



JMJ Children's Fund of Canada

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Friends, looking back to the beginning at Christmas time 1972, we at J.M.J. Children's Fund are truly grateful for your support and encouragement over the years. Your generosity and encouragement have enabled us to provide food, clothing and hope to countless children in need. Thank you again for making a difference in so many lives. May the Christ-Child bless you and keep you and your families safe over this holiday.

Considerations for a new project in Uganda

JMJ has received a request for funding from Mr Taddio Asaba for Asaba Model Primary School, in Biiso, Buliiso District, Uganda. To get an idea where this is, please see the location of Biiso in



Uganda on the map, which also shows Kenya on the east coast of Africa. Google maps even provides a photograph of the school. We have completed 2 out of 3 checks on the legitimacy of this request.

Mr Taddio would like to support 100 students with room and board, medical expenses, school fees, books and



school uniforms. This amounts to \$200 per child per year.

Before JMJ can fund this project, we need to estimate our level of ongoing support, and this is where you can help. Last year our disbursements were equal to givings; so, in order to take up this project, we are asking you to help us. Please email us at JMJdonate72@gmail.com with your pledge so that we can determine the level of assistance we will be able to provide.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL STORY AT MARY IMMACULATE ACADEMY FOR JMJ MEMBERS

JMJ Sponsorship has always given an opportunity to orphans, poor and the most vulnerable children in Chipata to access their early childhood education at Mary Immaculate Academy at the Kindergarten level. Valuable donation of the JMJ sponsorship, has always given joy and hope to the kindergarten learners from the families that are faced with the challenges of finances.

Indeed, Mary Immaculate Academy has witnessed another successful story of JMJ Sponsorship of the kindergarten learners. Three (3) of the sponsored learners have graduated today, the 1st December 2023. JMJ Sponsorships have put smiles on the faces of so many kindergarten learners that have passed through Mary Immaculate Academy. JMJ Sponsors have confirmed their dedication to

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support Mary Immaculate Academy kindergarten learners. Thanks to JMJ education program that has enabled these 3 kindergarten learners to graduate with distinctions. JMJ has brought great joy not only to the graduated learners but also to their parents, guardians and the surrounding community.



The three (3) JMJ Kindergarten graduates are leaving Mary Immaculate Academy with grateful hearts to JMJ for giving them this great opportunity to access quality kindergarten education, they are grateful to the MIC Sisters and to the teachers.

The 3 JMJ sponsored kindergarten graduates will miss the friends they have known at Mary Immaculate Academy.

The experience of having a child being educated at the school of the MIC Sisters, is a desire of every parent/guardian in Chipata, Zambia.

Most of the graduates were enrolled at Mary Immaculate Academy at the kindergarten when they were 3 years old. Some of them have graduated at 5 years and 10 months old while others at 5 years and 11 months. These kindergarten graduates will begin their grade one (1) primary school level or elementary in January 2024, next month.

Very often, JMJ Sponsorship to the kindergarten level, awakens a special desire among the sponsored learners to continue accessing their primary school or elementary education at Mary Immaculate Academy with the MIC Sisters. All in all, JMJ sponsored at Mary Immaculate Academy is only for



the kindergarten level. At the end of the kindergarten sponsorship, the learners proceed to other schools where quality education has been compromised resulting to overcrowded pupils in classrooms.

It is the prayer of Mary Immaculate Academy that JMJ will continue empowering kindergarten learners through these sponsorship and also add a component to sponsor at least ten (10) primary school or elementary learners from grade one (1) to seven (7) to let them proceed with the desired quality education offered by the MIC Sisters at Mary Immaculate Academy.

By Sr. Emelda Emma Katongo, mic

Annual General Meeting

Please take notice that the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Corporation of the JMJ Children's Fund of Canada will be held, virtually, on Wednesday January 31, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is:

1. To receive and consider the annual accounts.
2. To ratify all acts of the Directors of the Corporation during the preceding year.
3. To transact any other business.

If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please RSVP before January 25th by telephoning Dominic at 613 565 4779.

A proxy form will be sent out separately.

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