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Founder's Corner

Wow, this past month we've been very busy with fundraising. With students returning to school, we started off the month with CUTS for BRICKS. Erin Yocum and Kristi Bienemann, stylists from Razor's Edge in Washington, graciously donated their time and did about 30 haircuts, with all of the proceeds going to BHIK-Uganda.

We also had a t-shirt fundraiser. We got the t-shirts in time for the Peoria Chief's game 8/26. We will also use these shirts for our "FUN RUN" 10/7 (more information on that event on pg.2). We received 10 sponsors for our shirts, making the shirts we sold ALL profit for BHIK-Uganda. To date, we've sold 300 shirts at \$15 each. God is good. (We will order again soon, so visit our website for order forms.)

I'd like to thank the sponsors of the shirts for their support and faith in our project; they're listed on pg.3. If you frequent any of these businesses, please make sure to thank them as well.

Dr. Heather McTaggart and myself spoke on WMBD radio's "The Greg and Dan Show" August 17th. What a blast! You can listen to our interview by following a link on our "Building Hope in Kids – Uganda" Facebook page.

On August 22nd, we were interviewed by Evelyn on "Living Well" Ch. 31 WMBD TV. There we spoke about our Peoria Chief's game and my first pitch. Again, our interview link is on Facebook. Make sure to watch it.

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Father Julius had fun at the Peoria Chiefs baseball game!



Calendar Notes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

St. Pat's students' "Free Dress Day" for \$2 donation

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

5:30 pm... BHIK-U Board of Directors meeting

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, SEPT. 23-24, 2017

4:30 pm, 8:00, 10:00, 11:30 am ...Father Julius celebrates Masses & shares his Uganda Boarding Primary School project at Holy Trinity Church, 711 N. Main Street, Bloomington, IL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

5:30 – 7:30 pm... Advisory Council for Father Julius' Uganda Boarding School project meets at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 120 E. Walnut St., Washington, IL

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

Building Hope in Kids – Uganda has a spot reserved in the Washington Community High School homecoming parade!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017

9:00 am... "SKIDOO" Kids' Run, hosted by Shazam Racing
Go to newsletter page 2 for this fundraiser details

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14-15, 2017

Father Julius will preach a parish mission at St. Pat's.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21-22, 2017

Father Julius will preach a parish mission at St. Monica's.

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THE SKIDOO KID'S RUN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017 @ 9:00 A.M.

DETAILS:

Flat and Fast for blazing through this 1-mile course!

Run through downtown Peoria, and finish on the Peoria Riverfront.
Each participant who finishes this Kids' Race will receive a Finisher's ribbon.

Kids 12 and under run for FREE!

REGISTER NOW!

Go to www.whiskeydaddle.com



Wear your shirt for the race!

FUNDRAISE for Fr. Julius' School –

- Click on REGISTER
- Choose Skidoo Kid's Race (No Shirt) – FREE!!!
 - Adults can register for this "race" as well
 - Fill out registration information.
- Start Fundraising
 - Ask Family, Friends, Co-workers
 - Turn in monies by Wed. 10/4 in order to be eligible for the fundraising prizes
 - **PRIZES** awarded for Most Fundraising – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place
 - 1st Place – Laser tag with Father Julius
 - 2nd Place – Bowling with Father Julius
 - 3rd Place – Mini-Golf with Father Julius
- Also, Parents can RUN any of the races – 5K, Half-marathon, Marathon, Marathon Relay – and Fundraise as well.

Contact Dr. Heather McTaggart – petmed99@hotmail.com – if you have questions.

We Turned up the Heat!

Here are the highlights of fundraisers this sizzling summer:

CUTS for BRICKS

On August 12, two AMAZING stylists at Razor's Edge in Washington donated their time for three hours of \$12 haircuts to benefit Father Julius' Uganda School Project. Thanks to Erin Yocum, Kristi Bienemann and the 30 supporters who came to Razor's Edge for haircuts!



