In 2017, the Arlington Academy of Hope (AAH) made significant and long-lasting strides both in the U.S. and in Uganda.

On the U.S. side, we expanded our operations by renting dedicated office space at Make Offices in Arlington, VA, and by hiring a part-time operations manager to streamline our data management and enhance our donor relations. We strengthened our reporting mechanisms across the board, which includes expanding our U.S. database to house all of our students. That gives us the ability to link them to their sponsors, run class lists, and track their progress through primary, secondary, and post-secondary studies more effectively.

To reinforce our ties with those we serve and empower, we welcomed many Ugandan visitors to the U.S. – the Head Teacher, the Secondary Coordinator, the Program Director, the Bumwalukani Health Clinic Manager, and two outstanding students. These visitors, most of whom were leaving Uganda for the first time, stayed at the homes of AAH Board members and volunteers while speaking at Virginia and Massachusetts schools, meeting donors, and getting to know the U.S. Board better. Visits like these helped to inspire several new U.S. sister schools, including Johnson Elementary School in Natick, MA, and the Advent School in Boston, MA.

In recognition of our successful, sustainable models for education and healthcare on the ground in Uganda, two major partners – She’s the First and the Segal Family Foundation – increased their support to AAH in 2017. We are thrilled to report that we raised the most money in the history of AAH with 70% of the donations coming from committed individual donors. Held every October, our annual gala also raised the bar for both fun and fundraising. Additionally, the U.S. Board approved a new Strategic Plan for 2018-2023, thus ensuring that AAH continues to deliver both results and transparency.

On the Uganda side, many of the education and healthcare leaders visited the U.S. to share their insights with us and learn more about U.S. systems and best practices. With a sponsorship from the United States Telecommunications Training Institute, Bumwalukani clinic manager Anthony learned about the exciting possibilities of telemedicine and also connected with fellow health professionals from the developing world. Our two students, Dorcus and Esther, won Mentees of the Year from their sponsorship organization, She’s the First. The girls spent time in both Arlington and New York City, and their story appeared in Glamour magazine online. (She’s the First is a partner in Glamour’s “The Girl Project.”)

In healthcare, our clinics greatly increased the number of patients we serve from 19,000 last year to over 24,000 in 2017.

Lastly, the Arlington Junior School (AJS) model is spreading! Twenty students at Matuwa Primary School are now sponsored by families at their sister school, Tuckahoe Elementary School in Arlington, VA. We hope to continue to duplicate the successful AAH sister school model through many of our outreach schools. And once again, 100% of AJS’s P7 students passed the Primary Leaving Exam, which allows them to continue their education into secondary school.

We are proud of our intertwined U.S. and Uganda accomplishments! 

**HEALTH**

- **24,072 patients**  
  *(up from 19,434 in 2016)*
- **2,754 malaria treatments**  
  *(up from 2,091 in 2016)*
- **7,596 immunizations to children under one**  
  *(up from 6,336 in 2016)*
- **186 babies delivered**  
  *(up from 169 in 2016)*
- **1,385 patients received HIV counseling**  
  *(up from 1,141 in 2016)*

**EDUCATION**

- **806 students are supported by AAH funds:**
  - **348 primary students at Arlington Junior School**
  - **20 primary students at Matuwa Primary School**
  - **327 secondary students at accredited schools**
  - **111 post-secondary students**
    - **47 tertiary (at certificate & diploma granting institutions)**
    - **64 university (at degree granting institutions)**
  - **100% of Arlington Junior School P7 students passed the Primary Leaving Exam**

**Outreach Program**

- **26 primary schools and impacts 20,312 students**
- **26 new graduates from universities and tertiary programs**
From the Founders

What a special year 2017 was! We are grateful for the generosity of all our donors who make AAH programs in Uganda possible. We value our growing team of volunteers, partners, donors, and supporters here in the US. We also thank the many donors and supporters from the U.S. who visit Uganda each year to volunteer on AAH programs. The Adult Trip in July and the Teen Trip in June have become popular attractions. We are especially grateful and proud of our Ugandan partners who do the actual program work on the ground. Kudos to the AAH Uganda Board, the PTA, the Clinic Committees, the entire staff, and to the students and communities we support!

Thank you for embracing the AAH vision and making our world a better place. May the coming years be even better!