



PCE FOUNDATION

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GIVING A VOICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR
SUPPORTERS (LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL)

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BEATRICE ACHIENG NAS

PCE FOUNDATION'S DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER





INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our very first edition!

At the beginning of this journey, we dared to lobby for sponsorship for the first three students. Now, five years later, we have helped 301 students. I feel so proud of the difference we have made in supporting the education of the rural girl child.

We have literally saved 103 teenage girls from early marriages, illiteracy and dependency. Several have already graduated, and more are working toward graduating as secondary school teachers, primary school teachers, nurses, a doctor, an accountant, and an economist within the next two years.

It has been a huge struggle to keep all these extremely vulnerable, yet deserving students in school. 97% of our funds go directly toward tuition and school fees. The management staff of the PCE Foundation consists entirely of volunteers; we earn no salaries for our services that benefit 24 villages.

As you read this magazine, you may notice that there are several students whose words are included who do not have sponsors - from Nursery (pre-school) to the University levels. To enable them to continue their education, we appeal to you to share this publication with your relatives, friends, social groups, churches, and work associates. As things currently stand, the Foundation will be unable to maintain all the unsponsored students in school for 2017.

For anyone unable to commit to a full sponsorship, one-time donations of any amount would allow us to establish a scholarship fund to help those without sponsors.

We plan to publish an annual magazine and would appreciate your input regarding what you would like us to cover in future editions. Plus, we would like to include YOUR voice in the next edition!

On behalf of the PCE Foundation team and the community, thank you for your generous and kind support. We wish you a very prosperous and joyful new year 2017!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Beatrice

NOSIATA ALWENY OBBO
HEAD OF PCE FOUNDATION'S
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND
MOTHER OF ACHIENG BEATRICE





I head the Department of Agriculture in the PCE Foundation. Currently we have four gardens where we have planted maize, green vegetables, mangoes and pineapples. We have also started a bee keeping project.

The hardest problem in agriculture is bad weather since we depend on nature. There are also sometimes delays in buying seeds for planting. However, the output of this work helps feed parents and children during our meeting days, and I want to thank all the parents for their good team work and team spirit.

Looking back, it has been a difficult journey to get to where we are today. I got married to the late Mr. Obbo when I was only 12 years in 1962 and God blessed us with nine children; 4 boys and 5 girls. I also had 5 step children I took care of and treated as my own; 3 of them permanently lived with me. Out of these 12 children, 9 died and only 3 are still alive today; all girls. While Mr. Obbo was still alive, I experienced a lot of domestic violence and abuse but I chose to live and endure a risky lifestyle because I wanted to care for my children. Life was not easy but we tried different ways of making it a success, income-wise. We did much garden work, sold food, and cooked local waragi because we wanted our children to have a better level of education.

Beatrice (my second last born daughter) studied in Tororo the whole of her primary and ordinary level, but money was not there for her to continue with her advanced level. She started working at her brother's bar in the village and she did this for some good time. Not giving up, I started cooking more local waragi and selling food crops to help her reach advanced levels. My deep appreciation goes to Becky, the sweet lady who helped me with educating my daughter and gave all that she needed at school, until she finished. And I am also very thankful to Beatrice for persevering and being my caretaker too since she got her first job with Barclays Bank.

The existence of PCE Foundation has greatly supported hundreds of children in different schools, colleges, and universities of Uganda. This is a clear reflection of Beatrice's appreciation for the help she received; and now she also helps. Thanks to our mentors, directresses and all the members of PCE Foundation. May we continue with the same spirit.

God bless you all,

Nosiata

SCOVIA KAGULO
CHAIR – PARENTS’ COMMITTEE,
PCE FOUNDATION



Since PCE Foundation started in 2011, I have arranged numerous meetings with parents where we discuss topics such as the education of the children, and the responsibilities of the parents to their children. These include providing them with the basic requirements for school, snacks (roasted maize and nuts) for them to eat to supplement their meals, and helping to finance their transportation, among other issues.

Since the parents in this project have little or no money, they sometimes are unable to provide the basic needs for their children. This shortage of funds also impacts their ability to visit the children on visitation days after they have gone back to school.

Although there are challenges, we have also had many successes and we hope to achieve many more. These include the development of projects such as the Portland Nursery and Primary School, a piggery project, the bee keeping project, mango tree planting, and the construction of our library which is still on-going.

We are also very proud that some students have already graduated from their colleges/universities, and that two more will graduate this year.

Our future plans are to:

- Have our children read in the library during every holiday once the construction is completed.
- Build a secondary school, since most of the children are attending schools far from their homes and families.
- Build a health center for the community.
- Acquire a PCE Foundation bus, to help transport the children to and from the various schools.

Great thanks go to the mentors and the directresses of PCE Foundation, as well as to all who have contributed. This great Foundation has done a lot for the entire community that we never expected!

Love you all,

Scovia

OWERE ALI
COMMUNITY MOBILIZER,
PCE FOUNDATION





My pleasant appreciation goes to our Mentors.

