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Thank you to TMAD for their generous donation

We are delighted to report that we have received a significant grant from the *Theatre* Make A



Difference Trust—aiming to fight HIV and AIDS one stage at a time—which will go towards our clinic, part of our Community Centre building project.

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Now... we are nearer our goal of having the funds to build our Community Centre

As well having the Clinic, this Centre will have a community hall and conference centre — a highly adaptable area with meeting rooms and study areas. Also an accommodation block & a cafe. We will then build an Arts & Skills Centre.

As well as helping the community, this project will provide us with a hub for our charity's various activities. The children will have an after -school study space, and a computer centre. Our



Adult Learning Groups will no longer have to meet under a tree! Our Self Help Women's Micro-finance Groups will have a home and our school leaver students will be able to learn skills and crafts for getting them employment, which is the goal of our Educational Programme.



BSUF celebrated its 13th Anniversary in August 2018

We would like to congratulate BSUF on their 13th year anniversary, in creating and running education, livelihood, health and infrastructure programmes in Butansi and the Kamuli area. Well done Annette and a big thank you to all our sponsors & supporters who helped make this possible.

"As a community based organisation, we have learnt and proved the importance of small beginnings, consistency and working hand in hand with the community leaders and volunteers on the ground." Annette Mbedha, BSUF Founder



Annette Mbedha with COU(UK) Chairman John Faith & Trustee Jon Exton

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BSUF hosts the first Nursery Teachers' Training Conference in the area







Annette Mbedha hosts an educational training conference with the support of the Barrington Education Initiative (BEI), the trust that supports Early Childhood Education. BEI funded BSUF's building of the first dedicated nursery school in our area. Sadly, the conference had to be held in the nearby town of Kamuli—due to there not being a power supply at our school. However, on one of the days they did visit Butansi Nursery School. The Professor and the Specialist Teachers, provided by BEI, were highly impressed, saying they had never

seen such a professional set up in a rural area. Annette is proud to have organised this conference and hopes the next one will be held at the new Community Centre, which will be very close to the school. However, we need <u>your</u> help to raise the necessary funds to make this dream a reality.

BSUF university student Jonathan Oketayot achieves great heights this year



Jonathan Morgan Oketayot was a young child living with his mother, who couldn't afford to give him an education. Luckily COU stepped in and Jonathan was lucky enough, through us, to gain a special scholarship from the Signum Foundation in Poland. They supported him through a private secondary school, where he excelled and—because he wanted to study lawhe applied to & was accepted by Dar es Salaam University in Tanzania, which specialises in law. Now in his third year, Jonathan has been elected President of the Ugandan students organisation in Tanzania. Then he was elected to the hotly contended seat of Vice President of the university's Law Society. Jonathan was also selected for a small delegation (3 students and 4 lecturers) to represent the university at the UN Chapter Forum in Nairobi in July. The conference was about conflict resolution in the East African states.

In the coming semester, Jonathan intends to do family law, jurisprudence, legal research, legal writing, insurance law and human rights law. We also have two of our long-term COU sponsored students, James & Sharifa, in their final year of study at university in Kampala. We are so proud of all of them.

This is what <u>your</u> support can do: to change the lives of impoverished young children - with little or no future - into highly educated young adults, who now have a wonderful future ahead and are poised to make a significant difference to their country and their communities.

We thank the Signum Foundation and all our supporters, for their continued support of our vitally important Educational Programme.

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