

CANASSIST AFRICAN RELIEF TRUST



ANNUAL REPORT

2017

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Note from John A. Geddes, founding trustee of CanAssist

When I sat with neighbours at my kitchen table just over 10 years ago and we discussed how we could help our Canadian friends improve conditions for East Africans, we never imagined that ten years later our CanAssist African Relief Trust would have funded more than \$1,000,000 in infrastructure in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Through different travel experiences in Kenya, we had established connections there and were further motivated by our friends who asked what they could do to help. After some deliberation we decided that the best way we could accomplish this would be to establish a fully registered charity. Six months later, the CanAssist African Relief Trust was born.



We started out selling beaded bracelets and cards and scraping together enough money for a classroom or water tank here or there but never sure we could find the money for the next, never-ending need. Through hard work and responsible money management, CanAssist gradually established a trusted “brand” and now, in addition having an established private donor base, receives regular generous support from various Teachers’ Associations and several Trusts and Foundations like the Sasamat Foundation, the Frank Family Fund and the Greene Family Education fund.

I wish we could effectively share the heartfelt appreciation from these communities with our donors. Photos tend not to be able to tell the whole story. Many Canadian trustees, volunteers, and donors have visited CanAssist associate communities and schools (all at their own expense) and these visits have cemented the relationship between us. CanAssist has helped with classrooms, water storage and collection, sanitation, school supplies, school furnishings, garden development, health facilities and vocational training among other things - sustainable infrastructure aimed to support and develop the “human capital” that can help communities thrive.

After ten years at the helm of CanAssist, I decided that, in order for the charity be sustainable over the long run, I should step down as Director of Operations and trustee. For 18 months, the trustees worked together to be sure that this transition of tasks and responsibilities would be as seamless as possible and allow CanAssist to continue to do this important work unabated. I am glad to report at the end of 2017 that this transition is completed and that CanAssist work continues effectively and with enthusiasm.

This success story would not have happened without the support - both moral and financial of many folks who have joined me in sharing their time and money. Your involvement has ensured that our original vision of being able provide a responsible and personal local initiative to vulnerable Africans communities has truly been able to improve the well-being of thousands of African men, women and children.

To all of you I say asante sana. Thank you.

John



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The CanAssist African Relief Trust (CAART) was registered as a Canadian charity in April 2008.

Our Charitable number is 8325 18211 RR0001.

Dan Otieno, Project Supervisor

The trustees thank Dan Otieno and recognize him as an invaluable member of the CanAssist team, and an integral part of our success.



Purpose

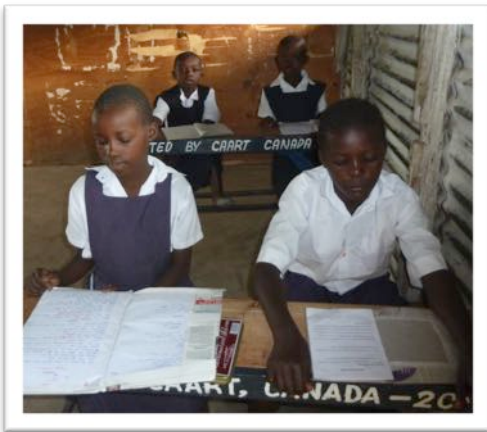
CanAssist is a Canadian charity funding infrastructure development in East Africa.

Focus Areas



WATER and SANITATION

Recognized as a basic human rights by the United Nations in 2010, clean water and sanitation are essential for preventing illness and death, and improving health, social, and economic conditions. Much of CanAssist support goes to water and sanitation.



EDUCATION

A right under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and a social determinant of health, education is a key focus area for CanAssist support through infrastructure projects such as classroom buildings and furniture, and teacher accommodation.



HEALTH

CanAssist provides funding for health-related infrastructure projects that support hospitals and clinics. Examples include funding of hospital beds and hospital building enhancements such as solar panels.

