

# CHRISTALIS 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT • • •

Dear Family,

Thank you so much for your continued support of Christalis and our projects. We are so grateful to God for every one of our donors and sponsors. God has used you in mighty ways to help us in 2013. Without your financial support we would not be able to help our children.

We are also grateful to God for our many dedicated volunteers and board members. Every volunteer puts in about 2-8 hours of their time on a weekly basis in order to maintain our current programs. Without their hard work and dedication we would not be moving forward. Please visit our website to see a list of our leadership family.

Mother Theresa is one of my hero's. I love this quote by her "Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same" Here at Christalis this is what we feel. Our hearts are full of love for not only the children we serve but also for the ones we are longing to help. As every day passes our desire to help more children deepens. We pray that God will allow us to serve Him more in 2014.

Gratefully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shalini David', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Shalini David  
CEO & President

## SPECIAL THANKS • • •

A Very Special thank you to the following individuals and organizations:

**Arlene & Manoj Paulson** along with **Deepa James** chaired our French Market and Silent Auction. Due to their planning and execution 2013 was the first year we met all our expenses without having to borrow funds. They not only provided us with stability for the year but they showed us what we are capable of doing with God's help.

We are so grateful to **Jerry Woods, Spencer White, & WGTS 91.9** for featuring our cause on their morning show and promoting the French Market & Silent Auction. They not only promoted our event, but they came out and supported us. Their kindness will never be forgotten.

**Global Television Network & Mrs. Nilema Mehra** have been a constant support to Christalis not only financially but also through featuring us on their network anytime we have an event or a need. Mrs. Mehra's care for us is greatly appreciated.

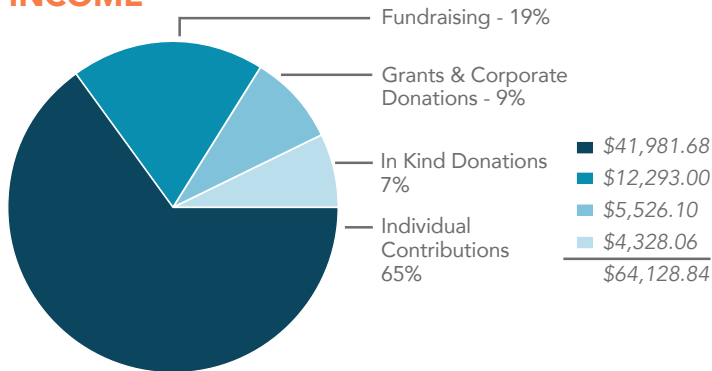
As always with every year there are joys and there are sorrows and for 2013 our saddest loss was the passing of **Mr. David Slade** the founder of the **SladeChild Foundation**. SladeChild foundation has been supporting Christalis since 2012. Their grant provides for part of our food costs for the Christalis Home. David Slade was an amazing man who sacrificed his life to provide basic needs for children all over this world.



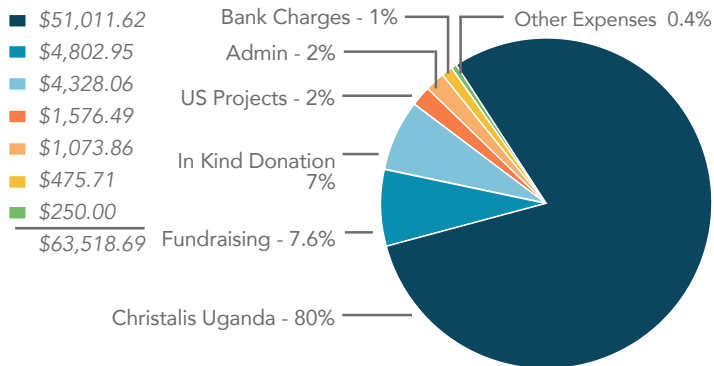
*"Do whatever you can do to help. Don't just talk about it, do it!" - David Slade*

# FINANCIALS • • •

## INCOME



## EXPENSES



\*Fundraising and Admin cost covered by Board Members

## CHRISTALIS HOME

We provided a home with a family atmosphere, basic needs and opportunities to succeed to 29 children this year. Our children enjoyed 3 parties, christmas gifts, and a special shipment of books, book bags and shoes.

**Our Garden:** It is our desire that our home will one day be self-sufficient. Our children in the home have been helping cultivate our land during their breaks from school. We have 4.75 Acres in Rugandabara. The maize that was produced lasted for six months. In 2013 we built a small two room store house for shelter and supplies.

