



HOPE HAVEN
RWANDA

January 2023

Back at It!

We pray you and your families had a blessed and refreshing holiday season the last couple of months! The students at Hope Haven had their Christmas and New Year break from late December through the first week of January. **They're all back on campus, learning and growing every day!**

Did you know we have over 450 students in our preschool now? We expanded these three grades to about 150 students each last fall. The additional classroom capacity on the secondary campus allows us to have three sections of classes in each preschool grade **on the preschool and primary campus.** We're so thankful to be able to help so many more families in our community. **We have hundreds of new preschool students who need a sponsor,** in case you're interested or know someone who might be! (See *Kugaba Korner* below!)



While students were at home with their families over the break, the construction team was busy working on the campus. We're in the final stages of finishing the top floors of the dormitory and classroom buildings.

We're also making great progress on the auditorium! The stage is ready and usable, fans and lights are installed, and the painting is mostly finished. We are working on getting a good sound system in place now and putting the acoustic panels up.

We're excited we can now use this space when we need all of the students to be together – for chapel, celebrations, and other large-format meetings.

Work continues on the landscaping and exterior lighting on the secondary campus. We are also finalizing the upgraded power system, much of which is imported from Kenya. The water wells will be drilled in the near future; once complete, we can begin working on the sports fields.

Our students are looking forward to being able to play soccer, basketball and volleyball on campus in the coming months.

Thank you for being part of the Hope Haven Rwanda family! We could not accomplish this amazing mission without your prayers and financial support. Please let us know if you have any questions or would like more information!

Serving Christ alongside you,

Wendy Raffaelli, CPA, Director of Finance and Development

The Gift of Worship

Our Secondary School Auditorium is officially open! What better way to celebrate than to sing and dance in worship and thanksgiving!

Thank you to Rockford, Illinois' Forest City Church worship team for sharing their gifts of music and song with our students this month, igniting an energetic time of praise.

We are grateful for all of the support and gifts, including **over \$15,000 raised on Giving Tuesday 2022**, to help equip our Auditorium for moments like these.



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Save the Date

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

5:30 - 9:00 PM

The Hollern Barn

Sedalia, CO

We are thrilled to be back at the barn in 2023 and to welcome back our friend **Shelene Bryan!** Shelene is a former Hollywood Producer who left her job in Hollywood to start Skip1, a charity that builds kitchens and provides food and clean water to children and families in need. **Come hear new and exciting stories of hope**, including an update from Shelene's recent visit to Hope Haven and **the impact Skip1 made on the new Secondary School kitchen!**



This casual evening will feature a **spectacular BBQ dinner from Hickory House** and a **live auction** hosted by the Cowboy Auctioneer team with an amazing line up of experiences to bid on.

If you are interested in being an Event Sponsor or Table Host, contact Susan Hollern via [email](#) or phone: 720-635-1396 or Wendy Raffaelli via [email](#) or phone: 720-233-5923.

Individual ticket sales begin February 1, 2023.

KUGABA *Korner*



A new school term began earlier this month and students and staff are settling back into their normal routine again.

Let's make sure every sponsored child hears from their Hope Angel! Letters are due on Wednesday, February 1st. Just a few sentences of love and encouragement going into their new year is perfect. As a reminder, you can write your letter by first [clicking here](#). Once logged in, click on **My Account** in the top menu and then **Inbox**. Click on **New Message** to get started. Please [email Paige](#) if you have any questions about this process or want to send your letter directly to her.

We met our year-end match for 100 new sponsorships! Thank you so much to all of you who participated by sponsoring another student, spreading the word and praying for this great turn-out.

With our increased enrollment, **we need even more Hope Angels!** If you would like to sponsor for the first time, add a student to your Hope Angel "family," or know someone who might be interested, learn more [here](#).

2022 Tax Receipt

We are honored by the financial support so many of you provide to Hope Haven Rwanda. Tax receipts for donations received in 2022 will be mailed by January 31, 2023. If you have questions please contact Wendy Raffaelli at wendy@hopehavenrwanda.org.



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