

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT







## The Road We Walk Together

Our journey continues and is made possible by our valued volunteers and field representative, dedicated donors, enthusiastic partners, and community members. Together over the past year we have continued to implement projects, coordinate events, raise awareness, and contribute considerable funds to our partner communities in East Africa.





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The CanAssist African Relief Trust (CAART) has been a registered Canadian charity since April 2008.

Our charitable number is 8325 18211 RR0001



### **Water and Sanitation**

As basic human rights (United Nations 2010), clean water and sanitation are essential for preventing illness and death, and improving health, social and economic conditions. CanAssist supports access to clean water by working with communities to install boreholes and water catchment tanks, and has initiated irrigation systems needed to grow food. CanAssist supports sanitation by helping build latrines and other facilities, particularly in schools.



### **Education**

A right under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and a social determinant of health, education is a key focus area for CanAssist funding through infrastructure projects. CanAssist has supported the building of classrooms, schools, support structures, teacher accommodation and sports pads, and has provided books, other basic school supplies, and furniture.



### **Health Care**

CanAssist provides funding for health-related infrastructure projects that support hospitals and clinics, and improve quality of basic health care. Examples include providing hospital beds and water tanks, and funding building enhancements such as solar panels and security fencing.

CanAssist is a Canadian charity  
funding infrastructure  
development in East Africa



## 2019 Project Manager's Report

This past year was another busy one for the CanAssist African Relief Trust. Through ongoing support to infrastructure projects in East Africa we are helping communities help themselves and leaving a lasting impact. Your ongoing financial support means that we can continue to build schools, fund latrines and water catchment and provide essential support to medical clinics. Together, we CanAssist!

For example, last year we funded over \$100,000 for life-saving infrastructure projects. These include 4 new classrooms, 3 latrines at rural schools, 3 water catchment tanks and associated guttering, 2 borehole wells, 2 security fencing projects, 1 kitchen facility with a fuel efficient wood burning stove, 1 skylight addition and a medical incinerator for a busy rural medical clinic.



This support in the areas of education, water, health and hygiene benefits the African communities which we assist. These benefits are multi-faceted. Not only do the community members benefit directly from a new school or a new well, for example, but by utilizing local labour and materials, CanAssist provides economic support as well.

But our work is not done. We regularly receive applications for support. There is still need for new water projects, new schools, medical clinic support and basic hygiene. We hope to continue to provide support, and through your kindness, we will assist.

Asante sana





# Kenyan Field Representative's Report

2019 has been another year of success thanks to your unending and priceless support to CanaAssist. With your support, we have kept our scope of improving and initiating basic infrastructure to deserving rural communities in East Africa, (Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania).

As a field representative, I have continued to oversee projects and to act as a bridge between all the stakeholders; donors, trustees and the local communities in which we work. This essential oversight, ensures that donors get value for their donation and also enables CanAssist to achieve its important objectives.

Hospitals, schools, and communities have continued to benefit from your gifts and through the work of CanAssist we are making a great impact.

CanAssist, through your donations, has continued to change lives, improve living standards and give hope for tomorrow to many children and communities.

We depend on you to enable us reach out. Keep up with your support and follow us on Facebook "CanAssist African Relief Trust" to see what we do. Together we are stronger and can go far!  
**YES YOU CAN ASSIST !**



Daniel Oduor Otieno  
Field African field representative.  
CanaAssist African Relief Trust -Kingston Canada.



## Projects Funded in 2019

### Kenya Projects

Project Number	Project Location	Infrastructure Funded
K1896	Obiayo Primary School, Kisumu	3-Door Pit Latrine
K1815	Osupuko Women's Group	2-Door Pit Latrine
K1898	St. Catherine School	New 3-Door Tin Classroom Construction
K1899	Kenya Help, Osupuko Primary School, Ngong	Classroom Construction
K1900	Hope School, Mbita	6-Door Pit Latrine
K1910	St. Catherine School	Blackboards and Fencing
K1920	Kenya Helps Open Learning Centre	Skylights
K1930	Kamin Oningo	Permanent Latrine
K1940	S.P. Geddes School	2 Classroom Block
K1950	Obiayo Primary School	2-Door Pit Latrine
K1960	Safe Haven	Garden Fencing Project
K1970	Ojwaya Primary School	Kitchen and Wood Burning Stove
	Ojwaya Primary; S.P. Geddes Primary; Malunga Primary	Books



### Uganda Projects

Project Number	Project Location	Infrastructure Funded
U1870	Holy Innocents Medical Clinic	Medical Equipment
U1890	EACO , Kalagala Community, Mukono District	Borehole Well Repair
U1910	EACO, Kyampsis Community Mukono District	Borehole Well Repair
U1930	Hope For Youth School	Classroom, guttering and water tank
U1940	EACO, Nyaja Community, Mukono District	Borehole Well Repair
U1950	Holy Innocents Health Centre	Water tanks
U1960	Olimai C.D.E.	Medical Incinerator
U1970	The Great Challenge School	Single Classroom



