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## CHRISTAID ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BANQUET - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021



OUR THEME FOR THE BANQUET THIS YEAR IS:

### "HELP US CROSS THE FINISH LINE"

WE HAVE THREE EXCITING PROJECTS IN UGANDA NEARING COMPLETION. FUNDS RAISED BY THE BANQUET MEAL AND THE SILENT AUCTION WILL HELP TO FINISH THE 1) GRANDMA VILLAGE, 2) SUPPLY THE SECONDARY SCHOOL AND 3) COMPLETE THE BANQUET HALL AT THE NEW CHRISTAID OFFICE BUILDING!!

The ChristAid Board has been investing serious thought as to how we might safely conduct a live fundraiser banquet complete with African cuisine and the highly competitive silent auction which we have enjoyed in the past. Here are several changes we have instituted to keep our event fun and safe!

Instead of the usual sumptuous buffet, our meals this year will be plated by the caterer in the church kitchen using the highest standards of cleanliness and will be delivered to the tables by Board members and other designated table hosts. Remember this little rhyme :

"Our savory "samosas"... taste so great... **no matter how**... they reach your plate!"

(Feel free to loudly chant this phrase while you are waiting to be served... Ha!) And don't worry - seconds will still be available as usual after all have received their dinner!

Another feature of the banquet that will require less personal interaction, is that the Silent Auction will be handled with a computer program that allows everyone to bid using their cell phones - so no more clipboards and pens on the auction tables. Actually this will be an exciting change as the pictures of items for bid will be on-line the week before the auction and **can be bid on starting the week before**. The actual items will be at the banquet and bidding will end when the Program starts that evening.

More details will follow about how this is accomplished. (Special note for the technically challenged...) There will be ChristAid designated volunteers roaming the auction floor on banquet night to help people get started on the bidding process if anyone has difficulty with it. A cool benefit of this process is that the computer program will tell you when you have been outbid and you can raise your bid with a touch of a finger on your phone! Yes!! Let the savage bidding wars begin - for the great cause of helping God's people in Uganda in countless ways.

Here is a big bonus that we will let you in on... When you sign up on your phone to be a possible bidder - it can charge the credit card of your choice automatically for whatever items you get the winning bid on in the auction. NO MORE LONG LINES WAITING TO PAY FOR YOUR TREASURES when the banquet is over!! (Sometimes covid does us a favor by inspiring the invention of new ways to do things that are faster and safer!!). YOU MIGHT GET HOME 20 MINUTES EARLIER!!! Woo hoo!!

## CHRISTAID PROJECTS NEARING COMPLETION!! (Let's get them done!!)



The Grandma Village (at left) currently has four completed duplexes and the fifth is started. Other needs are one additional duplex, additional security lighting, water tanks and gutters, a gazebo where the grandmas will gather for social time and landscaping, etc. (Funding is already in place for a kitchen and a few other specific amenities.)

The school (at right) is complete and almost ready for students - pending the lifting of covid restrictions. We still need more textbooks, funds to finish the fence and dormitory necessities.



The ChristAid Office building (at left) is progressing well. The current need is to finish the first-floor banquet facility so that it can be rented for income. The banquet room is on the ground level on the right side of the building. (Our CA Uganda employees are currently working from the offices on the left side - ground floor area.)



The prices for the banquet meal are \$40 for an individual or \$300 for a table of eight. Please consider sponsoring an entire table for your friends and/or family. You may make your reservations for the banquet by emailing Pastor Bruce at [ChristAid.Bruce@gmail.com](mailto:ChristAid.Bruce@gmail.com). We encourage you to make your reservations early and to pay for them in advance, so that less money handling is needed at the event. Please send a check to the ChristAid office or go to the [ChristAidintl.org](http://ChristAidintl.org) website and follow the instructions on the "DONATE" page.

WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS COMING IN THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER. BUT FOR NOW - PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND MARK YOU CALENDARS FOR **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> TO JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL CHRISTAID FUNDRAISER.** (5:30 PM start time)