

Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation ANNUAL REPORT 2024

LETTER FROM THE BOARD Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation

Wow, what a year it has been for all of us! As we take this opportunity to reflect on the time since our 2024 Annual General Meeting, it is truly inspiring to see the courage and accomplishments demonstrated within the BLCDF community.

It has been a year of innovation, frustration, humour and significant learning. School programs and women's activities continued throughout the year.

The staff, volunteers and friends of BLCDF demonstrated incredible commitment throughout the year, and we commend everyone for the great work done so well.

The foundation of strong understanding and programming built by our founders will continue to guide us well as we navigate through our next year.

We have incredible strength and hope in the strong connections that God will continue to open. We thank the school staff, volunteers, and board for their commitment, expertise, and passion.

Your service to those who have experienced abuse and trauma provides valuable learning skills and strategies to work towards a future of independence.

Your contributions support today's learners and, in the future, finding their voices and places in the world. Thank you to each of you for supporting BLCDF. We send wishes of health, safety and growth to the entire BLCDF community and look forward to the best in 2025.

Thank you. Maree Cutler-Naroba Board Chair BLCDF ASCS



**CEO MESSAGE** Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation

Dear Supporters, Partners, and Friends,

Reflecting on 2024, I am filled with a sense of pride and accomplishment. Pride in our main partner and cofounders: the Naroba family, our amazing group of board members, and foundation school staff members who give their time, energy and passion every day to ensuring that our children and women have the services and support that they need.

Seeing the whole vision come to life and developing to what it is to date, has been impressive. In the past year, our hard-working team has expanded capacity by almost 200 children, as learners in our foundation school; and have greatly impacted the lives of women in the community where we serve.

Over the past year, Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation has continued providing vital support and services to all our needy children through Agape Star Christian School. From our scholarship-andschool support programs to our innovative women's mentor services and skilling programs, we have remained steadfast in our efforts to support children, and women as they overcome obstacles and build brighter futures for themselves and their families.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for the foundation.

As we further develop our school, we are more committed than ever to expanding our impact and providing secondary school facilities to our children, as they will need the school most in the next two to three years. Whether it's through expanding our innovative programs, enhancing our women's skilling services, or seeking new partnerships with community organisations and overseas supporters, we are dedicated to building a stronger, more resilient community for all.

None of this would be possible without the generous support of our donors, community partners, and supporters. Your unwavering commitment to our mission inspires us every day, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support.

As we embark on the next chapter of our journey, I am filled with optimism and hope for the future of our foundation projects. Together, we will continue to create positive change and transform lives in our community as we strive for the well-being and safety for all.

Warm regards, Steven Wamala BLCDF Founder and CEO ASCS CEO and Co-Principal





#### **Our Vision**

**EVERY CHILD** has the right to be respected, the right to **DREAM**, the right to be loved and cared for, the right to have their gifts recognised and valued, the right to achieve their **GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL**.

#### Our Mission

Making disciples of Jesus Christ through authentic relationships, excellent education and strengthened communities.

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again". 2 Corinthians 5: 14-15



### AGAPE STAR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Thanks to everyone who has been and is part of the development of our foundation school.

We are grateful for the support from our partners; including local supporters.

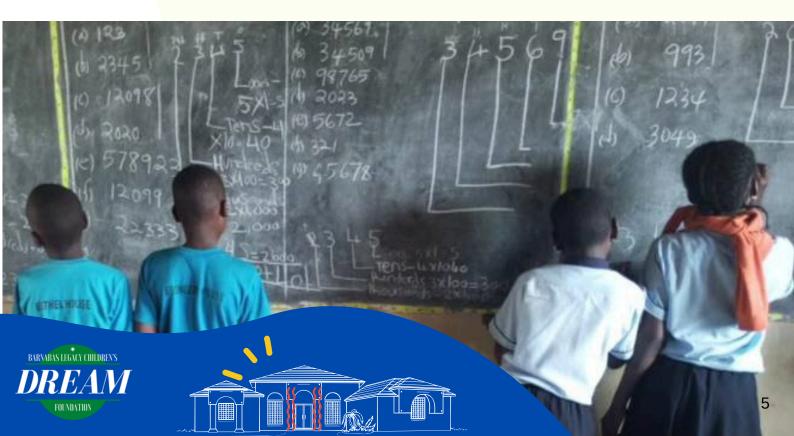
Our foundation school was able to expand to 202 students this past.

