

GRACE INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

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ABOUT LULWANDA CHILDREN'S HOME

Lulwanda Children's Home, which opened its doors on December 1, 2004, was the first children's home established by GICF. Lulwanda's facilities include a kitchen, laundry room, boys' and girls' bathhouses, boys' and girls' dormitories, living areas, and a large garden which provides some of the food for the Home. The children's home now houses 45 orphaned or abandoned children between the ages of 3 and 7.

Before coming to Lulwanda Children's Home, these children had no one to care for them. Now they are thriving in a healthy environment. Children attend school within the home, learning basic life skills, English, math, and a variety of other subjects. Three classes (pre-school, kindergarten and first grade) are held simultaneously for five hours daily, five days per week. The children also receive regular medical care, nutritious meals, and lots of play time – all in a warm family environment that promotes bonding between the children, their house moms, and the rest of the staff members.

During 2006, Lulwanda Children's Home plans to expand its facilities. This expansion will enhance the functioning of the facility by adding an on site Administrator's House and an enclosed outdoor cooking facility. Lulwanda Children's Home is also in the process of designing and estimating an expansion that will nearly double the home's capacity, to about 90 children. The new construction will also add a block of classrooms to allow expansion of the educational program from kindergarten through the primary grades.



GICF MISSION STATEMENT

Grace International Children's Foundation was created to address the urgent need to care for children abandoned or left orphans by the AIDS epidemic in Uganda and the rest of East Africa.

Organized by Grace Community Bible Church of Richmond, Texas, and the Presbyterian Church in Uganda, GICF is a private, international charitable group organized for the purposes of building and operating children's homes for these children. GICF is a body of volunteers from all walks of life – medical professionals, homemakers, engineers, accountants – each committed to helping however they can.

GICF operates in Uganda under our subsidiary, Grace International Children's Foundation Ltd., a registered NGO (Non-Governmental Organization). Our operating arm in the United States is GICF USA Inc., which the IRS has granted 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

In 2004, GICF built its first children's home, the Lulwanda Children's Home, near the city of Mbale. Lulwanda Children's Home began Operations on December 1, 2004.

BOARD MEMBERS

Members of the GICF Board:

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GICF is seeking child sponsorships and one-time contributions for the Lulwanda Children's Home operations and future expansions. Your generous support will help GICF reach the children of AIDS-stricken East Africa.

FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS

Our Needs:

GICF is raising funds to cover ongoing operating costs at Lulwanda Children's Home, as it continues to grow. In addition, Lulwanda is in need of several specific equipment or facility upgrades. A donation designated for one of these needs would make a huge improvement to the long term future of Lulwanda:

- road work to improve the site access road (approx \$4,000)
- new classrooms for primary education (\$5000 per room for 20 children)
- purchase farmland for food production (\$10,000)
- new computers for computer based training of children and staff (\$10,000)
- soundproofing of assembly hall in Main Building (\$15,000)
- new Phase II living quarters for additional children (\$25,000)

Funds given to GICF will be directly used to benefit the children through the operation of LCH, as GICF has no paid staff outside of Uganda. Approximately 95% of GICF funding goes to Lulwanda, and only 5% to administration and fundraising expenses in the USA.

CHILD SPONSORSHIP

You don't have to travel to Africa to help an orphaned child. For only \$30 per month, you can sponsor a child and support the work of Lulwanda Children's Home.

Your sponsorship of an orphaned or abandoned child will help cover the costs of caring for the child you select. You will receive a photo and brief biography, plus semi-annual updates from the Lulwanda staff on the progress of your sponsored child. You will also be able to send brief messages and birthday cards to Lulwanda for delivery to your child.

Unlike some sponsorship programs, where the children live at home usually with their parents and the sponsor provides a modest supplement, Lulwanda provides for the entire care of the children. This includes accommodations, food, clothing, medical care, playtime equipment, and education. In order to cover the operating costs for these complete services, multiple sponsors are necessary for each child.

If you wish to sponsor one or more children, please complete the sponsorship form and mail it to GICF. We will send you photos and biographies with which to select your child, or we can make the selection for you. You can pay by check monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

All donations (private or corporate) are fully tax deductible in the U.S. and receipts will be issued annually.

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