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## Reaching Beyond Globally Offers Access to Education. Education Offers Independence.

Reaching Beyond Globally's mission is to help any child in financial need pursue higher education, giving them the opportunity to change their life trajectory. By matching a student in need with a donor of financial means, Reaching Beyond Globally will enable each child to further their education and give them opportunities to find a career previously thought impossible.

Reaching Beyond Globally (RBG) was established as a 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation on January 22, 2020. In the first year of operation RBG sent ten students from Deirdre Ann Academy (DAA) to Secondary School. Vicki and Marianne first went to DAA in 2018 to teach ballet to the students of the Primary school. They fell in love with Uganda, and the people they were teaching to dance and wanted to help them achieve their educational goals and ambitions.

In no way could anyone have predicted the pandemic our world is currently facing. All of the students in Uganda from Primary School through Secondary School have been sent home. Reaching Beyond Globally has been encouraged to see the resilience of the students, and to witness their ingenuity when it comes to studying and maintaining their schooling.

Reaching Beyond Globally is fortunate to have a "boots on the ground" agent, and truly would not have been able to accomplish everything they have in this first year without Nalukwago Madrine. Madrine was Deirdre Ann's first Head Teacher. One goal she was passionate about was educating the village, families and students about the importance of education. Her love of the students and education has played a huge role in DAA becoming the success story of the Buseesa District.

Although Madrine is no longer the head teacher she remains committed to the students. She has stepped in to be RBG's "boots on the ground" agent. Madrine has been instrumental in establishing relationships with Head teachers of Secondary Schools, met with the families and students, prepared them for the interview process and took them to their interviews. Once the students received their acceptances, Madrine worked with Reaching Beyond Globally and the Head Teachers to set up the submission of fees from the US. Madrine maintains strong relationships with the students, families and schools, ensuring that any issues or concerns are addressed.



Reaching Beyond Globally's  
First Secondary School Class



# Reaching Beyond Globally's First Year at a Glance

**What has Reaching Beyond Globally accomplished in their first 6 months as a non-profit corporation?**

Through your generosity, RGB has been able to sponsor 10 graduates from DAA, enabling them to attend Secondary School. For some, they are the first members of their families to continue beyond Primary School.

**What are the goals of the students?**

These students aspire to be doctors, accountants, engineers, teachers, and nurses, with the intention of bringing their new skills back to their village to help bring health and change to their families and community.

**How has the Pandemic affected the students?**

The President of Uganda has closed all schools and created a Government run radio/TV program. Some are doing well with this format while others struggle a bit. "The problem that I have is that some teachers on the radio are too fast". All are working hard and preparing to return to school soon.

Reaching Beyond Globally was started by a mother/daughter duo and has been developed primarily by their family. RGB would like to thank Sarah B. Lynch for her many hours and tireless work on our logo and Jon Lynch for his many hours spent setting up our website and helping with all technical aspects of it. Thank you to Marianne Bassing for her work on designing the website, and our social media platforms. Finally, thank you to the Board of Directors: Nikki Gothelf, Jeannine Harrison, Charles Bassing, Marianne Bassing and Vicki Bassing for supporting this dream. Beyond that, we would like to thank the all of you, the donors who have made it possible for Reaching Beyond Globally to accomplish so much in such a short period of time. Without you, ten students would not have had the opportunity to attend Secondary School.



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Marianne Bassing and Nalukwago, Madrine



A young Primary School student gets his first ballet slippers.



Marianne and Vicki Bassing with the Deirdre Ann Academy Head Teacher, Asiimwe, Joseph.



Vicki Bassing dances with Primary School students during a visit to Uganda.