

2018

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FAR AWAY  
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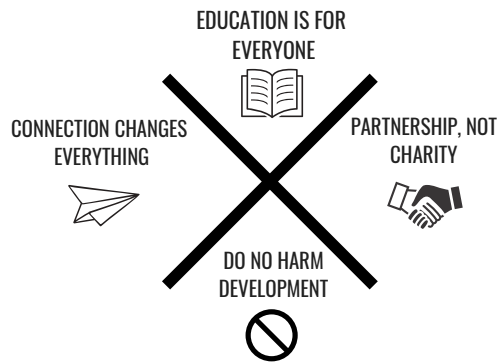
## OUR MISSION

To end generational poverty through education & opportunity.

## VISION

a future where every child is equipped to change the world as a global citizen.

## CORE PHILOSOPHY



# A Letter from our Executive Director

**Seven years ago I racked up a \$500 long distance bill on my parent's home phone calling Collines.**

I had just come back from my first trip to Uganda where I spent a week with Collines and her family in Namasale, learning about their dreams to improve the lives of children and families in their home village. We spent an hour on the phone together, building castles in the sky and dreaming about starting a primary school, creating programs to empower girls and providing jobs for people to support their families.

I remember the butterflies bouncing around in my stomach at the thought of our first class of Primary 7 students passing their Primary Leaving Exams (PLEs) and moving on to High School. While that dream seemed to exist only in the very distant future, both Collines and I knew that this vision was part of something so much bigger than we could ever imagine. We knew that this work would bring people together, help create lifelong friendships and improve the lives of people both in Uganda and America. Today, I can proudly say that the \$500 phone bill was worth every extra job I had to pick up to pay it off, because guess what?

**We were right all along.**

In 2018 Far Away Friends turned four years old. Honestly, when I look back at our fourth year as an organization I am baffled by what we've accomplished together in such a short amount of time. Because of the incredible outpouring of support our community of everyday philanthropists (read: YOU!) has generously given, we have impacted more people, empowered more students and created more jobs than we originally thought possible.

This year was definitely a year of firsts; from hosting our first Opportunity on Tap Gala, to breaking ground on our first School Outreach project, to celebrating our first class of P7 students to pass their PLEs with flying colors, to drilling our first community well – 2018 proved to us that when we work together toward a shared vision, even our wildest dreams become possible.

Thank you for dreaming bigger with us in 2019. We are so grateful that you are a part of our circle of friends.

With Tremendous Gratitude,

Jayme Ward  
Co-Founder & Executive Director



# accomplishments in 2018

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## Q1

JAN - MAR

Global Leaders accepts more new students and independently provides 11 full boarding-tuition sponsorships to vulnerable students chosen by the community

## Q2

APR - JUN

Our annual "Chipotle Night" fundraiser brings in over \$500 to support our work in Uganda

Our first Opportunity On Tap Gala raises over \$7,500 to fund student dorms at Global Leaders

## Q3

JUL - SEPT

GLP Students participate in Namasale Central School Debate

FAF partners with Namasale Primary School to construct 6 pit latrine toilets

FAF donates 5 mattresses to Biko Health Center and commits to developing a Community Health Initiative in 2019

## Q4

OCT - DEC

Global Leaders' first class of P7 Candidates sit for their Primary Leaving Exams

The "Walk to Water" Campaign is launched, FAF Team livestreams for 8 hours and raises \$5000 on GivingTuesday

FAF raises \$10,000 to drill our first community well in Namasale

The Green Family Foundation donates the remaining funds needed to complete dorms to house up to 300 boarding students at Global Leaders



# GLOBAL LEADERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

With the addition of our first Primary 7 Class, 2018 became a legendary year putting GLP on the map in Amolatar District as a rising star in private primary education.

In 2014, it was much quieter on Mama Jass' land. A few goats here, a few chickens there, and the sound of tires on a dirt road as they passed by the innocuous compound. You might have heard a few of the Omia sisters laughing their way to breakfast, or a few students hurried footsteps as they rushed down the road to a school miles away from their homes -- but otherwise, it was peaceful.

Five years later, and this small plot of land in central Uganda sounds -- and looks -- so much different. Now, you'd be awakened at dawn by a school bell, and the sound of nearly one hundred boarding students rousing from their beds. You'd hear teachers calling their students to class, a soccer game starting up in the field, families sharing stories as they line up at the well, and

the tinkling sound of the baby classes and their morning songs.

In just five short years, Global Leaders Day and Boarding Primary School has become an integral and beautiful part of lives of so many in Namasale, Uganda. It is home, nine months of the year, to boarding students and teachers; it is a sanctuary of learning everyday for nearly two hundred kids; it is a safe and loving place its community can rely on; and it is the very spot that 100% of its first ever P7 class passed their Primary Leaving Exams.

