

HOPE REPORT

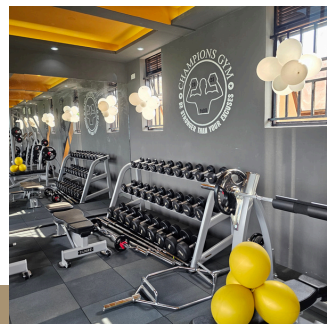
an update from
Fields of Dreams
Uganda



HOPE EMPOWERMENT UPDATES

We were thrilled to open up two new businesses at our Hope Empowerment Center during the month of February. Our Champions Gym and FoDU Futsal Pitch are now open to serve the local community. These businesses have provided four additional jobs at our headquarters, and we have gotten exceptional feedback from the community.

There are a number of local residents and businesses that are renting our Futsal Pitch on a weekly basis, and our membership numbers at the Champions Gym are growing each day. These advancements would not have been possible without gifts from the Boardman, Dixon, Stevenson, and McClanahan families. We cannot thank them enough for their investment in the sustainable efforts of FoDU. We also want to appreciate our head engineer, Juma Kabanda, along with our amazing FoDU Construction team for their efforts.



Power Their Potential

We are less than two weeks away from the start of our 2026 Power Their Potential Campaign. This campaign will run from May 4-10 as we plan to raise \$65,000 for our Ekisa Scholarship Fund. This is a little over half of the funds needed to keep the 400 children that are on the receiving end of our scholarships at various levels of their education. We will be sharing stories during this first full week of May, and we hope that we can count on your support. The potential and giftedness of the children we serve is unmatched, and they are just waiting for the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

Soccer Championships at Bbanda

With the FoDU Futsal Pitch opened in February, it gave the opportunity for our coaches to host our annual soccer championships on this new playing surface. On Thursday, March 26th, our players got to enjoy a day playing in this picture-perfect environment. There was so much pride and joy on display as Nabukalu, St. Kizito, and Kaababbi Bulondo PS all brought home trophies to their campuses. These championship days are always special, and this one was so memorable on our new turf field at Bbanda. A huge shout out to our amazing coaching staff and players for their hard work and dedication.





Name: Joel Rachkara
Position: Soccer Coach (Gulu)
Hire Date: December 2015

Meet our Staff

History:

Joel was forced to drop out of school at a young age, but came back to our former partner school, Bungatira PS, in Gulu when FoDU started their work in the North in 2014. He was the starting goal keeper for our FoDU FC Dreamers and does an incredible job inspiring and working with our young goal keepers.

What do you enjoy most about your position with FoDU?

I enjoy having time with my players and identifying new talent.

Which of our core values resonates with you most in your own life?

Humble servanthood, because it has made me look professional to our FoDU players and helps me focus on serving others as a coach.

What dreams do you have for the future of FoDU's work?

I would like to see some of the players FoDU is working with playing professional football and on the National team of Uganda.



Board Member Spotlight

Meet our newest board member, Abbie Pinnegar. We are thrilled to have her passions, dedication, and deep desire to serve well the children across Uganda that call FoDU family. She is eager to invite her family and friends into this great work and get back to Uganda in the near future to see all of the progress FoDU has made.

Name: Abbie Pinnegar

City you live in: Springfield, MO

Occupation: Therapy Manager and Speech-Language Pathologist

What first attracted you to the work of Fields of Dreams Uganda?

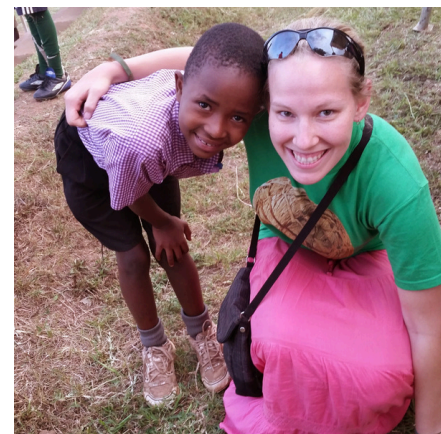
I've loved Uganda since I went in High School. FoDU operates within the same region where I stayed for a summer. I love the people of Africa and was able to see first hand how FoDU makes a difference.