Classroom - Great Challenge School, Uganda



Bore Hole - Mukono District, Uganda



Water Tank - Holy Innocents Medical Clinic





## Obiayo Latrines



**“Asante sana, CanAssist we feel so relieved from the Panic of using a sinking and almost full pit latrine”- Head teacher Mrs Hulda.**



Ojwaya Kitchen with Serving Area



Bwindi Community Hospital Security Fence



Kenya Helps Open Learning Centre Solar Lighting Project







# HEATWAVE

MOTOWN DANCE PARTY

*SHAKEN NOT STIRRED*

FUNDRAISER FOR

CANASSIST AFRICAN RELIEF TRUST



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

7 PM - Midnight **BLUMartini**

*\$30 IN ADVANCE \$35 AT THE DOOR*

*TICKETS: SEE HEATWAVE ON EVENTBRITE*







## The CanAssist African Relief Trust

As at December 31, 2019

### **Statement of operations – 2019**

**for the year ended December 31**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Donations	<b>161,076</b>	140,216
<b>Expenditures</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>125,358</b>	216,664
Projects funded * (includes local agent costs for management)	<b>113,991</b>	207,343
<b>Administrative costs in Canada and Africa</b>		
Bank charges * \$1,057 in Africa	<b>1258</b>	1,373
Insurance	<b>1,738</b>	1,743
Office and General	<b>1,838</b>	702
Accountant fees	<b>2,153</b>	2,074
Telephone and internet * \$1,221 in Africa	<b>1,557</b>	1,732
Travel and expenses * (all by Kenya agent)	<b>2,823</b>	1,697
<b>Total admin expenditures</b>	<b>11,367</b>	9,321
<b>Canadian admin expenses</b>	<b>6,266</b>	
<b>Cdn admin costs/total expenditures</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	4.3%
<b>Difference – Revenue less expenditures</b>	<b>\$35,718</b>	(76,448)

CanAssist began 2019 with healthy bank accounts (one in Kenya) and several projects approved and ready to go. Over the calendar year we had our two usual fundraising campaigns celebrating Canada Day and Giving Tuesday (in December after Black Friday) when funds received were matched by two generous donors. In addition we held a fun dance party downtown Kingston with *Heatwave* – this raised \$3,600 for the event, including proceeds from a silent auction. (Thanks again to our sponsors).



## The CanAssist African Relief Trust

As at December 31, 2019

### Statement of Financial Position for the year ended December 31

	2019	2018
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#### Assets

##### Current

Cash and bank(s)	94,271	62,212
HST recoverable	393	257
Inventories (African handicrafts and beadwork)	300	300
Prepaid expenses (part insurance)	<u>1,262</u>	<u>1,262</u>

	96,226	64,031
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#### Liabilities and Net Assets

##### Current

Accounts payable and accruals (accountants)	2,075	5,598
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##### Net Assets

Unrestricted net assets	<u>94,151</u>	<u>58,433</u>
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	96,226	64,031
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#### Changes in Net Assets

Net assets, beginning of year	58,443	134,881
Difference Revenue vs Expenditures	35,718	(76,448)