We couldn't be more proud of GLP, and the global leaders that walk its halls everyday -- and that will surely, one day, walk right out of the doors and change the world for the better.

**"Patience, persistence and perspiration  
make an unbeatable combination for success."**

Napoleon Hill



**100%**

PLE PASS

RATE

**175**

STUDENTS

**22**

STAFF

EMPLOYED

**19**

GRADUATES

**Who Run the World?**

Penina was GLP's top student in our first graduating P7 class. She scored 4 points shy of a perfect PLE test score.



**TEXT HERE**







# reaching OUT **1,157**

*improving education for everyone  
through our school outreach program*

## STUDENTS IMPACTED

Uplifting the standard for quality primary education has been our number one priority since we started our organization back in 2013. In 2017, we conducted a baseline survey of government schools in the Namasale area and interviewed parents, students, and government officials to understand how best we could support the needs of children in the area by partnering with their schools.

In 2018, we chose to partner with Namasale Primary School for our first official School Outreach Program project. A government funded school, Namasale Primary provides day school for over 1,000 students pre-K through P.7.

Due to lack of funding (less than \$1 of government funding allocated per child per year), students at this school sit in crowded classrooms, many without desks to sit in, textbooks or other learning materials to use.







After our first visit to the school in 2017, the Administration shared with us that their biggest issue affecting the students was the lack of toilets. They explained to our team that girls often missed school for weeks at a time due to poor sanitation, which was severely impacting their performance at school.

**Only two pit latrine stances were available for all of the 1,007 students and over a dozen teachers and staff.**

As our first project of our School Outreach Program, we decided to partner with Namasale Primary and invest just over \$6,000 for the construction of six new drainable pit latrine stances (toilets) for their students and staff. Seeing this project as an opportunity to not only impact students and teachers but also the surrounding community, we hired all local laborers to complete the project for the school, many of which send their own children to Namasale Primary School.

When we visited the project in July, we were warmly welcomed by the school Administration who requested that we install a signpost next to theirs to promote our

partnership among the wider community in town.

Not only will this project have a massive impact on student's attendance and improve overall performance at school, but the improvement to the school's toilet facilities will also improve the quality of hygiene and sanitation, keeping students and staff healthy during their time at school.

In 2019, we look forward to continuing to expand our school outreach program and partnering with more school in the Namasale area on various projects from sanitation & hygiene, to feminine health & empowerment, to teacher trainings.

**THE SIX DRAINABLE PIT LATRINE STANCES  
WE CONSTRUCTED WILL BE UTILIZED BY  
OVER 1,000 STUDENTS IN NAMASALE  
EVERY YEAR.**

*Special thanks to Val Richfield for making this project possible!*



# OperationTEACH

EMPLOYING & EMPOWERING UGANDA'S BEST RURAL EDUCATORS

There is a common saying in the teaching world; when someone asks you what you teach, you laugh and joke, “Students. I teach students.”

Though it is often said jokingly, there is a truth behind this inside joke of ours; every teacher -- everywhere -- teaches one thing: students. Kids. People. It is not only our job to make sure they can add and subtract, but also to guide them to their own greatness, discover the power of the kindness in them, and lead them into becoming the best versions of themselves. Good teachers teach subjects; great teachers lead students.

The teachers at Global Leaders Day and Boarding Primary School are great teachers. They answer fearlessly their call to teach with a determination and patience that makes students feel safe, cared for, and capable of greatness.

And clearly, they’ve shown their greatness in 2018. With your continued support and monthly donations, the teachers of GLP were paid a fair wage for another entire year -- which is no small feat.

In that year, they led the P7 students to success, with 100% of them passing their Primary Leaving Exams -- with flying colors.

Additionally, with your support through OperationTeach, our teachers were able to attend a Child Safety Training, in which they were coached on ways to keep children safe from all kinds of abuse, and given clear channels to make any concerns they have for any child known -- a huge step for a rural school like GLP. We’ve also finished teacher housing, which means GLP teachers can live close to the school, with their families, at no cost to them -- a game-changer as far as teacher support is concerned.