Which of our core values resonates with you most in your own life?

Humble servanthood resonates with me the most because I have a heart for people and a desire to serve. I want to see the needs of individuals around me and serve as Jesus served.

What makes you most excited about serving on FoDU's board?

I am excited to go back to Uganda to see the work that has been accomplished since I was there in 2015 and to actively participate in helping FoDU increase its Sustainability Circle. The more supporters we can obtain, the more children that FoDU can serve in Uganda.





HYGIENE KIT DISTRIBUTION

It is hard to put into words the joy and the dignity that are provided with each hygiene kit that is distributed across our partner campuses each March. Our volunteer team was able to serve alongside our amazing staff members and put a hygiene kit in the hands of every mature female student and staff member across all nine of our partner schools, and into the hands of all of our deserving secondary students.

These hygiene kits are always accompanied by our women of SUBSTANCE training where the girls are reminded that they are strong, unique, beautiful, service-minded, trustworthy, authentic, non-judgmental, compassionate, and educated. In addition to these character traits, the girls are reminded of their great value and worth and challenged to lean into their individual giftedness and passions.

There are thousands of girls that are resting peacefully in their womanhood because of your generosity during our Holiday Hygiene Drive. Thank you for listening to the needs of the children that we serve and validating their worth through your continued kindness. Your gift of a hygiene kit means so much to the thousands of young women that receive them each year. They remind them daily that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved.



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On the Horizon [Important Dates & Events]

- **May 4th-10th, 2026 = Power Their Potential Campaign in US**
- **Thursday, May 28th = FoDU Luncheon at Native Son in Cabool**
- **Saturday, June 20th = Northern Soccer Championships**
- **Sunday, June 21st = Northern Music, Dance & Drama Festival**
- **Thursday, July 23rd = Central Music, Dance & Drama Festival**
- **September 1st-4th = Staff Workshops in Bbanda**
- **Saturday, October 3rd = FoDU 5K for Hope**
- **October 23rd-25th = FoDU Leadership Retreat**
- **December 1st-7th = Holiday Hygiene Drive Campaign in US**
- **February 24th-28th = Strength Through Sports Online Auction**
- **March 9th-27th = Service Trip to Uganda to distribute hygiene kits**

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A Word From Our Executive Director

As I recently returned from my second trip of the year to Uganda, I was taken aback by the incredible job that our staff are doing at engaging our students, their families, and our partner schools. This is also the time of year where we get to visit our Senior 1 students as they have been promoted to their secondary education. For a majority of these students, they are trail blazers for their families, and most never thought this level of education was possible. It is inspiring to see their drive, their appreciation, and their discipline as they start this next chapter of their education. Thank you so much for being a part of this story of hope!

FoDU 5K Sponsors Needed

It is once again that time of year that we are looking for sponsors for our FoDU 5K for Hope that will take place on Saturday, October 3rd. This is a powerful way to get your business in front of thousands of participants, both in your community and around the country. Your name will be on display at the biggest fundraising event of the year for Fields of Dreams Uganda. We will once again have race hubs in Cabool, Missouri, and Evansville, Indiana, as well as hundreds of virtual runners across the US. In addition, we will be running in unity with thousands of our students, family and friends across Uganda.



New Changing Room at Kaababbi

History was rewritten as we opened our newest changing room at Kaababbi Bulondo Primary School. So many from this rural community joined us on Saturday, March 28th, for the ribbon cutting. The parents that were present were overjoyed for the opportunity and dignity afforded to their daughters through this newest FoDU building project. These changing rooms provide a dignified and clean environment for our mature girls to care for themselves during their monthly cycles, to rest when they are not feeling well, and to simply feel special and loved in the process. With so many obstacles in the lives of these brave young women, what a joy it is to remove one of them through this new house.

Join Our Sustainability Circle



We value all of our supporters so very much, but with all of the uncertainty in the world, we are doing our very best to ensure our work continues for generations to come. If you are not already a monthly donor, we encourage you to join our Sustainability Circle as you leave your mark in such a powerful way in the lives of the children we serve in Uganda. Please consider starting or increasing your monthly giving to advance our mission far into the future.

