Arlington Academy of Hope’s impact flows deep and wide in the communities we serve in the rural mountain region of eastern Uganda.

By providing and supporting quality education from primary school through vocational school or university, we serve students through their formative years. Our Outreach Program works with 26 government-run primary schools to reach thousands of students beyond the walls of our own primary school, Arlington Junior School (AJS). We support feeding programs, provide teacher training, and organize debate tournaments and practice tests. In short, AAH works hard to lift all local students, not just those who are fortunate to attend AJS.

In our medical clinics, we proudly serve community members across the age spectrum. From prenatal care to vaccinations to HIV counseling and general health care, we impact thousands of people each year. Our founders, John and Joyce Wanda, want AAH to build a foundation for hope. Our foundation—which we've constructed with the help of the local Ugandan communities and our US supporters — strengthens and expands each year.

Reflecting on 2016, we are proud of so many accomplishments. Foremost are the 17 impressive AAH students who completed their university studies and graduated with Bachelor’s degrees. We celebrated their success and the laudable achievements of our vocational school graduates at AJS in March and included the graduates’ families, the local community, and our current students. All of our graduates are amazing role models for our primary students who now see students from their own villages who have completed tertiary education and joined the working world!

Additionally in 2016, AAH ensured the continuous operation of the Beatrice Tierney Health Clinic in Bumwalukani with support from the Segal Family Foundation and the tireless work of our Uganda staff and Board. Nearly shuttered last year, the clinic is now at full strength and serving even more patients than we’d hoped. Together with our second Beatrice Tierney Health Clinic in Bupoto, AAH’s clinics served over 19,000 patients in 2016 and are on track to serve even more in 2017. Stateside, our Health Committee works with the clinic staff and local Health Management Committees for each clinic to strengthen our service delivery and programs and to secure additional funding.

We look forward to new and exciting accomplishments in 2017!

From the Founders

A journey of 1,000 miles begins with one step. When AAH’s journey began in 2004, we certainly had no idea how far and how quickly we would travel. Every year has been a new experience. Each year we are amazed by the generosity of both our donors and volunteers who give generously so the children of Uganda can have a hope-filled future. We are grateful that our Ugandan communities have embraced this vision and are active partners. As we celebrate one of our most successful years to date, we aspire to deepen this partnership to reach new heights in 2017!
2016 Contributions

- Individuals 60%
- Companies, Organizations, Schools 36%
- Foundations 4%

2016 Expenses

- Program 84%
- Development 11%
- Management 5%

Contributions Since 2005

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