Because of your commitment to education and opportunity through OperationTeach, Far Away Friends saw a year of growth like we’ve never seen before. Our teachers were paid and cared for, trained and loved on, and our kids succeeded over and over again -- **because of you.**

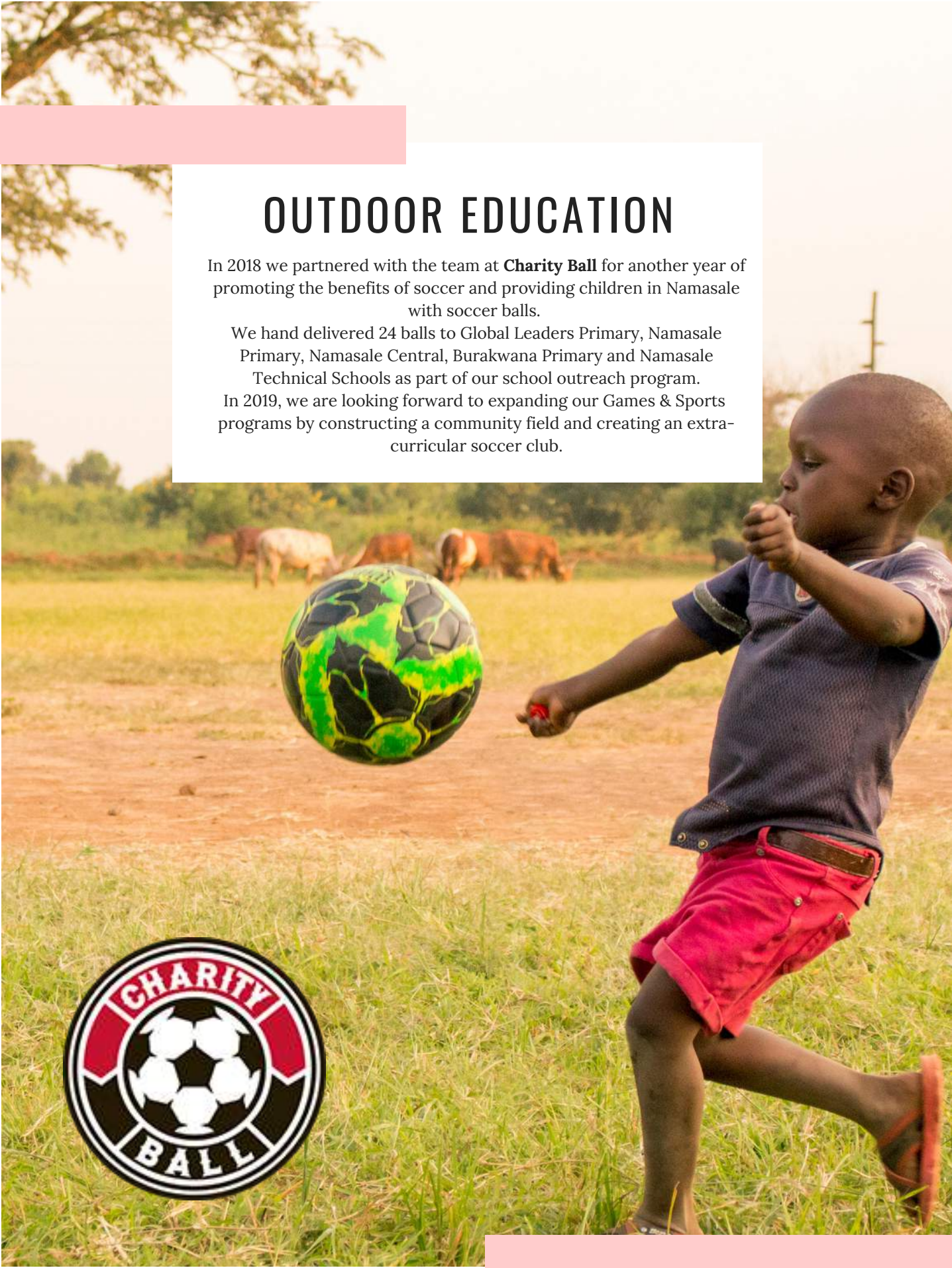
This year, and every year, we are so grateful to have you on our team.

# OUTDOOR EDUCATION

In 2018 we partnered with the team at **Charity Ball** for another year of promoting the benefits of soccer and providing children in Namasale with soccer balls.

We hand delivered 24 balls to Global Leaders Primary, Namasale Primary, Namasale Central, Burakwana Primary and Namasale Technical Schools as part of our school outreach program.

In 2019, we are looking forward to expanding our Games & Sports programs by constructing a community field and creating an extra-curricular soccer club.







# COMMUNITY HEALTH INITIATIVE

For families in rural Namasale and across Amolatar District, opportunities to access high quality healthcare are few and far between. In 2018, our team visited Biko Health Center II where most families in the Namasale area receive public health services from vaccines to child birth.

Unfortunately, due to lack of government funding and its rural location, Biko operates with virtually no supplies, running water, refrigeration or power on site. One of the most stunning observations our team discovered was that there were only two delivery beds for expectant mothers, one of which was on the floor.

When asked what Biko needed most, the head nurse, who we know as "Mama Ethan" told us

"We desperately need beds. Mothers are delivering their babies on mats on the floor. It's a very difficult situation..."





