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Cariboo Gate

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Laying the *foundations.*

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"Everyone has the right to a safe and healthy life, whatever their social background."

1 · MISSION

Better lives, built through skills.

The Foundation's mission is to structurally improve the wellbeing and quality of life of vulnerable refugees and community groups in Uganda by offering vocational training in masonry, carpentry, computers, tailoring and agriculture, combined with counselling. It supports orphans, people with disabilities and widows from extremely poor families, strengthens their self-reliance and gives them a better future.

To do this, the Foundation works closely with its Ugandan partner, Bweyale Vocational Education (BVE). Raising funds, informing and motivating people in Canada to support this goal is the mission of Cariboo Gate Foundation.

Vision

We strive for a society in which vulnerable refugees and community groups receive equal opportunities and can take part in society.

HOW WE RAISE FUNDS

Contacts
With church congregations, individuals and companies.

Grants
Applying for subsidies and grants.

Giving
One-time or recurring gifts, sponsorship and legacies.

Actions
Offering or supporting campaigns and activities.

Fundraising is small-scale but effective: direct contact with existing relations, private and business, and finding new donors by letter, email and phone. By working with local churches and volunteers we build a strong network that contributes financially and socially to the success of our projects.

2 · CURRENT SITUATION

A year of *firsts.*

2023–2024 was a special year for Cariboo Gate Foundation. A new organisation laid its foundations, shaped its mission and took its first steps.

The Foundation was set up to help refugees and people in extreme poverty in Uganda through education, infrastructure and economic strengthening. We do this in close cooperation with BVE, a local organisation in Kiryandongo that works on community development.

Setting up the Foundation required a few initial costs: registration with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce cost $125.59 and developing the website cost $2,075.49.

Thanks to our community and committed donors we raised $14,142.08 together. We gave $11,941.00 to BVE so it could continue its work in Kiryandongo: $10,686.68 for three infrastructure projects and $1,254.32 as liquid funds.

The money was used efficiently and had real impact, resulting in several important infrastructure projects in the region.

$14,142.08
raised in 2024 from the board and a church

$11,941.00
passed on to BVE for projects and liquid funds

84%
of income went to Uganda

Although 2023–2024 was a start-up year, we have already made significant progress with BVE.

THREE PROJECTS, ONE YEAR

PROJECT	WHEN	STATUS	COST
Septic tank	22 Jan – 25 Jun 2024	Completed	$2,116.66
Water well	February 2024	Completed in two weeks	$1,019.13
School foundation	From November 2024	In progress	$7,550.88

PROJECT 1 · 22 JANUARY TO 25 JUNE 2024 · KIRYANDONGO, UGANDA

The septic tank.

BVE's first initiative with our support was digging the ground and installing a septic tank, a vital step toward lasting sanitation in the region. The project was fundamental for the further development of the area.

The local team worked with dedication and perseverance despite some logistical challenges. The septic tank improves sanitary conditions and contributes to more sustainable management of water sources.

Safe water storage and waste management for future infrastructure.

Excavating the pit for the septic tank.

PROJECT 2 · FEBRUARY 2024

The well that took *two weeks.*

Clean drinking water for a community in Kiryandongo.

The well was dug so that the community has access to clean drinking water. It was an essential step in improving living conditions in Kiryandongo. The project brought technical challenges, including unforeseen soil conditions, but thanks to the team's determination the well was completed within two weeks.

The direct benefits are large: access to clean water means less illness, better hygiene and a stronger basis for future community development.

2 weeks from first spade to clean water.

Less illness, better hygiene, a stronger basis for the future.

Cost: $1,019.13

PROJECT 3 · NOVEMBER 2024, ONGOING · FIRST BLOCK 32.11 M × 6.4 M

Foundation *of the school.*

The most ambitious project so far: the first block of a training centre for disadvantaged young people.

The most ambitious project so far is laying the foundation of a school, an important milestone in our mission to offer structural education to disadvantaged young people. The first school block (32.11 m × 6.4 m) has been laid.

This project marks a long-term investment in the community's future. The training centre being built will in time give hundreds of students practical skills with which to build their own economic independence.

Although the foundation was laid in 2024, further construction will take place in the coming years. This project motivates us to keep collecting funds and building partnerships so the school can be fully realised.

Builders laying reinforcement on the foundation wall. Cost in 2024: $7,550.88.

4 · FINANCIAL YEAR 2024

By the *numbers.*

Opening balance on 1 January 2024: $0.00. The bank account was still being opened.

INCOME	2024	2023
Joint initial contribution by the board	$12,887.76	$0.00
Church	$1,254.32	$0.00
Total income	**$14,142.08**	**$0.00**
EXPENDITURE · BVE PROJECTS, UGANDA		
Water well	$1,019.13	$0.00
Septic tank	$2,116.66	$0.00
Building (foundation)	$7,550.88	$0.00
Liquid funds	$1,254.32	$0.00
EXPENDITURE · FOUNDATION COSTS, CANADA		
Canadian Chamber of Commerce	$125.59	$0.00
Website	$2,075.49	$0.00
Total expenditure	**$14,142.08**	**$0.00**
Balance on 31 December 2024	**$0.00**	**$0.00**

84%

of every dollar went to BVE projects in Uganda.

16%

went to start-up costs of the Foundation.

The board and volunteers received no payment. All amounts are in Canadian dollars (CAD). The full financial statement is published separately.

5 · ORGANISATION · CANADA

The Cariboo Gate *Foundation board.*

Five volunteer directors. Two of them are independent of the Foundation's officers and employees. No director is paid.

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5 · ORGANISATION · UGANDA

The Bweyale Vocational *Education board.*

Our partner in Bweyale, Kiryandongo District. Local leadership stays local: we support it, never replace it.

ROLE	NAME
Chair	**Angbada John Kongi**
Treasurer	**Ajok Nancy**
Board member	**Kwaje Joseph**

Thank you to every donor, church and volunteer who made 2024 possible.