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Year End
Report

365 days of **2025 | 5095**
Students Served



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As we conclude a remarkable year, we reflect with pride and renewed commitment to help children become educated. Our vision of seeing a world where every child blossoms into a curious, compassionate, and empowered global citizen is steadily becoming a reality through intentional action and shared purpose.

The year **2025** brought both challenges and successes, each offering valuable lessons. Together, they strengthened our understanding of how to refine our approach and more effectively dismantle the barriers that limit access to quality education for tomorrow's leaders.

In the pages that follow, we invite you to see what is possible when mission meets action. Our work extends beyond the notebooks and pencils; it is about nurturing young minds, cultivating empathy, and **building a world where every child, regardless of where they are born, thrives.**

Mission: Unchanged
Our work in 365 Days





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Our Mission

To Bring Education And Health to children living
in remote and extremely poor regions of the
world.





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Because of you, children sat in classrooms and dared to dream.

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Our Year in Review

Our Programs

01 | Education - Materials

We place essential school materials directly into the hands of children and the teachers who help them learn; important tools like notebooks, pencils, rulers, crayons, glue and more, tools that make learning possible.

02 | Health - Menstrual+

We provide reusable menstrual health kits to girls in remote areas of Uganda where access to menstrual care and education is often nonexistent, helping them stay in school with consistency and dignity.

Our Process

01 | Education Support

We identify under served communities, schools, and trusted NGOs and provide essential educational materials and menstrual health kits to promote literacy, dignity, and community engagement.

02 | Impactful Partnerships

Our work is powered by donors and local nonprofit partners who share our belief in education and help extend kindness to children through meaningful, collaborative action.

03 | Literacy Incentives

We encourage literacy and creativity through global connection—elevating children's voices via our Pen pal Program and annual Literary Tournament, where participation builds confidence and dreams are penned to paper.

04 | Elevating Kindness

Through consistent commitment and presence, we demonstrate that compassion can lead to real change. **We choose to participate, not stand by, in building a kinder global future.**

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Our Year in Review Our Programs

Guatemala!



2025 also brought an exciting opportunity to partner with Florece Esperanza, a local initiative that shares our deep commitment to education. Together, Dear Future will bring school materials to children in the Río Negro region of Alta Verapaz, expanding our reach and impact in Guatemala. This partnership allows us to work hand-in-hand with local leaders, ensuring that support reaches children where it is needed most, and that it lasts.



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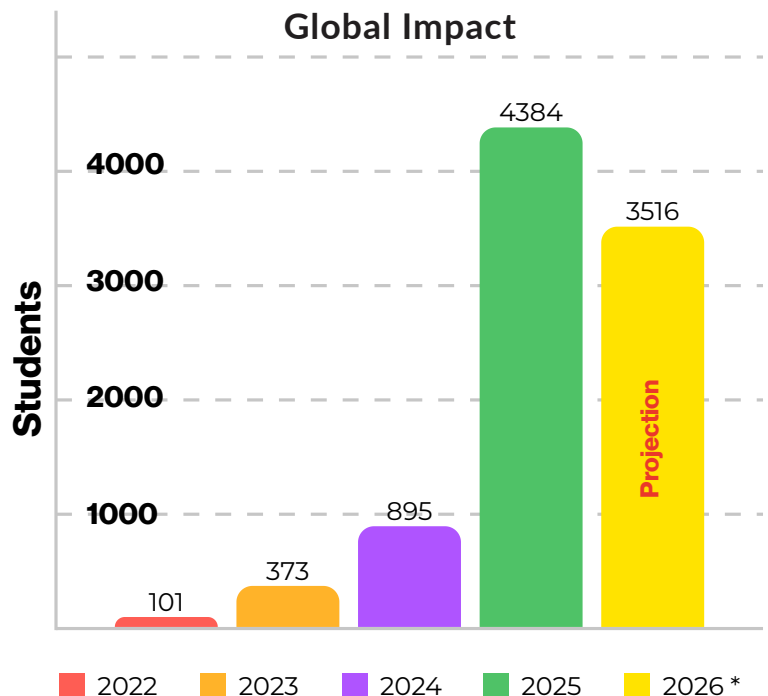
School Materials

We entered 2025 knowing it had the potential to be our strongest year yet. By planning purchases well in advance, we are able to take advantage of lower costs during off-peak seasons; an approach that requires fundraising ahead of delivery and careful alignment between resources and distribution timelines.