Net assets, end of year	<u>\$94,151</u>	<u>58,443</u>
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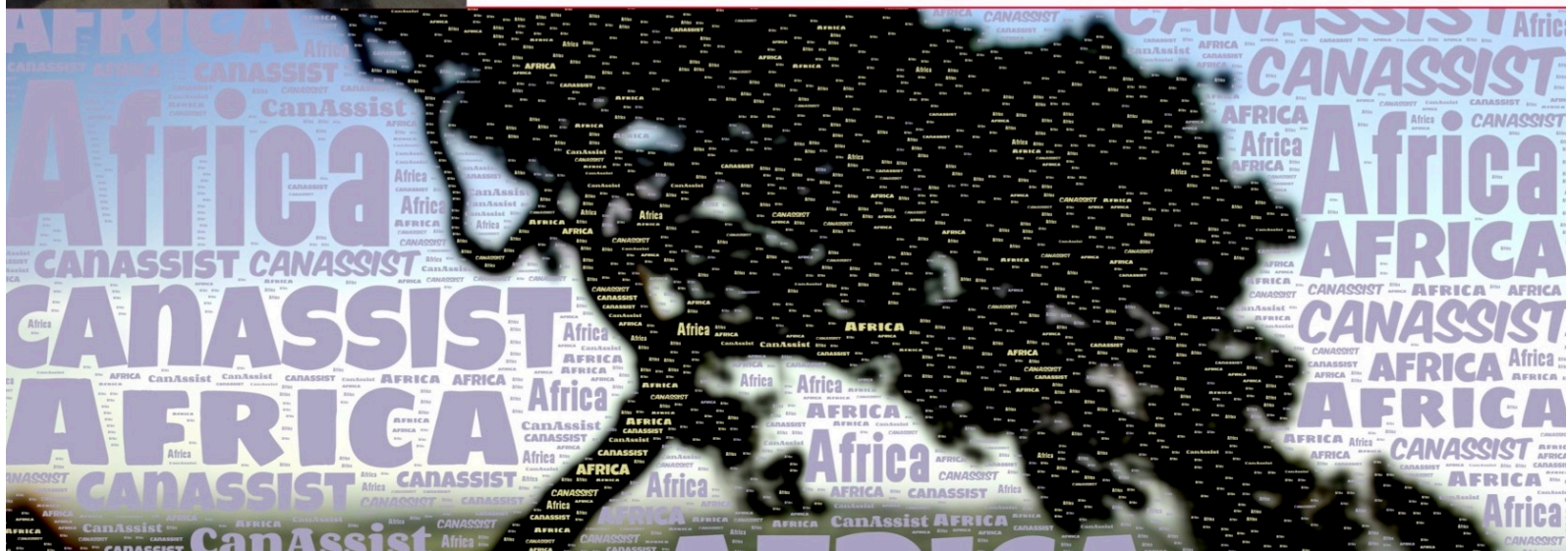
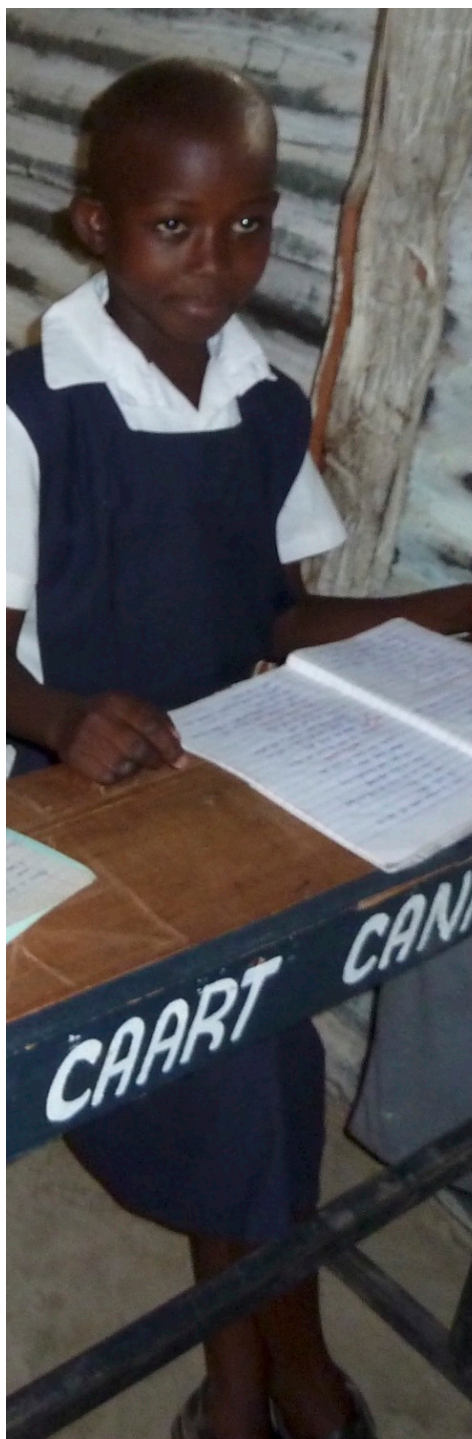
Michael Dent  
Treasurer



## Thank You!

In addition to our many private supporters in 2019, we are grateful for the generous support from the following

Sasamat Foundation, Vancouver, BC, Canada  
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Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario, ETFO  
Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, OSSTF  
Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association, OECTA  
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Mayer Institute, Hamilton, Ontario  
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The Greene Family Education Initiative, held at  
Vancouver Foundation  
BonPatron by Nadaclair Language Technologies  
St. Francis de Sales  
Marguerite Prachowney







## **We Need Your Support**

Consider becoming, or continue being a part of the CanAssist community.

## **Every Penny Matters**

95% of donated funds go directly to East African communities. Your donation goes a long way. You can donate online or by mail. Visit our website at [canassistafrica.ca](http://canassistafrica.ca) for details.

## **Make a difference by volunteering**

If you have a talent, skill, or idea that could help promote or support the work of CanAssist, let us know.

