GREEN STAR NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL <u>A HUMBLE REQUEST: PLEASE SPONSOR OUR CHILDREN !</u>

Green Star Nursery and Primary School is a private School I have established in my village. This school started in February last year with three nursery classes Baby class, Middle class and Top class. We had 38 pupils in total of which 7 graduated to go to Primary One.

We now have 125 pupils and expect this will increase to 225 pupils during 2024.

We want our curriculum to be distinctive, and to be such that our pupils learn skills that enable them to thrive in our rural environment. For example, we are:

- 1. establishing an orchard that will provide fruits for our children and the staff.
- 2. establishing a medicinal garden to enable our children to develop a knowledge of their locally available herbs and how to use them to remain healthy.
- 3. protecting the environment through tree planting, and most especially restoring the endangered indigenous tree species.

The only primary school in Nyirivu village and Nyirivu Parish together is Nyirivu Primary school. It is government aided. The school has a total of 1243 pupils. Such a high enrolment compromises the quality of education. In class 1 there are 296 pupils, but in class 7, only 41. The dropout rate is very high, especially for girls.

Due to high levels of illiteracy in the community, there are many cases of domestic violence, land conflicts, a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS, many school drop-outs, early marriages, teenage pregnancies and many single mothers. Most of these mothers do hard labour like brick laying, charcoal burning or firewood selling to earn a living.

<u>Our school fees structure</u> is modest and appropriate given the income level of our rural people.

At the beginning of the term, parents pay 215,000 Uganda Shillings and in the second and third terms, the fees are 150,000 Uganda Shillings per term.

We have 13 children in our school who are cared for by a single carer, 7 children by their mother and 6, who are orphans, by an aunt or grandparent. *(is this correct?)*

We kindly request you to sponsor one or more of them for a term, or even a year. Please see their names and class below.

An investment in a child's education is an investment in that child's future and a contribution to the reduction of poverty. By educating children we break the cycle of poverty caused by teenage mothers bearing children who go on to be teenage parents themselves.

S/N	NAMES	SEX	TERM ONE	TERM TWO	TERM THREE
	BABY CLASS				
1.	Mukoma Rose	Female	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
2.	Opisi Bioncy	Female	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
3	Feta Lawrence	Male	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
	MIDDLE CLASS				
1.	Econi Hurrison	Male	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
2.	Emvikia Grace	Female	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
3.	Drileba Samson	Male	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
4.	Atayo Joseph	Male	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
		•	TOP CLASS		- i
1.	Letasi Prudence	Female	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
2.	Ayiko Divine	Male	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
3.	Alema Faustine	Male	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
	PRIMARY ONE				
1.	Acema Benzamin	Male	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
2.	Mungufeni Festus	Male	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=
3.	Ajikia Roseline	Female	215,000=	150,000=	150,000=

NB: 215,000 Uganda Shillings corresponds to about 54 Euro or £45.

150,000 Uganda Shillings corresponds to about 37,50 Euro or £31,50.

The fees per child per year are129 Euro or £108.

We are registering our school with Arua District Education Department under the Ministry of Education and sports.

Low school fees payment affects us badly. We find it difficult to pay our staff, provide meals, buy children's play and educational materials, buy the necessary books for teaching the children, and to cover the costs of management and administration that includes travelling and communication.

Thank you for your consideration.

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