This year significantly tested our logistical capacity, as **we quadrupled** the volume of materials distributed across multiple countries. Successfully meeting that challenge was only possible through the strength of our local partnerships. In Uganda, our primary partner, Empathy Children Initiative, played a critical role by supporting storage and coordinating timely local purchases. In Peru, Jose and Cecilia LópezRevoredo, Esmeralda Tarazona, Tito Ayra and all school directors were instrumental across every stage of procurement and delivery.

Our ability to reach thousands of children globally is built on these trusted relationships, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to making our 2025 operations successful.

Global Impact



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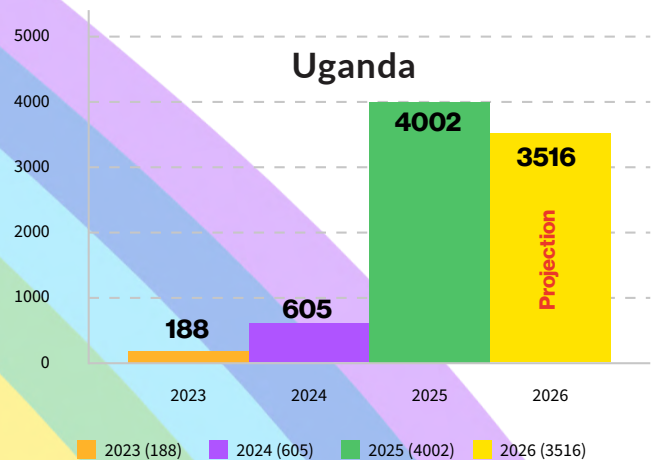
Our Year in Review Uganda

2025 marked Dear Future's largest impact in Uganda to date, driven by a new approach that focused on high-need government schools. In Eastern Uganda, we partnered with Empathy Children to help Lukungu, Mbirabira, and Luwerere Primary Schools, each serving over 800 students in conditions of extreme poverty.

Students received essential learning tools—six notebooks, pencils, a sharpener, and an eraser, addressing the immediate absence of basic materials, while schools received shared supplies including extra pencils, crayons, rulers, and chalk.

School Materials

This model allowed us to support 4,002 students across Uganda, including 3500 in government schools; challenging logistics but informing how our plans should grow.



SCHOOL ENROLMENT FOR 2024			
CLASS	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
P.1	113	77	190
P.2	80	66	146
P.3	219	171	390
P.4	90	86	176
P.5	93	67	160
P.6	73	69	142
P.7	48	49	97
TOTAL	683	568	1251
TEACHERS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
	05	09	14



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Our Year in Review Ugandan Students

2025 School Materials



Trey Jr. Primary and Initial
NM Foundation



Shalom Jr. Primary and Initial
NGO School



Wisdom Primary and Initial
Hilco Foundation



Lukungu Primary
Mayuge Government



Mbirabira Primary
Mayuge Government



Luwerere Primary
Mayuge Government



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Our Year in Review Ugandan Students

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Empathy Children Initiative
Uganda NGO



One of our visits in Eastern Uganda included a stop at Empathy Children Initiative's home in Mayuge. Led by [Henry Katinda](#), ECI supports more than 50 children, providing daily care, education support, tuition, and medical assistance, including ongoing care and medication for many children living with HIV+ diagnosis.

Empathy Children Initiative has become a cornerstone of Dear Future's work in Uganda, and we are proud to continue this journey together in service of children and their futures.



Western Uganda
Kigali District



We began working in Western Uganda alongside longtime friend of the organization and NGO founder [Elly Guard Tumusiime](#). In his role as Local Council 1 (LC1) community leader, Elly coordinated the distribution of school materials to 500 students across local government schools, prioritizing those with the greatest need.