T-SHIRT SALES

The first order for T-shirts was placed on August 14, and the shirts arrived in time for the Chiefs game on August 26! Many, many **thanks to all of the sponsors** who covered the cost of the shirts so that the entire \$15 shirt price could go to **Father's Uganda School Project**:

- Running Central
- 4 Paws Animal Clinic
- American Landscaping
- Countryside Banquets and Catering
- Deiters Pet Services & Pet Crematory
- Kara Kamienski Photography
- Lakeview Veterinary Clinic
- Lindy's Downtown Market
- Dr. Chris Nau
- O'Dea's Cleaners



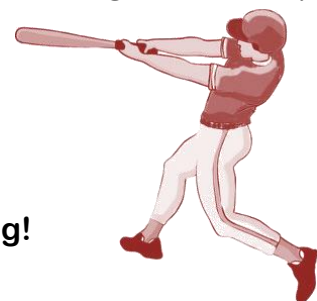
Another shirts order will be placed later this year... stay tuned for more info to come!

PEORIA CHIEFS GAME

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus council from St. Monica's who sponsored the Chiefs game fundraiser, the Knights of Columbus council from St. Patrick's who assisted in selling advance tickets, and the **525** people who bought advance tickets and attended the Peoria Chiefs game! **Half of the \$12 ticket price goes to Father Julius' Uganda School Project** - - as well as half of the proceeds from the sale of tennis balls for the tennis ball toss. We offer a HUGE "THANK YOU" to the PEORIA CHIEFS for their generous support!

To add to the excitement and fun at the game,

- Father Julius threw out the first pitch,
- the Chiefs beat the Kane County Cougars 4 – 0, and
- a tremendous FIREWORKS display capped off the evening!



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Next up, my BIG PITCHING DEBUT at the Peoria Chief's game. The Knights of Columbus at St. Monica's sponsored this game as a fundraiser, with Adolph "Arnie" Arnold the man in charge. Even with a few pitching lessons before the game, I was still nervous. WOW, what an exciting feeling! We sold over 525 tickets to this game and all those fans were cheering me on for my "historic" first pitch of the game. I took a picture with the catcher and he signed my ball for me as well. It was such a great event! Arnie was a big key in making this a success. He promoted the event and sold tickets at St. Monica's in East Peoria. Ben Milligan was the KofC ticket seller at St. Patrick's church. Thanks to the Peoria Chiefs organization for donating HALF our advance ticket sales to BHIK-Uganda. After such a successful month, what does September have in store for us?

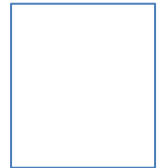
I am immensely grateful to all the donors who have supported us since we started fundraising in October, 2016. We are at about 50% of the amount needed for the initial structures that will enable us to open the school in February, 2019. A guiding timeline is:

- End of October 2017 - Approval of school buildings & campus plans by city authorities in Uganda
- November/December 2017 - Leveling the grounds, site preparation, and making building blocks/bricks on site
- January 2018 - Building construction commences; fundraising continues
- Remainder of 2018 - Recruitment of teachers and students as well as sponsors; fundraising continues
- February 2019 - First students, Grades 1 to 3, begin school at St. Patrick Boarding Primary School
- Non-boarding students age 4 – 6 begin day school at St. Patrick's in Uganda



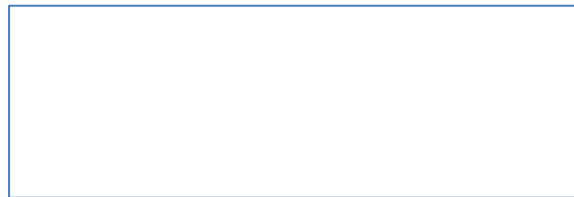
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May the
God of
hope
fill you
with
all joy
and
peace...

Rom 15:13



FROM THE DESK OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT , JOHN GRILLOT

Building Hope In Kids – Uganda was incorporated in April 2017 with the primary purpose to act as a fundraising organization to support building and operating a boarding school in Uganda. With Fr. Julius as the founder, two groups have been established: the formal Board of Directors, and a larger Advisory Council that includes Board members and a number of other interested people. The Board of Directors meets monthly, while the Advisory Council meets about every two months. The Board manages legal, financial, and regulatory requirements associated with a not-for-profit organization, including the bookkeeping and



accounting systems and the online donation processing. The Advisory Council includes the Fundraising team, which initiates and coordinates events and manages ongoing donor records, and the Communications team, which manages online and hard copy communications including our website, brochures and newsletters. The Programming team, also part of the Advisory Council, will lead future efforts connecting the two St. Patrick "sister" schools and adult mission trips to Uganda. Along with our all of our supporters, we'll continue working to bring the vision of St. Patrick Boarding Primary School – Uganda to life.