Projects Funded in 2017

Kenya

K1630	Kaswanga Girls' Sec. School	Latrines
K1660a	St. Catherines' E.C.D.E. Centre	Water Catchment & Storage
K1660b	St. Catherines' E.C.D.E. Centre	Classroom Furnishings
K1710	S. G. Osiri School	Office Block
K1720	Kenya Help: Cara Women's Vocational Training Centre	Security Wall
K1721	KH Global Hope Rescue Centre	Pig Shelters
K1730	St. Catherines' E.C.D.E. Centre	Sports Pad, Textbooks
K1735	St. Catherines' E.C.D.E. Centre	3 Cubicle Latrine
K1740	Ojwaya Primary School	Water Catchment & Storage
K1750	Safe Haven	Water Catchment & Storage
K1752	SP Geddes School	School Kitchen
K1760	KH Global Hope Rescue Centre	Kitchen & Latrines
K1770	Kamin Oningo Beach Unit	Fish Freezer
K1780	Kaswanga Girls' School	Bathing Centre
K1790	KH Global Hope Rescue Centre	Water Catchment & Solar
S2017	3 Rural Schools in Kenya	School textbooks

Uganda

U1431	Kyabazaala Primary School	Teachers' Quarters
U1730	B.L.K. Muwonge Sec. School	School Projector
U1740	Holy Innocents Health Centre	Incinerator
U1750	Olimai Health Centre	Borehole
U1760	Empower & Care Organization	3 Borehole repairs
U1770	Mukono Technical Bus. Institute	Computer Equipment

Democratic Republic of Congo

C1610	Jonathan Holiday School	Classroom
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Tanzania

T1620	Kabuhinzi School	Teachers' Quarters
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Three Featured Projects:

1. Safe Haven Water Catchment Project

Safe Haven is a little house behind a local school in Kenya. Rebecca Rowson runs a feeding program here for very vulnerable children, some who have disabilities, and most of whom are orphaned. She provides breakfast and lunch for 25 children, five days a week.

When John visited Safe haven early in 2017, there was no water and the local borehole was dry. They had to pay for water, and there was a dire need for water tanks.



The project began in the second week and was completed in the third week of February 2017. Dave Rowson supervised the project, and local labour and materials were used (providing some benefit to the local economy). Guttering was installed on the new wing of the Safe Haven building to catch rainfall on the roof and channel it into an

8,000-litre tank. Water is accessed from a faucet and pipe leading from the tank.

Cost savings from not needing to purchase clean water enhances sustainability of the feeding program, to meet the needs of the growing number of children in the program.



“We are all so appreciative of the kindness extended by CanAssist Africa!”

- Rebecca Rowson

2. Holy Innocents Health Centre – Incinerator Project

Holy Innocents' initial objective was to improve maternal health, reduce the child mortality rate, and combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other illnesses in order to improve the well being of everyone in the community. With the support of volunteers, the centre has expanded to other specialties.



Holy Innocents Health Centre is a bumpy ride from Bukadea in Uganda. John reported being impressed by both building and staff. The community is still recovering from a devastating insurgence from 20 years ago. The unit is large and well stocked, and able to serve a large area. There is even a young medical doctor there who is privately paid.

They had requested an incinerator, which John, upon visiting, concluded, would be a valued addition to the facility.

3. Kamin Oningo Fish Preservation Project

The Kamin Oningo Beach Management Unit was requested to allow fish caught to be preserved until it could be sold to market. The equipment would minimize losses and improve financial yield to the fishermen in the community. Prior to the implementation of this project, there was considerable spoilage of fish, and associated risks.



The project included suitable tables and sinks to process the fish in addition to a fish freezer and solar energy production.

The results of the project not only help preserve the valuable food source, it reduces the negative impact of waste on the beach environment.



