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Getting Down to Business







The Arise team in Uganda is getting down to business. Over the past few months we have been constructing a building where we will undertake training in computers and business skills. This building will also become a place where business ideas are birthed and matured.

What problem are we addressing?

While opportunities do exist, it can be difficult for people to establish a successful business in Uganda. Young people completing school or university expect to find a job in a market where few traditional career paths are available.

Opportunity for these young people presents itself through entrepreneurial business. The problem we see however is that young people emerge out of school with no skills to identify a market and take advantage of it.

How will we address the problem?

The Creation Hive is an initiative designed and run by both locals and Arise staff. It is aimed at helping young people explore entrepreneurial and traditional business skills using a curriculum developed in Uganda for youth.

Participants will learn to examine community needs and identify markets. Real life opportunities will be considered and learners will analyze business solutions that meet a specific need.

Social entrepreneurs look for ways to develop their communities as part of establishing a successful business. Creation Hive will encourage young people to be transformational in their communities while at the same time providing an income for themselves and others.

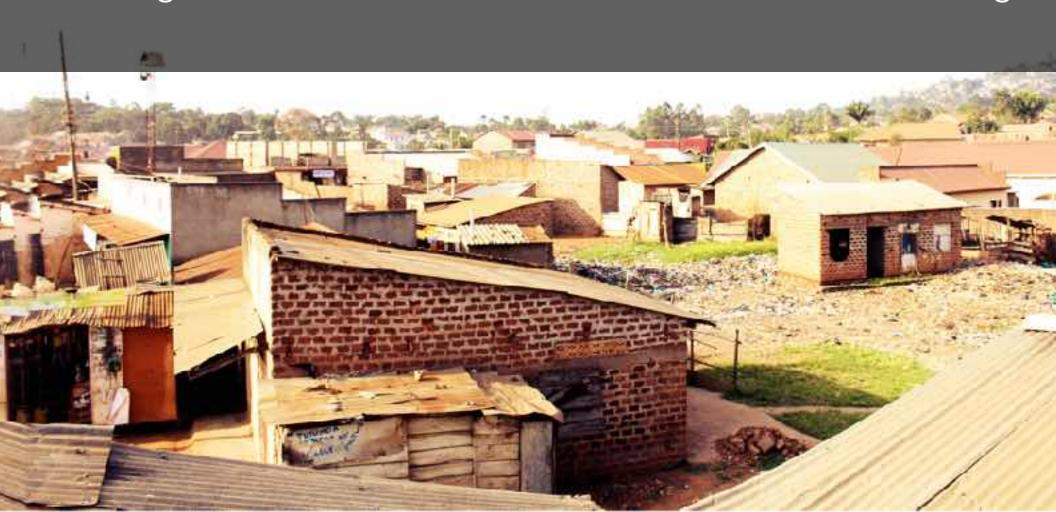
What is a Social Entrepreneur?

"The real measure of your wealth is how much you'd be worth if you lost all your money." An entrepreneur examines a market looking for a niche to be filled or problem that can be addressed. Entrepreneurs accept greater risk than traditional business people but also intend to make a profit addressing the need. A social entrepreneur also intends for their enterprise to benefit the community directly.

Transforming our

COMMUNITY

through love, business & skills training



From Rescue to Restoration

Robinah was a university student living with her family in Entebbe Uganda. When finances because difficult, Robinah turned to a school friend for assistance paying her tuition. This young man helped out but had ulterior motives and convinced Robinah to start a sexual relationship in exchange for his help.

When Robinah became pregnant, this relationship soured and the young man refused to accept any responsibility for the baby. When Robinah's mother and father learned of the pregnancy they immediately told her to leave home.

Robinah found herself pregnant and living on the street. Her education was over and she had to look for work. Finding a job in a bar, Robinah managed to make a little money. But a bar waitress in Uganda has other risks and Robinah found herself being asked for more than she was willing to give. She was sleeping in the bar after hours but when the bar owner demanded sex in exchange for a place to sleep, Robinah was again on the streets.

Robinah knew of some old buses parked near a large church where many young street people slept. She decided this would be better than trading sex for shelter and began staying there at night. During the day she would beg for food. Life was hard and she became very sick.

Eventually, someone noticed this sick girl and contacted Annabelle at the Remnant Generation. Annabelle located Robinah and offered her assistance. Robinah was reluctant to go with anyone at this point but eventually realized she needed help and went.

The Remnant Generation team got medical care for Robinah and started prenatal care as well. Then through nutrition, love and counselling they helped Robinah become healthy. While Robinah now had a way survive and have her baby, there was still no clear future for her and her family wanted nothing to do with her. This is the point when Terry and I began to feel there was something special about Robinah and enquired about her.



We were shocked to hear she had family but that even now they were unwilling to stand with Robinah and her baby. Terry and I discussed taking Robinah in and the implications that would have on our family. After a great deal of consideration we decided we should help.

Today, Robinah is back in University studying business and planning her future helping other girls who find themselves in difficult circumstances. Her baby (Daniel) stays with Terry at our house each day allowing Robinah to complete her education. All Robinah's school expenses have been fully paid and she has a supportive family to help her learn to stand on her own feet.

Today, Robinah is thriving and has a bright future!!



Did you know?

The average Ugandan woman will have 5-6 children. The average age for a Ugandan woman to have her first baby is 18. The life expectancy of a Ugandan woman is 56 year.

