NEWSLETTER
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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Greetings from M-LISADA Organisation!

A special thank you to everyone who supported and accompanied M-LISADA during the last 20 years and our this year’s Anniversary Celebrations.

So far all the Anniversary Events to fundraise for the building of a Vocational Primary School have been a great success thanks to everyone who attended and we are now looking forward to the great final on 28th of October. A warm welcome to you all!

You made it possible that M-LISADA can now celebrate this day!

To another 20 years!

Blessings to you all,

Yours sincerely

Segawa Bosco
Executive Director M-LISADA

M-LISADA Anniversary:

28th of October
6 pm – 10 pm
in Nsambya,
Sharing Youth Centre
DON’T MISS OUT

28th of October:
20th Anniversary Celebration

29th of October:
Wedding of Segawa Bosco and Lucy Khan

17th of December:
Children’s X-Mas Party
20 YEARS OF M-LISADA

Founded in 1996 M-LISADA (Music, Life Skills and Destitution Alleviation) turns 20 this year.
Thank you to everyone who contributed in our celebrations from March until now.
We are still looking forward to upcoming events.
So far we enjoyed our Walk from Gulu to Kampala in June, Planting Trees in Bombo, the Launch of the Construction of a Vocational Primary School and the Cultural & Acrobatics and Jazz Music Gala.
Read more about our celebrations in July when we present to you our …

... CHILDREN’S MINI-MARATHON AND SPORTS GALA

On 17th of July our Children’s Mini-Marathon and Sports Gala took place in Nsambya. Themed RUN FOR EDUCATION the day’s goal was to fundraise for the building of a Vocation and Primary School in Bombo.
Not only M-LISADA-Children participated in the event, but also kids from the community, nearby schools, Namuwongo slums and Kampiringisa Rehabilitation Centre.

Over 700 children joined the event, who were given a Mini-Marathon’s T-Shirt, food and drinks.
Furthermore, to the joy of the kids there was provided ice-cream, Bouncing Castles and Face Paintings.

The kids and teens performed very well in the different sports activities, such as the marathon.
Children from 6 to 10 ran from M-LISADA to the football pitch, while the age group from 11 to 13 covered a distance of two kilometres.
Kids from 14 to 16 ran three kilometres and teens of 17 and above even eight kilometres.
Apart from that, the children were able to participate in football and netball games, Tug of War, Bottle Filling, Sack Race and Hula Hoop.

After the competition the winners could get excited to get trophies and presents for their achievements.

We would like to give our special thanks to the many volunteers who helped us enable this unique event.
Also to our guest of honour Solomon Kampala, son to the famous Ugandan artist Bobi Wine, who gave an inspiring speech to the children, promising to be a good role model for other kids, appreciating all participants and the idea of the event and officially opening the Sports Gala.
His mother Mrs. Barbara Kyagulanyi even joined the M-LISADA-Netball team. It was motivating to see her play.
Furthermore, we want to express our gratitude towards all our sponsors. We were able to arrange sponsorships for 163 children, 16 football teams and 6 netball teams.
Last but not least we would like to give credits to the RED CROSS for its service of free testing and counseling on HIV/AIDS for over 97 people.
REBECCA IN THE US

We are very proud of M-LISADA resident Rebecca who got a fully paid scholarship to travel to the US within the Yale Young Global Scholars Program this summer from 26th of July until 8th of August. Read a letter from Rebecca as she wrote as she was staying in the US...

Leaving Uganda coming here was like a dream come true to me. I have always wanted to come here and have a feeling of what America is like. It’s something that I could have never imagined but now I am actually knowing how it feels being here. Everything here is so different starting from people, their behaviour and the way of living.

Coming here was through a challenge that I managed to take up. It was a Yale-Opportunity that I had to put in so much effort since I knew that I was competing with a whole bunch of students from the whole world. I never believed in myself that I would actually win a fully paid scholarship from one of the top institutions in the whole world. It’s a short summer program for two weeks and I am majorly specializing in sustainability, energy and environment. I am so determined to go there and show the world what Uganda is. I feel the responsibility of representing my country and M-LISADA. Though I had less self-esteem I would like to thank everyone who kept me going. My M-LISADA family, thank you so much for believing in me in the life time. Though we had internet problems and some other challenges that really dragged me down, you always brought me back to the top. And I am so happy I am not only taking a class but also visiting other places in the US.

I have met people here who are all trying to see that I have a great future. It’s so surprising how everybody yearned to stay with me - something that has never happened in my life. I never thought I would be that person everyone wants to talk to. This trip has showed me that there is a lot this world has to offer. I have interacted with many people and I have realized that there is still a lot I don’t know. It has widened my mind about different stuff. So now I know I don’t have to think on a local level but rather international wide since I can compare lots of things.