Through his leadership position, Elly has direct insight into local school systems and is able to identify and respond effectively to gaps in access. As he seeks election to LC5 Regional Leader, this partnership has the potential to expand Dear Future's reach even further across the region. We wish him success and look forward to the opportunities ahead.



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Our Year in Review
Uganda - Extras

2025

Soul Materials



More Than a Game

In 2025, Dear Future delivered soccer equipment to 80+ children at the Empathy Children orphanage in Eastern Uganda in two separate visits. For many of these children, the jerseys, shorts, cleats, and training gear were far beyond anything they had ever imagined owning.

In much of Africa, football is more than a sport, it is a shared language, a source of joy, and a pathway to confidence and belonging. Seeing the children put on their kits for the first time was a powerful reminder that dignity, play, and opportunity matter just as much as classroom tools.

This initiative was made possible through our collaboration with [Pablo Futsal Academy](#), whose community helped collect the majority of the equipment. Together, we were able to create moments of pure happiness, and memories that will last far beyond the field.



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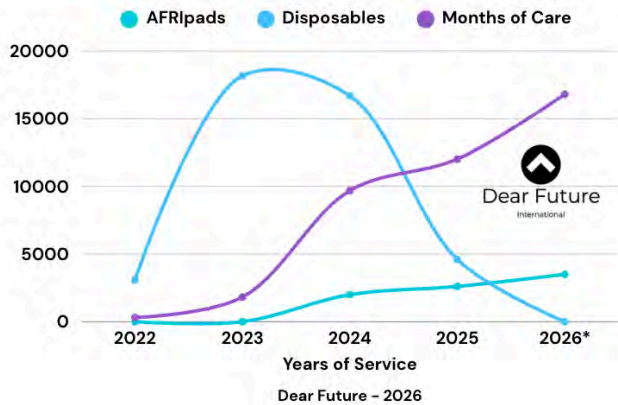


Our Year in Review Uganda - Health

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Health Reusable Hygienic Pads

Her Full Attention
Pads vs. Months of Care



2025 was an inspiring year for our menstrual health program.

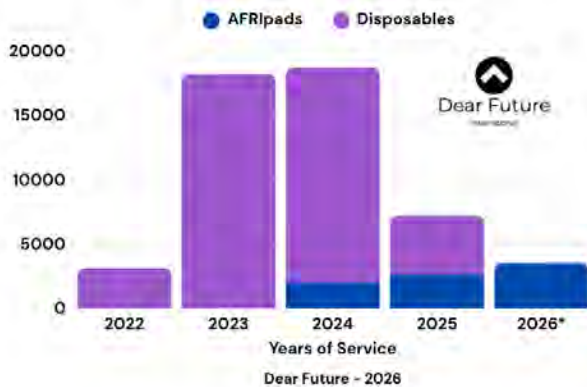
Despite fundraising challenges, we supported **711 girls**, 481 of them with reusable **AFRIpads**, fully emptying our remaining supply of disposable pads.

Transitioning from disposable to reusable products meant serving fewer girls initially, as a reusable kit costs **5x** more upfront. However, the long-term impact is significant: while a disposable pack *may* last up to 1 month, a reusable AFRIpads kit can last at least two years, extending support from 30 days to 24 months.

We are proud of our partnership with Empathy Children Initiative and deeply grateful to **Patience Nakamya**, whose dedication and instruction have empowered hundreds of girls with knowledge, dignity, and confidence.

**2026 Projection*

Her Full Attention
Menstrual Hygiene Program



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Our Year in Review Uganda - Health

Health Reusable Hygienic Pads

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Menstrual Health Program – Survey Insights

In 2025, we conducted a survey among girls ages 10–16 in primary grades up to P7 who received reusable AFRIpads. While the standard age for P7 is 12–13, many respondents were older, reflecting delayed grade progression common in under served communities.

The survey revealed several significant findings:

- **Reduced absenteeism**, confirming that access to reusable menstrual products helps girls stay in school.
- **High satisfaction** with the usability of AFRIpads, including wearing, washing, drying, and storage.
- **Strong positive feedback** on the quality and clarity of the menstrual health training provided.
- **A clear desire for continued education**, with girls expressing interest in additional discussions and future training sessions.

