



HEAL International responds to local priorities in Uganda through the support of education, health initiatives, and leadership development.

## Financial Update

We raised nearly \$110,000 this year for youth initiatives in Uganda. Administrative (3%) and travel costs (13%) were covered by designated donations, allowing 100% of your contributions to support students and programs in Uganda.



## Youth Education Sponsorships

HEAL International contributed \$21,000 to help more than 250 orphans attend primary and secondary school by covering fees, materials, and housing. In 2025, the CEO visited Uganda twice to check student support and provide mentorship and career guidance.

## Post-Secondary Scholarships

We provided 9 post-secondary scholarships to students to train in medicine, nursing, education, engineering, social work and as laboratory technicians. Sophia (left) is currently pursuing a Bachelors of Science in Education while Wilfred (right) is in his final year of a lab technician program. We continue to be proud of our HEAL family of post-secondary graduates who now work in the fields of law, medicine, construction, education, tourism and engineering.



## St. Lawrence Secondary School

Since opening in 2019, St. Lawrence Secondary School built by HEAL International enrolled nearly 300 students last year. To keep fees affordable and boost enrollment, \$2,490 was given for bursaries to eight top students. Almost all students achieved the second highest standing in their national certificate exam, a strong result for a rural school.



## Global Citizenship and Learning Beyond Borders

HEAL promotes global citizenship by encouraging Canadian university students to join our Learning Beyond Borders (LBB) program. In 2025, LBB participants raised more than \$1,570 in Canada, which was used to buy teaching materials for three rural primary schools in Uganda. These resources enhanced the quality of education, and contributed to over 65% of students reaching the highest two performance levels in Uganda's standardized Grade 7 Primary Leaving Exams (PLE).



## Peer Education Rwenzori

The Peer Education Rwenzori (PER) program delivers health education directly to 9,000 adolescents across 15 schools in western Uganda. The topics covered include sexual and reproductive health, mental health, and oral hygiene. With a budget slightly less than \$15,000, we trained 300 peer educators, hosted 12 radio shows, and organized 30 school-based events such as assemblies, drama, and music programs that encourage healthier lifestyles. In 2025, we continued providing 250 reusable menstrual pads to schoolgirls as part of the PER initiative. Our successful 2023 Gala has secured funding to ensure ongoing distribution of these menstrual pads for many years ahead.



## In Memoriam: Kelly Deis

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Kelly Deis in December 2025. Kelly was a cherished and long-standing board member and Chairperson of HEAL International. Kelly's commitment to compassion, equity, and global well-being shaped our organization in ways that will continue to guide us for years to come. Her contributions helped expand the reach of our programs and ensured that the communities we serve were met with dignity, respect, and genuine partnership. Kelly's legacy lives on in every life touched by HEAL International's efforts.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Kelly's family, friends, and all who had the privilege of working alongside her. We honour her memory with gratitude and continue our mission inspired by the values she embodied.



**We wish to thank our generous donors for making a lasting impact in our communities. Without your contributions, these children would have had very little hope for their future.**

**We look forward to working with you in 2026 to continue to make a difference in the lives of children in Uganda.**

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