



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Far Away Friends is a US-based charitable organization that invests in kids, teachers and communities in the Amolatar district of Uganda to meet the educational needs of children with the ultimate goal of ending generational poverty in this rural district of Uganda.

### **Far Away Friends started with a very simple belief: Education is for Everyone.**

Far Away Friends was born from a chance meeting between Collines Angwech from Uganda and Jayme Ward from Colorado. Despite coming from different worlds, they shared a common goal - to provide education to children in need. Collines had survived the LRA War and wanted to create resources for students in her community, while Jayme had a passion for empowering youth without access to the resources she was given as a child.



**CO-FOUNDERS,  
COLLINES ANGWECH &  
JAYME WARD**

After connecting during a presentation, Jayme shared Collines' story and vision with her own community, raising funds for their first project together - a primary school in Uganda. As their community grew, so did the organization, attracting volunteers, donors, and supporters from all over the world who shared their passion and commitment.

Today, Far Away Friends has a thriving network of schools, social enterprises, and educational programs that serve thousands of children in rural Uganda as well as a board of directors with people from five states and a chair from the UK. Despite their growth, the organization remains dedicated to its original vision that was inspired by Collines' perseverance and determination to achieve her goals.

## TIMELINE OF OUR WORK

- **2011 - 13:** Co-founders meet, Jayme visits Collines in Uganda, Fundraising for school building begins, **Average donation size = \$15**
- **2014 (Amount Raised = \$28,000):** Land & bricks are donated, Far Away Friends, Inc. becomes 501(c)3
- **2015 (Annual Budget = \$50,000):** \$13,000 raised at Lakewood High School event, school groundbreaking
- **2016 (Annual Budget = \$78,000):** Global Leaders Primary School opens with 70 students, 1st teacher training workshop
- **2017 (Annual budget = \$107,000):** GLP enrolls nearly 100 students, installs 8 solar panels, receives 3 water tanks, starts Primary 6 class
- **2018 (Annual budget = \$115,000):** GLP enrolls 110 students, adds Primary 7 class, constructs toilets at first "Sister School"
- **2019 (Annual budget = \$170,000):** GLP achieves 100% pass rate for Primary Leaving Examinations, drills a community water well, completes dormitories, provides mattresses to health centers, mentorship sessions for over 250 girls
- **2020 (Annual budget = \$155,000):** Co-founders begin working for FAF full time, provides food aid and face masks to community, launches Distance Learning Program, provides child protection and trauma counseling training, installs 122 desks
- **2021 (Annual budget = \$330,000):** 250 students return to GLP, school renovations continue, solar power and clinic are installed, GLP is ranked #2 best school in district
- **2022 (Annual budget = \$370,000):** FAF hires Operations Director USA, provides 1500 reusable AfriPads kits and solarizes 4 health clinics, enrolls 500 students at GLP, launches Skills for Life program, hosts psychosocial support training, GLP qualifies for district championships, 52 students pass Primary Leaving Exams; 90% of graduating students go onto secondary school (district wide average only 6.4%)





## THE PROBLEM

Uganda is a country of over 40 million people, over half of which are under the age of 18. In rural communities like Amolatar, 75% of those children won't continue their education past 7th grade. Far Away Friends exists to change that trajectory, ensuring that no matter how far the village, quality education is accessible and every student is equipped with the tools to reach graduation.

## GOALS

- 100% of FAF graduates achieve secondary, vocational or University education
- Educational outcomes of students district-wide improve + 50% reduction in teen pregnancy and drop out rate by 2032
- Health centers in Amolatar have adequate and improved lighting, sanitation and hygiene resources to support children
- **Children in Amolatar are equipped to earn more than their parents did, ending generational poverty**

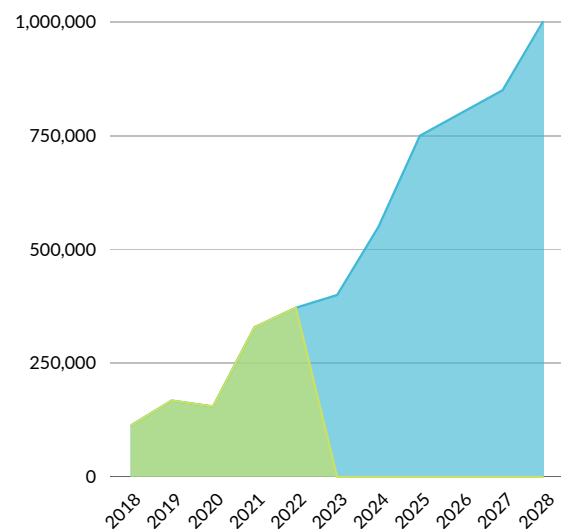
## OUR FUTURE

From 2024-2028, Far Away Friends will implement various developments to achieve their mission. This includes improving GLP facilities, uplifting secondary school infrastructure across the district, expanding staff, building a poultry farm and growing our social enterprises, as well as providing Schools for Schools & Skills for Life Programming to additional partners.

Far Away Friends plans to deliver menstrual hygiene kits to 10,000 girls annually, achieve self-sustainability through social enterprises, train 1,000 teachers, and empower 20,000 participants with the Skills for Life program across 15 schools. These efforts will make a lasting impact on communities worldwide over the next several years, improving access to safe menstrual products, quality education, and life skills.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

To achieve our intended impact and make a lasting difference in the lives of thousands of children in Uganda, we need to increase our annual budget from \$400k to \$750k by 2025. This significant increase in funding will allow us to expand our initiatives, reach more individuals, and create a more significant impact on the communities we serve. With your generous investment, we can continue to deliver menstrual hygiene kits, achieve self-sustainability, train more teachers, and empower more participants with the Skills for Life program. Your support is crucial to our mission, and we invite you to join us on this journey.



**BUDGET SIZE 2018 - 2024**

# BECOME PART OF THE STORY

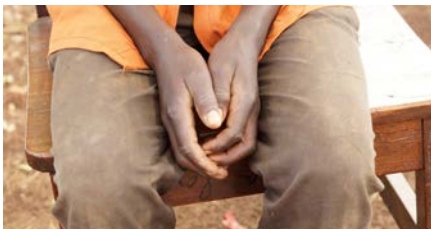
## JOIN US IN CREATING PATHWAYS TOWARD PROSPERITY FOR STUDENTS IN RURAL UGANDA



from crumbling classrooms



from dirt floors



46% of children in rural Uganda  
don't eat 3 meals a day



poor condition of girls toilets  
prevent regular attendance



from traveling for safe water



to sprawling campuses



to a desk for every student



all of our students have access  
to daily meals



we rebuild toilets and provide  
AfriPads kits to keep more girls in school



to safe access on campus  
for the entire community