Love Is The Answer

Annual Report | 2016/17
47 million orphaned children live in Sub-Saharan Africa. Over 140 million orphaned children are estimated worldwide. (1)

Two Hearts Are Better Than One!

Celebrating Strength in Togetherness


LITA contributors share in the creation of empowering, sustainable initiatives for the children and their caregivers in the communities where they live.
Thank You

Greetings to all ~ It is an amazing moment indeed, to acknowledge that 10 years ago, on 15 September 2007 this ever incredible, at times challenging, certainly life altering and Love affirming journey first began with the children in Uganda!

Heartiest cheers and endless thanks to my treasured family in Canada, to my friends who are family including Nikki, Terry, Nancy, and to the many who have contributed, supported, prayed, counseled, encouraged, and shared endlessly, early on, lately, and all throughout these remarkable years. I honor, appreciate, value and Love each one of you.

Thank you, always and forever.

A special thank you to you, dear Eilis. We first met all those 10 years ago at the gas station in Mukono on Kampala Jinja Road, as we both ventured forward bravely, excitedly, listening to the Boss along a mighty ‘thunder road’, readying ourselves to volunteer with a local HIV/AIDS organization in Mbale, eastern Uganda. What a crazy, could we say somewhat epic adventure began for us both, and us all back then, through our callings to serve and to share Love here.

In these 10 years we can estimate that donor contributions have enabled LITA to reach thousands of orphaned and vulnerable children through our various programs. In addition, we have built three primary schools, and housing at those schools for 200 orphaned children, all in eastern region. After emergency food, health care and safety support, education has been our number one focus, beginning officially with our first four senior school students in 2013, growing to the 42 students LITA donors are supporting today, who range from preschool to university.

Moving forward we are setting our sights on growing the number of students we are supporting to access education.. will it be beyond 100 children within another few years? Let’s say YES to that!

With Love to you, our board, friends, contributors, volunteers, well wishers, supporters, and most especially, our beautiful and precious children. From my heart to yours, thank you one and all!

cath@loveistheanswer.ca

6 Sept 2017
During our 2016/17 fiscal year, Love Is The Answer continued our work on behalf of orphaned children in Mbale, Budaka, Sironko, Tororo, Bududa, Lira, and Jinja Districts in eastern and northern Uganda.

LITA’s continuing focus was on providing emergency food, health care and safety for the children and their caregivers, as well as support for shelter, education and school requirements.

During LITA’s 2016/17 Fiscal Year approximately 2% or $2,710 of project donations were allocated to our Food Program

During LITA’s 2016/17 Fiscal Year approximately 2% or $2,534 of project donations were allocated to our Health Care and Safety Programs
During LITA’s 2016/17 Fiscal Year approximately 69% or $96,000 of project donations were allocated to our Education Program.

LITA’s Education Program provides orphaned children with school supplies, uniforms, school fees, hot lunches, local curriculum text books for libraries, desks for schools and partners with grassroots community initiatives to build schools. Thank You! www.loveistheanswer.ca

During LITA’s 2016/17 Fiscal Year approximately 27% or $37,229 of project donations were allocated to our Shelter Program.

LITA’s Shelter Program provides orphaned children with emergency shelter, bunk beds, bedding and mosquito nets, and helps build housing for children needing full-time care through partnerships with grassroots community initiatives. Thank You! www.loveistheanswer.ca
During LITA’s 2016/17 fiscal year, dormitory housing and two combined 3 stance latrines/bathing buildings, originally constructed and furnished in 2012 for 40 orphaned and vulnerable children, were refurbished with a splash (verandah), plastered and painted.

Also during the fiscal year, a new 4 stance latrine and a 4 classroom block were built to replace aging and unsafe traditional mud/stick structures.
WILBRA Pre and Primary School - Bududa District

Dormitory housing for 80 orphaned and vulnerable children was built and furnished at WILBRA during LITA’s 2016/17 fiscal year. In addition, two 3-stance latrines were also completed along with a cooking and food storage building.

During LITA’s 2017/18 fiscal year an 8 classroom school is being built across from the dorm housing. The new facility will replace the traditional mud/stick school where over 400 students are currently enrolled. More on that in our 2017/18 annual report!
**Education 2016 Recap**

39 girls and boys, ranging from primary to college, were supported with school fees and requirements;

**2016 Education Milestones**

- Gideon graduated from College with a Diploma in Water Engineering
- Benard and Silver successfully completed ‘O Level’

**Girls at ACIO Canaan School successfully completed a Pads for Girls sewing course.**

**LITA’s MDD Project (Music, Dance and Drama) at ACIO’s Canaan Primary School continued to empower and delight both students and audiences alike!**
Love Is The Answer
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## LITA Financials

### Love Is The Answer

#### Balance Sheet

**As of 28 February 2017**

28 Feb 17

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets
- **Chequing/Savings**
  - 1000 · BANK
  - 1068 · CIBC 11,124.83
  - 1085 · Bank of Uganda 82,078.69
  - **Total 1000 · BANK 93,203.52**
- 1100 · Cash on Hand 41,812.21
  - **Total Current Assets 135,015.73**

### TOTAL ASSETS 135,015.73

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

#### Liabilities
- **Current Liabilities**
  - 2100 · Accounts Payable 61.75
  - **Total Accounts Payable 61.75**
  - **Total Current Liabilities 61.75**
  - **Total Liabilities 61.75**

#### Equity
- 3000 · Opening Balance Equity 24,926.34
- 3560 · *Retained Earnings 18,499.01
- Net Income 91,528.63
  - **Total Equity 134,953.98**

### TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 135,015.73
# Love Is The Answer

## Statement of Operations

March 2016 through February 2017

### Mar '16 - Feb 17

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<td><strong>Net Income</strong></td>
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Summary Notes on LITA’s 2016 Income Statement

1) Administration Revenue/Expenses Clarified

• LITA strives to collect donations for Administration and Project expenses separately. Our yearly goal is that 100% of Administration expenses will be covered by donations received specifically for Admin, with 100% of Project funds applied to projects.

• In 2016, $25,730 was collected for Administration expenses. Total Administration expenses, including ‘General Expenses Consulting Fees’ (described below) were $24,583.

• Summary: Consistent with 5 out of LITA’s 6 years as a registered charity, in 2016 100% of Administration expenses were covered by donations received specifically for Admin. Equally, 100% of donations made for LITA Projects and Programs for orphaned and vulnerable children were applied to projects for the children.

2) Other terms defined:

• ‘General Program Expenses - Other’ are expenses incurred on behalf of more than one program at a time. General Program Expenses have been included by percentage to our program recaps on pages 4 and 5 of this report.

• ‘Consulting Fees’ are payments the LITA Board has authorized for LITA Agents on the ground in Uganda, including Board Member Catherine Koch, for work performed over and above that of a Board Member. Consulting Fees are covered 100% by donations to LITA Admin and have also been incorporated into our program recap percentages.

• ‘General Transport/Living Expenses’ include air travel to/from Uganda. These costs are also allocated by percentage into program recap percentages.

We Thank You For Your Kind Interest In Love Is The Answer

Endnotes:


2) Page 3 (2) - Simon’s quote further includes: “When you’re loved and you don’t love it’s like a master who is loved so much by his dog. Thus, to realize that you’re loved and you love is like the light of the day.”

3) All photos were taken by LITA and are the property of Love Is The Answer.