Knowing that just \$100 could purchase several mattresses--a simple gesture that would transform the quality of care for new mothers at Biko, we decided to donate the beds they needed as an extended hand of support for the Health Center.

Further discussion with Mama Ethan, as well as other doctors and nurses at Biko revealed that Biko's story is not unique to Amolatar District. The extreme conditions that we'd discovered at Biko are the rule rather than the exception for most other health center I's & II's across the region. **Without adequate funding, health centers are left without vaccines, medicines and even basic sanitary equipment like gloves.** Despite the extreme conditions, medical professionals (heroes in the highest sense of the word) like Mama Ethan and her team continue to come to work each day, bringing new life into Namasale and treating their patients (nearly 20,000 people access this health center each year) with the highest quality of care they can provide.

In 2019 and 2020, we are committing to improving the quality of public healthcare in Amolatar District through our new Community Health Initiative. This initiative will impact all five of the Health Center I & II's in Namasale and across the Amolatar District by providing grants for supplies such as treatment beds. Additionally, we hope to partner with the medical professionals at each of the health centers to provide free preventative health trainings to the community at large.



*Special thanks to Lena & Rob Spurrier for their immediate donation upon hearing about Biko's need for beds which made this possible!*

# OPPORTUNITY ON TAP

Our very first (EVER) Opportunity On Tap Gala was an incredible success! Our donors, supporters and the FAF community joined together to enjoy an evening of beer tasting, outstanding food and had a blast dancing with local Ghanaian dance group, Logo Ligi. Together, we raised over \$7,000 to construct dorms for 200 boarding students at GLP. Thank you to our sponsors and supporters for making it and evening to remember!



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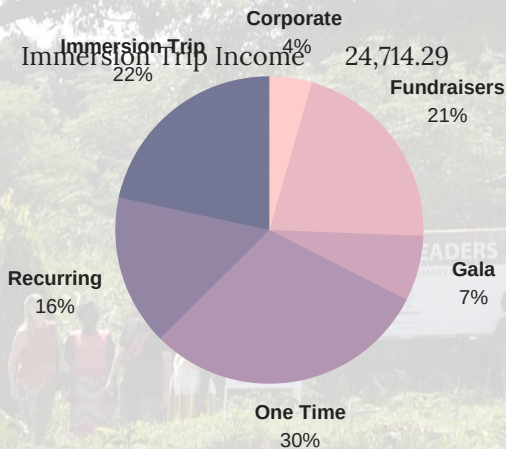


Our Walk to Water campaign to drill a community well in Namasale launched on GivingTuesday 2018. With \$2,000 in matching funds provided by our friends at GoodBookey and Little Man Ice Cream, our team raised over \$5,000 in just eight hours by locking ourselves in the office and taking your Dares for Donations LIVE on Facebook! With the support of the Green Family who donated the final \$5,000 to our campaign, we drilled our first well in Namasale in December 2018!

# financials & team

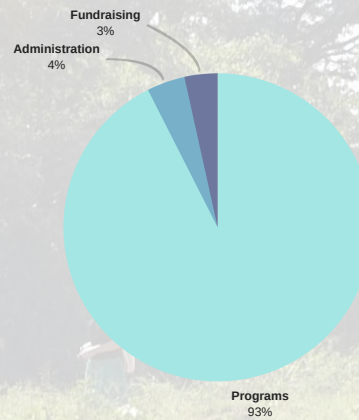
## REVENUE - \$ 114,482.35

Corporate Donations	5,102.19
Fundraisers	24,215.08
Gala	7,878.13
One Time Donations	34,384.63
Recurring Donations	18,188.03



## EXPENSES - \$ 125,208.21

Administration	4341.31
Fundraising	
Programs	5001.55
Global Leaders Primary	
OperationTEACH	45,920.00
School Outreach	37,994.39
Cultural Immersion	5,980.00
	25,970.96



## EXECUTIVE TEAM

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**Country Director**

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**Co-Founder**  
**Executive Director**

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INTRODUCING

# THE CIRCLE

CREATING PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY



WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO PLACE A CHILD ON A PATHWAY OUT OF POVERTY?

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE.**

Children growing up in rural communities often don't have the opportunities needed to break free from cycles of generational poverty.

We believe that no matter where a child grows up, access to **education, healthcare & opportunities to thrive** are a child's *right*.

THE CIRCLE is our new monthly giving community, a "village" of passionate supporters whose monthly contribution is placing children on a pathway out of poverty by improving education, strengthening local healthcare & providing opportunities for families in rural Uganda.

become part of our village & live a life of impact



**JOIN**

# THE CIRCLE

& BREAK THE CYCLE OF  
GENERATIONAL POVERTY

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