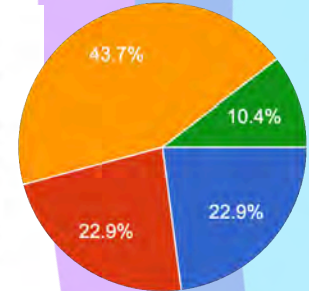
These findings reinforce both the effectiveness of reusable menstrual products and the importance of pairing distribution with education.



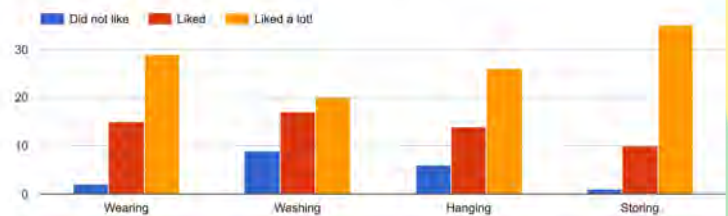
Review the survey here:



● P4
● P5
● P6
● P7

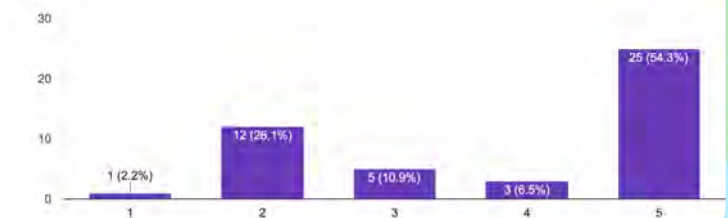


When using the AFRIpads, how comfortable did you feel?



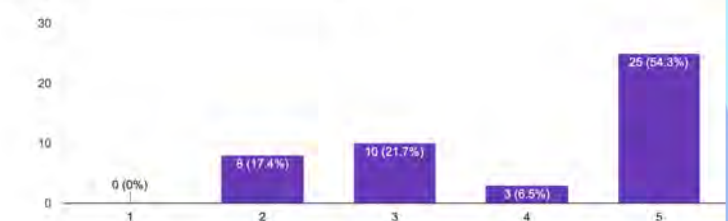
How satisfied are you with your AFRIpads?

46 responses



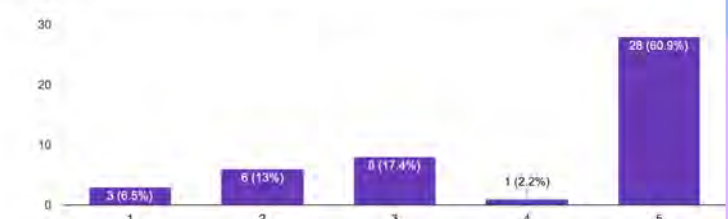
How satisfied are you with the training provided?

46 responses



How much would you like to have more trainings/conversations about menstruation?

46 responses





Our Year in Review Uganda - Health

2025

Health Reusable Hygienic Pads



Partner Trainer Eve Namusisi from NM Foundation training girls at Wisdom Primary



Girls at Bufulubi Primary receive AFRIpads



Girls at Lukindu Primary receive last disposables



Girls at Luubu Primary receive AFRIpads



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Our Year in Review Peru

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School Materials

New schools, new students, same mission!

Our work in Peru continued to grow in 2025, expanding from 7 schools in 2024 to 11 schools in 2025 and increasing the number of students served by 92. This year marked an important milestone with the addition of the Cusco region to our program.

Beginning in San Francisco de Colcha, located approximately three hours south of Cusco, we reached children living in some of the most remote and under served communities in the Andes. Supporting schools in this region exemplifies Dear Future's **global mission**: to bring education and essential resources to children living in isolated areas where access to basic school materials remains limited.



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Our Year in Review Peru - Students

2025

School Materials

Why Cusco?