I know everybody back home would love to come here and I wish it happens for anyone who wants it so that you can really see what happens outside of Uganda.

I can’t stop thanking God because he played the great part since I have been praying for this to come and now look here I am. Sometimes I forget that I am in the US and it hits me at once. This makes me cry since I am in the place where millions of people want to come and the place that I am sure will shape me into the person I desire to be in future.

My greatest thanks to whoever helped me get here, their endeavours and hosting me here. Thank you that you have kept tight with me and made sure I get whatever I want ... I cannot go hungry and I sleep well. I have whatever I want and I am given everything I ask. I am so glad for this.

Much Affectionate,
Rebecca.
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW HOUSE

On 2nd of August we celebrated our HOME HANDOVER CEREMONY. A big thank you to Chellaston Academy who helped us build our new staff house. We’ve been looking forward to this for a long time now and really enjoy working in this place. It made us so happy that the ceremony was such a colourful event thanks to everyone who contributed and our guest of honour the minister of Kampala. Especially our Acrobats and Brass Band did a great job entertaining.
SERVICE IN NAMUGONGO

On Monday, 5th of September there was a service in Namugongo to celebrate the canonisation of MOTHER TERESA.

M-LISADA Brass Band, Acrobats and Cultural Dance Group contributed to the service with their great performance.

EDUCATION MEETING

Right before the beginning of the third school term some of the staff spoke to the children about Academics & Discipline.

They were empowering the Children to study hard in school and to appreciate the possibility to go to school.

WORKSHOP BY WoMena – ORGANISATION

A Team of Ladies from WoMena-Organisation carried out a workshop about puberty and menstruation for the girls of M-LISADA.

Thank you very much for the knowledge and helping our girls understand how to handle themselves during menstruation!

It’s not how much we give but how much LOVE we put into giving

- Mother Teresa -
M-LISADA IN KALANGALA

On Saturday 3rd of September the team of M-LISADA was visiting Kalangala on Ssesse-Islands to celebrate the ceremony of the official handover of the new CHILDREN RECEPTION AND RESSOURCE CENTER.

Apart from the M-LISADA-Staff, many community members, district leaders, children from the community and Rotaractors from Masaka were present.

We would like to express our special thanks towards ROTARY CLUB OF MASAKA, the contractor of the housing and COURTESY OF MASOMO AND ROTARY CLUB OF DENMARK KOBENHAVN NORD for the financial support.

During the ceremony several speeches were followed by the handover of Certificates of Appreciation for special commitments.

The Brass Band Kalangala enriched this day with their performance to the joy of everyone who was present.
SOLIDARITY-WEEK

From 12th to 16th of September M-LISADA-Children were experiencing Solidarity-Week during their holiday time. While learning new skills and fundraising for scholastic materials, the children were assisting Restaurant Owners or Shop Keepers. Others were helping at MUMMY-FOUNDATION and BRASS FOR AFRICA.
AGRICULTURE IN BOMBO

On Thursday 15th of September some of the Staff and children were going to our farmland in Bombo, where they did a great job harvesting 4 acres of maize.

The slashed maize weighs about 2 tons, which will be provided as food in M-LISADA. This way the children can contribute to their self-supply.
PLAYING FOR CHANGE

Uganda joined more than 40 countries around the world on PLAYING FOR CHANGE Day. Organised by Chris Weigers the event took place in Nsambya, SHARING YOUTH CENTRE on 24th of September.

Thank you to all the artists who participated. Opening the show was M-LISADA BRASS BAND which performed really great and also accompanied our talented acrobats as the following act.

Other performers were KAMPALA BIG BAND JAZZ, PRAGMO & POSITIVE CHANGE BAND, also with PRICE LOVE and SANDY SOUL & BRIAN LOVEMUSIC KAWEESA.

Later that evening the audience had the pleasure to enjoy OBINA CHARLES & MAME N'DIACK SECK THIAM as well as the performance of ABBIE INMAN & PETER MUHIRE from KAMPALA MUSIC SCHOOL.

After that it was time for M-LISADA CULTURE TROUPE to present their excellent skills in dancing and drumming.

PRICE LOVE & SIDNEY KALANJE and KAZ KASOZI were finishing an entertaining great day of music.

Our special thanks to everyone who was present, helping us create this unique day and bought drinks, snacks and crafts or contributed in the Raffle that was won by our director SEGAWA BOSCO.
All the money earned during the day will be provided for the children of M-LISADA.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT !!!

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