



## OUR MISSION

The Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project is working on behalf of HIV/AIDS orphans in rural Uganda to end systemic deprivation, poverty, and hunger through a holistic approach to community development, education, and healthcare.



### Twesigye Jackson Kaguri Founder and Executive Director

Mr. Kaguri was born and raised in the small village of Nyakagyazi, located in southwestern Uganda. In 2001, Kaguri founded The Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in response to the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS in that village. His early desire to provide stability and hope through education has expanded into multiple programs. As the region's cornerstone NGO, Nyaka now serves over 50,000 people.

Kaguri has been awarded the 2015 Waislitz Global Citizen Award, named a 2012 CNN Hero, a Heifer International Hero, recognized in Time Magazine's 'Power of One' Series, and spoken to the United Nations about his work. When not visiting the schools in Uganda or working out of Nyaka's U.S. office, Kaguri travels internationally for speaking engagements that spur action. His 17-year commitment to saving children orphaned by HIV/AIDS continues to be recognized around the world.



Kaguri's popular book shares his inspirations and struggles as the project visionary.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ▶ Sponsor A Student
- ▶ Visit Etsy's "Nyaka Grandmother Shop" and purchase crafts
- ▶ Host a Basket Party
- ▶ Volunteer in the U.S. or Uganda



Visit [www.nyakaschool.org](http://www.nyakaschool.org) to make a donation and learn about these opportunities.

## Providing Free Education

Uganda is one of the countries hardest hit by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. An entire generation was devastated by the disease, leaving millions of children without either parent to care for them. These orphans are often without shelter, food, water, and clothing. Public education was out of reach until Nyaka made it free to learn.

Nyaka currently funds the education for more than 800 students. After building Nyaka Primary School (Nursery-P.7 or **U.S. K-7**), Kutamba Primary School was built to serve children 50 miles away. All primary school graduates now move on to attend Nyaka Vocational Secondary School (NVSS). The secondary school educates and boards students in S.1-S.4 (**U.S. 8-11th**). Vocational students will start to graduate from NVSS in 2018. Students who need education beyond NVSS are given scholarships to attend schools in the region.

In addition to free education, we also supply each student with two meals per day, medical care, clean water, school uniforms, books, writing materials, and sanitary products. The majority of our primary school students are qualified to enroll because at least one parent was lost to HIV/AIDS.



## Helping Grannies - The Caretakers



Many Grandmothers in rural Uganda have lost their children to HIV/AIDS and must now care for their grandchildren. They often lack the basic necessities of structurally sound homes, clean water, and medicines. Few of their homes have ventilated kitchens, latrines, blankets, or mosquito nets. As elderly subsistence farmers, most Grannies were unable to afford sending their grandchildren to school. Until Nyaka.

Nyaka works with over 7,301 Grannies in the region. We provide job training, access to grief counseling, microfinance loans, and instruction on effective parenting methods. For families in great need, we build clean and safe homes for the Granny to run. We also supply pit latrines and smokeless kitchens to help make healthier living conditions. Grannies have become empowered to start their own businesses and ask for such assistance in fortifying their homes.

## Supporting Communities

Nyaka benefits the region by providing vital services and employment opportunities to residents. The Mummy Drayton School Clinic and Blue Lupin Library are open to the public. Desire Farm grows and raises food supplies for the community. Clean gravity-fed water systems have been installed to enable access to fresh drinking water.



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