



SoarAway
The Africa of our dreams

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IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

Raising the Best to Raise the Rest

Driven by our conviction that Africa's youth bulge is not a ticking time bomb but a rising tide of creative, ethical leaders ready to rebuild ancient ruins and set firm foundations for future generations, 2025 was a year of unprecedented reach and transformation. From the shores of Lake Victoria to the hills of Kigezi, from Wakiso to the oil-rich plains of Bunyoro, we fanned flames, igniting conviction, nurturing vision, and empowering Africa's greatest resource: her young people.

Soar Schools: Spreading Our Wings

The Busoga Expansion

We took flight across the Busoga Subregion, one of Uganda's most impoverished and remote areas, where the Nile meets opportunity and young hearts beat with unspoken dreams. The journey was not easy. Schools scattered across rugged terrain, limited infrastructure, communities that have known more scarcity than abundance. But we went anyway. In six districts: **Iganga**, **Namutumba**, **Namayingo**, **Busia**, **Bugweri**, and **Luuka**, we planted seeds of possibility in soil that has long thirsted for transformation.



60 New Schools



3,200 Student Leaders



One Mission

Each young leader we reached is an eagle learning to soar, discovering their identity, embracing their heritage, stepping into purpose, and becoming ethical creative leaders who will not just survive, but thrive and drive transformation in their communities and beyond.

The Gathering of Eagles

Student Leadership Conferences

Wakiso | Kigezi | Sembabule

We believe in the power of gathering, bringing student leaders from different schools to learn together, dream together, and rise together. These conferences were our response to the hostility that often exists among schools, the deep divide between well-resourced schools of the privileged and underserved schools of the marginalized. Here, we created sacred spaces where these divides dissolved, where eagles met eagles regardless of background, and where the architects of tomorrow sharpened their tools and refined their blueprints for the Africa of our dreams.

Equipping the architects of a new Africa, one gathering at a time.



Mentorship: Fanning the Flames

The Archers League

Aiming high. Striking true.

The Archers League gathered Uganda's brightest young leaders, those who have tasted excellence and now hunger for more. Through deep mentorship, cross-disciplinary collaboration, and relentless pursuit of excellence, they are being shaped into leaders who produce leaders.



The Mentorship Alliances

1 Soar Mentorship with National Youth Parliament

For six transformative months, we walked alongside **150 young leaders** who stand at the helm of change. We equipped them to be not just representatives, but true servants of transformation.

2 The Solidarity Fellowship with The Solidarity Education Fund

We mentored **50** passionate young leaders committed to reimagining what education can be in Africa, not a factory of conformity, but a greenhouse of creativity, critical thinking, and character.



Training at The Fortress

Wings of Restoration

The Fortress, a home and vocational training center for at-risk pregnant teenagers and teen mothers, became a sanctuary of hope. Here, we held space for young mothers whose journeys have been interrupted but whose stories are far from over. Through soft skills training and entrepreneurial empowerment, we reminded these young women of a truth they had forgotten: every eagle deserves a chance to soar again.

*Because transformation is not just for the privileged.
It is for every African child, every wounded heart,
every interrupted dream.*





Unleashing Youth Voices

Poetry, Debate & Speech

Language is power. We created platforms where young voices could rise, be heard, and shape the narrative. This is our way of putting youth voices to the issues in their communities and nation, not as bystanders, but as contributors to solutions. Through the **Wakiso Debate & Poetry Tournament, Western Uganda Universities Tournament, and Kyambogo Open** (for university students), we witnessed young leaders discovering that their voices matter, their ideas have weight, and their generation has something urgent to say.

Shaping the narrative. Owning the future.



Gen-Kazi Program

Generation Kazi: A Generation of Youth Who Work

SoarAway Africa served as a mobilization partner for BrighterMonday and the Mastercard Foundation, chosen because of our rich network of youth connections across Uganda. We were entrusted with the entire Bunyoro region, a responsibility that aligned perfectly with our vision of youth at the forefront of transforming Africa. This program was our bold response to the youth employment crisis: equipping young people not just to find jobs, but to create value, solve problems, and become agents of economic transformation.



The Reach:

112 Trainings | **21,856** Youth Equipped

We didn't just teach them to find jobs; we empowered them with high-demand soft skills and entrepreneurial grit. Gen-Kazi was not charity. It was investment. Investment in minds, in hands, in futures, turning potential into productivity, despair into determination, and unemployment into opportunity.



Outstanding Partner of the Year

Out of 15 partners across Uganda, SoarAway was awarded Outstanding Partner of the Year for excellence in delivery and the best performance in both number of trainings conducted and participants reached.

Leadership Excellence

Our Founder Soars Higher

In 2025, our Founder and Executive Director reached new heights in her own journey of transformation. In May, she graduated with a Master of Public Affairs from the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, USA, and returned to Uganda, the land of her heartbeat, ready to pour even more wisdom and expertise into the movement.

In October, she formally received her Professional Doctorate in Business Administration from the Roxburgh Institute of Social Entrepreneurship, culminating three years of rigorous study and implementation of impact-driven ventures. Her academic excellence mirrors the excellence we demand of every young leader we serve: never stop learning, never stop growing, never stop reaching for higher altitudes.



Our Alumni: Proof That Leadership Lives On

Our greatest pride is our alumni.

Across schools and communities, they are stepping forward—leading projects, shaping conversations, winning elections, excelling in tournaments, and rising with quiet confidence. They are not waiting for permission; they are doing the work.

Anuo Doreen is running a girls' empowerment program in Eastern Uganda, creating spaces where young women learn to lead boldly. In South Western Uganda, Irumva Merisa is championing environmental conservation, reminding communities that caring for the earth is an act of leadership. Churchill continues to empower children in Central Uganda through public speaking, debate, and leadership training in primary schools—planting confidence early. Kimbowa Abdul Sharif has gone on to found the Illumination Initiative, turning vision into institution.

These are only a few stories. Many of our alumni are heads of school councils, community organizers, and young leaders creating real impact where they are. We remain proud to support them and to journey with them as they grow.

We also celebrate exceptional milestones. Tyra Kabugo received a full scholarship to Canada's Huron University under the Weston International Scholars Program, and she continues to write, create, and lead even there. Churchill was nominated for—and won—the Odu Ifa Heritage Award at the Pan African Universities Debate Society Awards in South Africa.

Their paths are different, but the story is the same: leadership learned, leadership lived.



Tyra Kabugo



Churchill



Doreen



Soaring Together

To Our Partners: You Are the Wind

Eagles do not soar alone. They rise on thermals, on currents of wind that lift them higher than their wings alone could carry them. In 2025, you (our partners, donors, collaborators, and believers) were that wind.

To BrighterMonday and the Mastercard Foundation, to The Solidarity Education Fund, to the National Youth Parliament, to every school principal who opened their gates, to every mentor who gave their time, to every donor who gave sacrificially:

Thank You.

Your support is the current that keeps us aloft. Your partnership is the wind beneath 25,000 pairs of wings. Because of you, thousands of young leaders are discovering that they were meant to multiply bread, not beg for crumbs. That they can calm seas, not just be tossed by waves. That they can rebuild ancient ruins and set firm foundations for future generations.

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