### Our children ranged from 1-23yrs

Primary School: 12

Secondary School: 8

Advanced level high School: 3

Certificate Course: 4

College: 1

Certificate Courses: 3 (completed in 2013)



**Masereka Kibenze** completed a 2 year certificate course in tourism & hotel management. Kibenze, an orphan, was brought to our home at the age of 15, by his school teacher who knew of his medical/psychological challenges. Kibenze's success is due to the support of our family and his sponsor **Mr. Paul Allen**, who has supported him emotionally, financially and spiritually.



**Kabughu Melvin** (22yrs) is our first girl to get married. Melvin came to us at 14 years when her mother passed away, and her ill father was unable to care for her and her siblings. Melvin has been able to move forward by completing a one year accounting course and achieving her goals. We are so grateful to **Mrs. Spence Iyadurai** for not only supporting Melvin for the past 7.5 years but for taking a genuine interest in staying connected with her and providing her with all her wishes.



**Kahambu Delilah** (21yrs) came to the Christalis home in 2012 with her three young children. Delilah's husband had recently abandoned her and their children and being an orphan herself, she had no extended family to rely on. At the Christalis home, Delilah completed a tailoring course in 2013. She currently lives and works as a cook in our home. Her long term goal is to have the finances and skills needed to leave our home and support her family.

## ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

39 children were provided tuition, books, uniforms, school shoes and other basic needs.

2013 was the first time we were able to provide Christmas gifts to the children in this program. We also provided new tennis shoes for the children in this program.

### Milestones

High School Graduates: 3

**Asingya Harriet's** (17yrs) father died while she was very young and her mother works as a sweeper in her local church. Asingya's brother also passed away and left his two young children in the care of her mother. Asingya's mother was unable to pay for Asingya's tuition because she had to provide for the entire family on her meager salary. Asingya's mother came to Christalis for assistance and we were able to provide funds for Asingya to finish high school. Currently Asingya is taking a tailoring class so that she can support her family.



## MEAL PROGRAM

Two out of five children are malnourished in Uganda. *USA AID (2010)The Analysis of the nutrition situation in Uganda.* At the Christalis home, we feed a total of 45-50 children everyday. 10-15 of these children do not live in our home. We provide nutritious meals that include proteins, carbs and vegetables. We also provide milk for all the younger children. This was the first year we were able to provide Christmas gifts for all the children in this program as well.

**Muhindo Brenda's** parents passed away and was being cared for by her grandfather. She didn't attend school because her grandfather couldn't afford to pay the tuition. A family friend took Muhindo, but was too poor to provide her food. During lunch time, Muhindo would sit under the tree at school while others went home for lunch. One of our children at the Christalis home realized what was happening and invited her home for lunch. Through the Christalis meal program, Muhindo is able to have lunch every day while attending school.





## LILLY'S GIFT

Provided 400 Christmas gifts to 175 children in the following programs:

### **Dream Academy**

Serves children who have at least 1 parent who is incarcerated.



### **Baltimore City Welfare Program**

We provided gifts to the children whose families are on complete welfare. *(No pictures due to confidentiality)*

### **UB CFCC Truancy Court Program**

Children who are in the Truancy Court System  
*(No pictures due to confidentiality)*

## DEVELOPMENT • • •

### **French Market and Silent Auction**

This was our first big fundraiser. Activities included French food, flowers, entertainment, crafts, juggling shows, facepainting, caricatures, music and a silent auction. Attendants bid on coveted items such as a Disney World vacations, flying lessons, and flat screen TVs. Everyone had a fantastic time and over \$8,000 was raised.



### **Southern Asian SDA Church:**

Featured us during World Orphans Day, we were able to show a short presentation on our Home and the members donated generously.

Other smaller fundraisers included **Events Rentals, Poker Tournament, Good Search & Amazon Smile.**

# GOALS FOR 2014 • • •

## 1) **To build a home**

We have been renting a home for the past 8 years. We would like to build a home that houses 40 children and staff along with office space for the managers of our programs.

## 2) **Give the gift of education**

We would like to increase the service of our Assistance program to 50 children by enlisting 20 more sponsors.

## 3) **Transportation**

We would like to purchase a 4 wheel drive truck to transport groceries, children, and staff to school, the garden and other activities.

## 4) **Christmas Cheer**

We would like to provide Christmas gifts to 200 children in need.



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