

## October Newsletter 2021

Dear Supporters,

### Ugandan Schools closed until January 2022

As many of you will be aware, the President of Uganda has announced that primary schools will not reopen until January 2022. This is obviously very disappointing news for the children and staff at the **Nabugabo Community Learning Centre** particularly the youngest classes who have now been absent from school for over 18 months. Whilst the Presidents tough lockdown policies in the fight against Covid has resulted in a relatively modest death toll, it has come at a severe cost. If the direct health impact of the Pandemic has been relatively minor, the knock on social and economic impacts have been devastating:

- Unicef cites a 22.5% increase in pregnancies from March 2020 to June 2021 among girls and women aged 10 – 24.
- Poverty has increased.
- Domestic violence has soared.
- The fight against deadly diseases such as Malaria and Aids has suffered.
- Many teachers have been forced to find other employment and may not ever return to education.

### Teachers working hard to help the Children in the Community



This is a very sad and depressing read and it is clear that the children, staff and community in Nabugabo need your support more than ever. However, without **your continued donations and fundraising**, especially over the last 18 months, the situation would be a lot worse. Whilst the school is closed, the staff have arranged individual class activities on different days of the week involving sport and arts and crafts. Most importantly, this also includes a **hot meal and an opportunity to see a friendly face**, whether it be a teacher or friend.

Whilst January is still some time away, **the teachers and staff at NCLC** are working hard at school and in the community, in preparation, so that they can hit the ground running next year when the school will reopen, and we can welcome all the children back. Thanks to your support, all our staff are double vaccinated.

From a UK perspective, Uganda has now come off the red list and **trustees of HUGE** are already booked to visit in December to help with the preparations and to take out much needed uniform and resources.

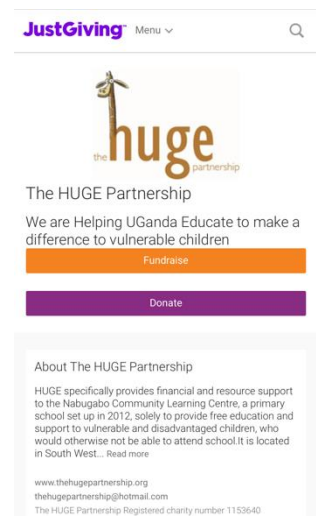
## HUGE switches Charity Platform

On a charity related matter, Huges since its creation in 2013 has used Virgin Money Giving as our donation and fundraising platform in the UK. However, in a surprise move, Virgin Money Giving is to close on the 30th of November 2021. In light of this we have changed our charity platform to JustGiving which is tried and tested from a donation and fundraising objective. We look forward to working with **JustGiving** to reach more people and importantly raise more money for the children and community in Nabugabo. Our website has been updated and the new JustGiving link is below:

<https://justgiving.com/hugepartnership>

## A HUGE Thank You to all our Supporters!

Finally, we would like to thank **ALL** our Supporters for the fantastic support they give to Nabugabo especially in difficult times. We would particularly like to thank **Sotogrande International School** who always keep NCLC in the forefront of their hearts and have been truly amazing in raising such significant sums. We would also like to thank **Dulwich Prep London** who have also committed to fundraise, and we look forward to hearing news and photos of the event.



The screenshot shows the JustGiving website interface for the HUGE Partnership. At the top, there is a search bar and a 'Menu' dropdown. Below this is the HUGE logo, which consists of a giraffe head above the word 'huge' in a stylized font, with 'the' to the left and 'partnership' below it. Underneath the logo, the text reads 'The HUGE Partnership' and 'We are Helping UGanda Educate to make a difference to vulnerable children'. There are two prominent buttons: an orange 'Fundraise' button and a purple 'Donate' button. Below these buttons is a section titled 'About The HUGE Partnership' which contains a short paragraph about the organization's mission and contact information, including the website 'www.thehugepartnership.org', the email 'thehugepartnership@hotmail.com', and the registered charity number '1153640'.



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## The HUGE Partnership

The HUGE Partnership is UK registered charity which has been set up to make a difference to children in Uganda. It specifically provides financial and resource support to the Nabugabo Community Learning Centre, a primary school set up originally by David and Judy Batten solely to provide free education and support to vulnerable and disadvantaged children, who would otherwise not be able to attend school.

If you have a specific query or would like to speak to one of the Trustees please email **Mel Batten** at [melanie.brandon@icloud.com](mailto:melanie.brandon@icloud.com).

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