Since 2023, Dear Future has been exploring opportunities to expand our work into the Cusco region, an area widely known to the world, yet home to many remote and hard-to-reach communities. In the Andes, poverty does not discriminate, and access to education is often determined by distance from commercial and urban centers.

While need exists throughout the Andean region, Cusco offers a unique balance. Unlike more isolated areas, it remains accessible while still reaching deeply rural communities, creating opportunities not only for meaningful impact but also for future engagement and visitation that can strengthen long-term support for our mission.



The price of education

In parts of the Andes, including Cusco, children often cross wide, dangerous rivers alone just to reach school. In communities without bridges, this journey is made using an OROYA, a small cable basket pulled by hand across the river.



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Our Year in Review
Peru - Students

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Schools in Peru

- ☐ San Isidro de Visag - Huanuco
- ☐ Yanayacu Primary - Huanuco
- ☐ Yanayacu Kinder - Huanuco
- ☐ San Jose de Cayran - Huanuco
- ☐ Caserio Carancho - Huanuco
- ☐ San Luis de Llincag - Huanuco
- ☐ San Juan de la Libertad - Huanuco
- ☐ Puca Puca - Huanuco
- ☐ Buenos Aires - Huanuco
- ☐ Casa Hovde Orphanage - Huanuco
- ☐ San Francisco de Colcha - Cusco *
- ☐ Pacopata (Colcha) - Cusco *
- ☐ San Lorenzo (Colcha) - Cusco *
- ☐ CcochirHuay (Colcha) - Cusco **
- ☐ Araypallpa (Colcha) - Cusco **
- ☐ Pampacucho (Colcha) - Cusco **

*2026 | **2027



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Our Year in Review Literary Tournament

2025

School Activities

Our third annual Dear Future Literary Tournament concluded in November with the crowning of a World Champion. This year, 62 qualifying entries from children in **Peru, Uganda, Guatemala, and Jordan** were reviewed—many of them deeply moving the judges with their honesty, imagination, and emotional depth.

The 2025 theme invited students to **write a letter to their future selves**, encouraging them to put dreams, hopes, and determination onto paper. The result was a collection of powerful reflections that reminded us why literacy matters and how deeply children everywhere think about their futures. Below are some of the most impactful excerpts from this year's submissions:

I want the
woman you become to remember the girl who believed in herself and never
gave up.

Yanira Alcedo Gonzales - Peru, World Champion

Dear me, you are healed, rest in peace, if you have the chance to read this,
be sure that I always believed
in you.

Jana Fadi Yassen - Jordan, English Language Excellence Award

Today I can tell you that smiling is worth it, though it takes a lot of effort.

Juan Pablo Rafael - Peru, Spanish Language Excellence Award

When you earn enough money, build a secondary school so that children can
study, pursue a professional career, escape poverty, and help develop your
community.

Khinner Ramirez Trinidad - Peru, Country Excellence Award

help people who are in need of help; orphans, poor and disabled people. You
talked about starting an organization called "One People" to help them.

Birungi Grace - Uganda, Country Excellence Award



Read all the winning letters here:



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Our Year in Review Literary Tournament

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From left: World Champion Yanira (Peru, Hovde Orphanage), Jana Fadi (Jordan, Squash Dreamers NGO), Farah Khaled Ammar (Jordan, Squash Dreamers)



From Left: Khiner Leonel Ramirez (Peru, Cayran), Birungi Grace (Uganda, HILCO NGO), Juan Pablo Rafael (Peru, Cusco)



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Our Year in Review Penpals

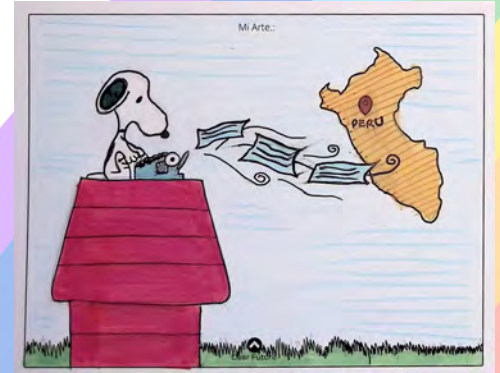
While unpredictable weather in Peru presented daunting logistical hurdles, our commitment to global connection prevailed. We successfully facilitated the exchange of over **700 postcards** between students in Peru, Uganda, and Guatemala.

