SUPPORTING 5 NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS



Newly ordained Fr. Robert Bwambale on the right

Your great generosity funded the vestments, albs, and ministry essentials for our five newly ordained priests in Uganda. These young men, sponsored through our Sponsor a Seminarian program, are now serving God's people with joy, clothed in vestments made possible through your kindness.

HOPE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN



Past students in need receiving school supplies

This year, your generosity provided HOPE to children who had recently lost their sponsors and were facing unsafe housing, family hardships, or the risk of leaving school. Thanks to your support, 24 new sponsorships were secured, and \$11,046 was raised to keep additional vulnerable children in school and safe during moments of real uncertainty.

TEETH FOR TEDDY



Teddy showing off her new smile!

This fall, our CARITAS community came together to fully fund a complete dental restoration for 17-year-old Teddy, who suffered years of pain after losing nearly all her teeth due to infection and untreated decay.

She is now receiving the care she desperately needed, and will be smiling again for the first time in years!

THANK YOU FOR BEING THE HEART OF CARITAS

Because of you, families have homes. Children have food, clothing, medical care, and education. Villages have hope. Priests are supported. Lives are transformed. On behalf of all the children, families, and communities we serve: Thank you. **You make Christ's love visible in the world.**

Ways to Give for Advent and Christmas

As we enter this holy season of Advent and Christmas, CARITAS invites you to join us in sharing hope, joy, and love with some of the poorest families and children we serve. This year, we are highlighting **three meaningful ways to give**, each one bringing real transformation and dignity to our communities.

1. CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS & TOYS FOR KIDS

This Christmas, CARITAS hopes to provide 200 Family Food & Toy Baskets for some of the most vulnerable families in our programs. Each \$100 basket includes a full week of nutritious food for the family and toys for the children, gifts many of them have never received before.

During Easter, our food basket drive brought incredible joy as families gathered at our CARITAS Center, and our team traveled to remote areas to reach those who could not travel. We hope to bless families again with a Christmas celebration filled with joy, dignity, and hope.

Click the link below to learn more!

Christmas Baskets!



2. EDUCATION & SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT (PHASE 1)

In Uganda, two villages have been completely transformed by the new CARITAS-funded water wells. With daily access to clean water, children can finally go to school instead of walking miles to fetch water for their families.



Fr. Frank with students in one of the current classrooms needing renovation

Father Frank and his colleagues built a modest school to meet this growing need, but the classrooms urgently require renovation. Phase 1, Year 1 focuses on renovating four classroom buildings, a \$33,360 project. Thanks to a generous anonymous donor covering half the cost, we are already more than halfway towards our goal to fund this phase.

This project is not just improving a school, it is strengthening 2 entire villages, building up Catholic education, and creating a foundation for a sustainable future.

Click the link below to learn more!

**Education &
Sustainability**

3. NIGERIA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Each year, our CARITAS children in Nigeria gather for a simple Christmas celebration: Mass, joyful music, dancing, and a shared meal. For many of these children, who come from extremely poor families, this may be the only Christmas celebration they experience.

With just \$500, we can host the entire celebration: decorations, small gifts, food, and a festive gathering that reminds every child they are loved and part of our CARITAS family. In a country where thousands of Christians have been killed this year, moments of joy, unity, and faith are especially precious.



Nigerian students at last year's Christmas party mass

Click the link below to learn more!



THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

This Advent and Christmas season, we are grateful for every prayer, every gift, and every act of generosity that helps us bring hope to the families and children we serve. Your support makes all the difference, and together, we can transform lives, one child, one seminarian, and one project at a time.

The State of Healthcare in Uganda

Uganda's health-care system is improving, but for millions of families, essential care remains out of reach.

While the country has made progress in areas like immunization and maternal health, many Ugandans still cannot afford treatment for even simple illnesses. As a result, preventable conditions often go untreated for months—or years.



Teddy's teeth being evaluated

In our latest blog post, we take you beyond the statistics to meet 17-year-old Teddy, whose story reflects the daily reality of countless children in Uganda. After years of untreated dental infections, Teddy faced severe pain and the loss of nearly all her teeth. Her younger brother Nicolas has also lived with untreated asthma for six years, simply because medical care is unaffordable for their family.

Thanks to the compassion of CARITAS For Children donors, Teddy is finally receiving the treatment she desperately needs—restoring not only her smile, but her confidence and future.

Read the full story here!

Family in the Spotlight



In rural Uganda lives a family of five children (**Teddy, Job, David, Nicolas, and Steven**) who have endured tremendous hardship since the tragic death of their father eight years ago. Their mother, a peasant farmer, has worked tirelessly to care for them despite poverty, illness, and the constant struggle to afford even their most basic needs.

TEDDY NAMUGAMBE

Teddy lost her sponsor last year and urgently needs support to continue school. After the death of her father, she lived briefly with an aunt, where poor nutrition led to severe tooth decay. Today, Teddy is in the process of receiving dental care thanks to generous donors through CARITAS. Now, all she needs is a new sponsor to support her education!

Despite everything, she dreams of working in the medical field to prevent others from suffering the way her father did when he lacked proper care.

To help Teddy attend day school, she will need:

- \$48 per month from one sponsor



[Teddy Namugambe, 17](#)

NICOLAS SSENKUBUGE

Nicolas is intelligent and loves math and soccer, but his life is defined by chronic illness. He suffers from asthma and autoimmune complications that have gone untreated for six years because his mother cannot afford medication. He frequently misses school due to fevers and breathing problems. Support would allow him to receive medical care and stay in school consistently.

To help Nicolas attend day school, he will need:

- \$48 per month from one sponsor



Nicolas Ssenkubuge, 15

STEVEN BYAKATONDA

Steven was born after the other children by a different father. Sadly, his father abandoned the family. Though his mother struggles to pay school fees, Steven excels in English, participates actively in class, and is well-loved by teachers. Consistent support would help him continue the strong educational start he has worked so hard for.

To help Steven attend day school, he will need:

- \$36 per month from one sponsor



Steven Byakatonda, 8

THE STRENGTH OF A FAMILY

With no job training and only small farming work available, the children's mother provides as best she can. Their home, built long ago by their late father, has recently been damaged by heavy rain, another reminder of the instability they face every day.



Through all loss, illness, and poverty, these children continue to dream. Teddy wants to become a doctor. Nicolas wants to learn without fear of the next asthma attack. Steven wants to stay in school and succeed.

With support (medical care, school fees, and stable sponsorship) this family can move from simply surviving to rebuilding their future with dignity and hope.

Consider supporting one of these children today to ease the financial burdens on this family.