Resources & Financial Management

The CanAssist African Relief Trust

Statement of Operations - Unaudited

For the year ended December 31	2017	2016
Revenue		
Donations	\$ 168,978	\$ 229,355
Fundraising & Other Income		\$ 115
	\$ 168,978	\$ 229,470
Expenditures		
Bank charges - Cda & Africa	\$ 907	\$ 1,715
Fundraising (Canada)	\$ -	\$ 624
Directors' Insurance	\$ 1,738	\$ 1,738
Office & General (Cda & Africa)	\$ 3,774	\$ 3,343
Professional fees (Accountant)	\$ 1,856	\$ 1,910
Project costs funded during year **	\$ 150,905	\$ 229,425
Telephone (Africa)	\$ 1,206	\$ 963
Travel & Expenses (Africa)	\$ 2,868	\$ 1,037
	\$ 163,254	\$ 240,755
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ 5,724	
"Loss" (expenditures over revenue)		\$ (11,285)
** including to African Project Manager	\$ 15,748	\$ 11,744

DONORS

In addition to our many generous private supporters (some of whom are anonymous) we received strong support from the following organizations / groups:

- Sasamat Foundation (Lyle Harris)
- Aqueduct Foundation (Richard Frank family)
- Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association
- Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario
- Vancouver Foundation (Greene family)
- Ontario Teachers Federation
- Glenburnie Public School students
- Rideau Vista Public School students
- LCVI
- Mother Teresa Catholic School
- Ecole Madeleine-de-Roybon
- Kingston Impact Basketball Club
- Joyceville Public School

CAART 2017
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
As of December 31, 2017

Accrual Basis	<u>Dec 31, 2017</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2016</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
10000 · TD Canada Trust	122,026	91,754
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>122,026</u>	<u>91,754</u>
Other Current Assets		
10200 · Peak Securities Inc.	25	25
11600 · Barclays Bank of KENYA (To record JAG account in trust KShillings)	12,683	18,789
12000 · Undeposited Funds (Donations for 2017, received after year-end.)	4,820	17,606
13000 · Prepaid Expenses (Liability insurance paid in advance)	1,262	1,262
13500 · Inventory (African handicrafts for sale or gifts.)	300	300
Total Other Current Assets	<u>19,090</u>	<u>37,982</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	141,116	129,736
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
25500 · HST Payable or (Recoverable) (Tax amounts paid on purchases)	(435)	(1,286)
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>(435)</u>	<u>(1,286)</u>
Total Current Liabilities	(435)	(1,286)
Long Term Liabilities		
27200 · Other Liabilities (Accountant and other payables.)	1,850	1,800
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>1,850</u>	<u>1,800</u>
Total Liabilities	1,415	514
Equity		
30000 · Opening Bal Equity	4,585	4,585
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets (Net assets available for any use - retained earnings)	124,572	135,858
Net "Income" (Gain (decrease) over calendar year)	10,544	(11,220)
Total Equity	<u>139,701</u>	<u>129,223</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>141,116</u>	<u>129,737</u>

CanAssist Partners

CanAssist is proud to be a member of the Kingston Africa Connection, and collaborates with like-minded partners to increase our support in East African communities.



Nancy Stevens

Kenya Help



Heather Haynes

Worlds Collide

Thank You to All of Our Donors

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Sasamat Foundation, Vancouver, BC, Canada

Aqueduct Foundation (Richard Frank Family)

Ontario Teachers' Federation (OTF)

Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFEO)

English Catholic Teachers' Association of Ontario (OECTA)

Vancouver Foundation (Greene Family)

Glenburnie Public School Students

Rideau Vista Public School Students (Westport)

Peak Group, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

LCVI

Mother Teresa Catholic School

Ecole Madeleine-de-Roybon

Kingston Impact Basketball Club

Joyceville Public School

Truedell Public School



We Need Your Help

Become, or continue being part of the CanAssist Community!

Every Penny Matters

Because 95% of donated funds go directly to East African communities, your donation goes a long way. Go here <http://www.canassistafrica.ca/how-to-donate.html> to support CanAssist projects by donating online or by mail.

Volunteer and Help Make a Difference

Donating funds isn't the only way to get involved. If you have a talent or idea for promoting or supporting the work of CanAssist, let us know!

Examples of past contributions include organizing mystery walks, representation at multicultural festivals, presentations at schools and workplaces, organizing fundraising or networking activities.



Please visit our website at <http://www.canassistafrica.ca> to learn more, and email us at info@canassistafrica.ca with ideas or questions.



