



Supporting orphans and vulnerable children

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Dear Friends,

As we prepare for our annual visit to South Africa, we're filled with deep gratitude—for you, our supporters, whose generosity makes this mission possible, and for the remarkable community that awaits us there.

Each year, we visit every child and family cared for by Bakhita Charities. It's a time of listening, learning, and connecting. We meet with the dedicated Sacred Heart Sisters, the staff at St. Brendan's, and the humble people of GaPasha who care for our Bakhita girls year-round. Again and again, we hear how much it means that we show up—not just with support, but in person. Our presence reinforces that we always remember them and value them.

This trip is not inexpensive, and we cover all our own costs. But we believe there is no substitute for a hands-on approach. It's how trust is built, how relationships deepen, and how hope is renewed.

Your support makes this possible. You help sustain the work with our Bakhita children and families, and you inspire us to be there in person, to witness and encourage it.

Thank you for walking with us. Thank you for believing in the power of showing up. Thank you for being part of this extraordinary circle of care.

Maggie & John Williams

With Gratitude to Our Donors

The work of Bakhita Charities is made possible by individual donations from family and friends. We are so grateful to each and every one of you.

We are especially grateful to our monthly donors, whose steady support provides stability day after day. To those who give in memory or in honor of loved ones, your generosity carries forward a legacy of love.

We thank donors who contribute through their donor advised funds, those who have included Bakhita Charities in their wills, and families who have suggested donations in lieu of funeral flowers. Each of these gifts reflects a profound act of compassion.



And to those who have sponsored a girl at St. Brendan's for a year, you have given the gift of dignity, safety, and a brighter future.

You can donate by check, credit card, PayPal, the website, or by pointing your smartphone at this QR code.



Gift Bags

Each year, we show up in South Africa with 125 pounds of personalized gift bags stuffed into our suitcases. The children know that their gifts have been chosen and packed with love by someone who cares.



If you would like to participate in this joyous event, please let us know. We'll give you a name, size, and items needed along with a photo of your child. We provide an empty Ziploc bag, and you fill it and drop it off at CTR by January 4.

It's easy and fun and brings untold joy to the children receiving your gifts.

Celebrating Our Graduates

This year, we are happy to celebrate the high school graduation of twelve of the Bakhita girls whom we have been caring for since they were very young girls. Just a few short years ago, the idea of completing high school was unimaginable to them. They have overcome immense challenges with determination and grace.



Their journey has been lovingly guided by Sr. Rotee Uriam, a Sacred Heart Sister whose kindness and unwavering support have made her a true mother figure to the girls throughout the years.

Now, these graduates stand at the threshold of new opportunities. Through our Bakhita Charities Tertiary Program, those who qualify for scholarships at universities, colleges, or vocational schools will receive support for their living expenses—ensuring they can pursue their dreams without financial burden.

We are deeply proud of their achievements and grateful to our donors who make this life-changing work possible.