As evidenced by the breathtaking skill and beauty displayed in the gallery below, these postcards serve as a testament to the students' creativity and vision. The program did more than just nurture empathy; it sparked a genuine sense of wonder. Seeing the consistent joy of children receiving these artistic treasures from across the globe confirms that these meaningful connections have reached far beyond the classroom walls.



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Our Year in Review Trey Jr. Primary



Learn more at:
<https://nmfug.org/>



@NMFUganda

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School Updates



Trey Junior School Progress

In 2023, Dear Future built Trey Junior School in collaboration with (then) the Namugga Mable Foundation; on the first day, we entrusted its management and growth to the (now) NM Foundation. What began with **83 students** has grown into a thriving learning community of **400 children**. We are proud to have been part of its foundation and to witness the remarkable growth that has followed.

Feb 2026 - Update from Executive Director, Eve Namusisi:

"The first phase of construction was very successful, laying a strong foundation for the continued growth of Trey Junior School. We now serve 400 children who are learning in an increasingly supportive and structured environment. Academically, the students have made steady progress, and this year we are proud to have learners promoted to the candidate class. To further strengthen performance, we have engaged additional facilitators who are actively supporting and preparing our students for their national examinations."

Trey Junior School is proof that when a foundation is laid with care, the future rises far beyond what we first imagined.



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Our Year in Review Empathy Community High School



Learn more at:
<https://empathycommunityhighschool.org/>



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School Updates



Scan the QR code to
support the school!



Empathy Community High School

From a dream in 2022 to opening its doors in February 2026, Empathy Community High School stands as a testament to perseverance and partnership. Built alongside Empathy Children Initiative through two years marked by inflation, supply challenges, and funding uncertainty, the school now prepares to welcome more than 250 students, with plans to grow as support continues. We are deeply proud to be partners in bringing secondary education to the remote regions of Eastern Uganda.

Feb 2026, below is an update from the school's Director, Henry Katinda:

"When construction began, the land was empty but the vision was strong: to create a secondary school that would serve vulnerable children in Mayuge who otherwise might not continue their education. In February 2026, Empathy Community High School will officially open its doors. Students are registering in encouraging numbers as we begin our first academic year, starting with Senior one and two.

We are deeply grateful to Dear Future International and all our partners whose steadfast support made this milestone possible despite challenges throughout the year. Their commitment has helped turn vision into reality. This is just the beginning, and we look forward to growing together as we expand access to quality secondary education in eastern Uganda."



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Our Year in Review Thank you

A Message from Us to You,

2025 was our most wonderful year to date, and we owe that to you!

We know the quiet heartbreak of a child sitting in a classroom with a mind ready to learn, but no pencil to write with or notebook to catch the knowledge. Without these simple tools, school stops being a place of hope and becomes a place where a child feels they don't belong.

Because of your support, we've replaced doubt with dignity. This year, classroom hours weren't wasted; they were **filled by the 5,095 smiling faces who received the school materials and hygiene kits** they needed to stay empowered.

The results of that empowerment are breathtaking. You can see it in the 700 cheerful postcards exchanged through our pen pal program and the incredible works of literary art from our annual tournament across **Uganda, Peru, Jordan, and Guatemala**. Each piece a masterpiece of imagination and skill, proving that when a child has the tools, their potential is truly limitless.

In Uganda, you kept girls in school. Thanks to you they are managing their health with confidence, knowing they never have to choose between their bodies and their education; each with tools that last more than 24 months.

We close this year with a promise: we will continue to deliver what is needed most: education. Your support is more than a resource; it is the bridge to a future realized. **Thank you for giving 5,095 children the tools to dream and the opportunity to grow into thriving adults. We couldn't do this without you.**

With gratitude and pride,

The Dear Future Team

Ric Juarez | Fernando Juarez | Jake Litzenberger | Walter Flores | Karen Smaha-Ross



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