In 2024, we added a dining shade, an office place for the school, and for the foundation based at school.

Two dorm facilities were started. This exciting new project will house 12 to 15 female and 12 to 15 male students. One structure is for boys and another one for girls.

The goal of these dorm facilities is to reduce barriers to accessing school especially by those travelling longer distances, and in turn increase overall performance and wellness for children.

In collaboration with our donors and supporters based in New Zealand and Australia, Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation launched its 2024 scholarship program for children within the foundation and with very critical need. With one family/individual supporting, a child is able to live in school un-disturbed and enjoying full education rights. This collaboration within the local community is an essential addition to the school community.



### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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BLCDF staff found creative ways to connect with the community through the Arise Women in Business projects.

Some notable activities included tailoring, baking and farming.

We continued to use our platform to advocate for social and financial change.

We engaged women in saving schemes and sharing of inspiring stories of graduates who had already mastered some skills. It was a year of learning and reflection.

Through support from our donors and supporters, women acquired the following in 2024:

- An extra sewing, machine; and with more 6 ladies added unto the training class.
- An electric passion juice blender for use at the project's business shop.
- An electric fridge to keep drinks sold at the business shop cool and well preserved all the time.
- Mannequins for use by the tailoring team in setting up their fashion and designed dresses on display, and for sale at the project's business shop.
- Hiring of projects garden was extended for a further 4 years, starting June 2024.
- A monthly contribution to support women in their farm business.



### FINANCIAL REPORT Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation

### FINANCIAL REPORT - SUMMARY

#### Donations/Expenses - Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation

#### Donations received in 2024

Major d <mark>onations (operations costs)</mark>	50.05%	\$10,350.00
Donati <mark>ons – on Incidental costs</mark>		\$1,250.00
Local support (DWIB C & Non BLCDF)	30.76%	\$1,404.82
Student scholarships	19.19%	\$1,894.00
Total Don <mark>ations</mark>	100%	\$14,898.82
Total funds received in 2024		\$14,898.82



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#### **Expenses Description**

#### Development funds to Agape Star Christian School

Expense	Amount	Percentage
Salaries & Wages	\$5,065.60	34
Daily school operations	\$1,638.90	11
Maintenance, repairs & building	\$5,512.60	37
Arise Women in Business projects	\$1,191.90	08
Bank & Accounting	\$1,489.90	10

**School operations** is a 'catchall' term for expenses that would include printing, copying, electricity, supplies, school garden, diesel fuel for van tires.

**Salaries & Wages** include payment for teachers, facilitation for group members, custodians, night watchmen & their supplies.



# **GRATITUDE** Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation

Barnabas Legacy Children's Dream Foundation is a community in the truest sense of the word.

We are deeply grateful for our wide network of supporters, partners, and friends.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collective vision of a world where all our school children and women's lives were impacted.

Your participation helps to break the cycles of violence, poverty and isolation, and introduce the opportunity to achieve safety, education and personal control in the lives of our people.

## CONCLUSION

As we begin 2025, we will continue to reflect on the incredible support and generosity that has always helped us make a difference this past year.

Together we've changed lives, inspired dreams, and built brighter futures for children in need.

Here is to a new year filled with hope, growth, and endless possibilities.

Let's continue to dream big and make a lasting impact – one step at a time. Thank you for being part of our journey. Cheers to a year of kindness and purpose!

#### **Blessings!!**