My duty as a mobilizer of PCE Foundation is to disseminate information about the project programs to the doorsteps of every parent. I strive hard to bring development to our country and our community at large, and I have seen the following achievements:

- PCE Foundation has shone a light toward education for our children, and has led to understanding and the beginning of several economic activities like brick making, farming and handcrafts, among others.
- It has brought about strong relationships with different people, both indigenous and abroad.
- It has also introduced sensitization and awareness to the community about dangerous diseases such as Hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS, Syphilis, Gonorrhoea and Malaria, among others.
- It has helped us in educating our children. Personally, if it wasn't for PCE Foundation, I couldn't have paid for my children school fees. I appreciate the Foundation's help greatly. This is the reason I volunteer as a mobilizer, because of what it has done and what it is still doing for the entire community.

As a mobilizer, I do face challenges, especially in reaching children in distant places. Another challenge is the weather, especially during the rainy season when bad roads can make travel very hard.

I close by expressing my deep appreciation to our beloved mentors, supporters of PCE Foundation.

Long live PCE; long live our community!

Owere Ali

AWOR VERONICA
SECRETARY,
PCE FOUNDATION



Dear PCE Foundation, I hereby first thank the almighty God who made you for us. You have wiped away so many tears.

PCE Foundation has brought unity among families. You have brought value to the girl child's education in Tororo and other neighboring districts. I greatly embrace and love your dream.

I am very grateful to be a fruit of this project too. It's my prayer to all that we increase love and learn to pray and lift one another's burden, for God is with us.

Long live PCE, long live the Directors, long live the girls, boys and guardians.

AWOR VERONICA



Portland School Artist: Amy



WADOYO GEORGE
COMMUNITY COORDINATOR
PCE FOUNDATION



I want to thank God for the opportunity to volunteer with the Foundation. PCE has promoted me to several different departments of service. I currently serve as an administrator of the Tororo office in Amor Village, where HIV/AIDS, drunkardness and ignorance are the factors of poverty.

With our programs, we want to change the mindset of the community and help all to embrace development on their own, through participatory approaches. Then we can break all types of negative mentalities that exist in rural Uganda.

I would like to thank the staff of PCE Foundation, the extension workers and volunteers, together with the Headmaster of Portland Nursery and Primary School and all his staff members for the kind and professional work they render to the organization.

Wadoyo George



Portland School Artist: Kevin
(Unsponsored)



OKEYA JAMES
**HEADMASTER, PORTLAND NURSERY
AND PRIMARY SCHOOL**





Esteemed readers, I am privileged to share with you on this platform about our school.

Portland Nursery and Primary School started this year with nine classes: a nursery, comprising of baby, middle and top class, and then primary one to primary six. We now boast of a population of 193 pupils. This number of students has been supported by our strong infrastructure, clean water sources, enough modern furniture, as well as a professional teaching staff.

Our location in a rural setting of Kisoko Amor Village makes the school a community service provider, but it is easily accessible by even the urban population given the good road network.

So far, we have completed 14 classrooms, with only nine currently in use. The other five are awaiting new classes. The buildings are sturdy, and equipped with lightning arresters to ensure safety.

In the next year, we hope to install electricity, construct dormitories for a boarding section, drill a borehole (water source) within the compound for convenient and safe water provision, and have a Uganda National Examination Board Center.

Portland's other goals include establishment of a senior section (secondary school) and a polytechnical program for skills training within the same complex. Much will depend on the success of fund-raising efforts, but if we can achieve these goals, it will benefit the community in a number of different ways. One of the biggest changes would be to allow the children to pursue a higher level of education without having to leave their community and family.

Low funding has resulted in limited outreach and advocacy for education, especially for the girl child. This in turn has prevented us from becoming better known. Through this magazine, we hope to reach out to more people who can support our work here in the grassroots with ideas, funding and other resources.

Portland's mission is to serve the community by providing a quality education to all our pupils. Our goal is to educate our children by providing a range of opportunities in a rich and balanced curriculum that allows each individual to develop physically, socially and morally.

Our motto is "SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE"

Be blessed, Okeya James, Headmaster Portland School

APIO JOSEPHINE
**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE
MANAGER, PCE FOUNDATION**





I work hand in hand with the Director of the Foundation, who is the overall finance administrator in the organization. I offer clear budgetary planning support, advise on the financial implications of all decisions before proceeding, set up and maintain strong financial management policies, and take care to ensure that financial practices are in line with all statutory legislation and donor requirements.

I am passionate about this work. As a volunteer, I help with preparing and maintaining annual auditing schedules, liaising with the bookkeeper and auditors to ensure annual monitoring is performed and that audits are carried out in accordance with PCE Foundation's Finance Management policy.

I would like the whole world to know that PCE Foundation makes the very best use of every donation. This is clearly seen in the great achievements in just five years: the 301 students from 24 different villages being supported, the 100 plus mango trees and the pineapple garden, and all the other successes within the community. These are not achieved through huge amounts of money - rather, it is a result of a huge amount of passion of our dedicated founder, Beatrice Achieng Nas, and a great deal of hard work on the part of the students and community.

Be blessed,

Josephine Apio

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