

# THE POWER OF HOPE



## Jane's Story

*From Doubt to Academic Success*



*Jane Manderu of Uganda, Africa shares her story of graduating from school as a dentist.*

*Parker Mother & Child Foundation was established to provide educational opportunities to qualified girls who could not otherwise afford to attend school. We look for motivated young women who will bring the skills they learn back to their communities.*

*Many girls have little to look forward to in their future. In Uganda, there is no free education beyond primary school, and many families simply cannot afford to educate their daughters. For a girl to go to high school and college, she almost always has to find outside funds to support her.*

*Your generous donation will make it possible for a girl to have a future. Even a modest contribution, joined with others, will give these young women a chance to get an education, and hope for their futures.*

## Young Women Making a Difference



Flavia Akello has been accepted to Nkumba University to study law, and for three years she has been looking for funds to pay tuition. She says people need someone to protect them and help them understand their rights and she wants to become an advocate for her community.

Growing up in a remote village, Betty Nalubira never dreamed that she might one day become a nurse. Through PMCF, she graduated from Rubaga Hospital School of Nursing and is now happily working at the Bishop Asili Clinic.



PMCF started supporting Olivia Ntono in 2002, when she was ready to begin Secondary school. She is now preparing to enter Makerere University and is very excited to continue her education in social work. Olivia's future is bright now that she knows that with an education she can help her family and her community.



*See page 2 for more information on Flavia, Betty and Olivia.*

## Building Relationships Through Positive Example

Jane Manderu is a testament to the power of building relationships, which in turn build communities. When Parker Mother and Child Foundation awarded Jane her first scholarship in 2002, she was a shy teenager. She never thought she would go on to complete secondary school, but thanks to PMCF, she did. When Jane was interested in applying for nursing

school, we were thrilled. At first, she doubted her ability but we encouraged her to take the entrance exams. We promised Jane that if she passed, we would find a way to support her education. Living up to the challenge, Jane asked to study dentistry instead of nursing. In 2006, she entered a dentistry program in Mulago Hospital to study public health dentistry.

## Giving Back to the Community

This year Jane graduated from dentistry school. She is doing extraordinarily well for herself and her family. She says her father now feels like a “real man” as he looks upon his children’s accomplishments. He is proud that he has a daughter who is a dentist because he recognizes that a girl finishing her education is rare in his community. When asked what she would be doing if she hadn’t graduated from school, Jane says that traditional values would mean that she would probably be married, raising a flock of children and farming in her village. Jane and her family have realized that she has broken tradition by becoming an educated woman and a dentist.

Helping the poor and underprivileged is what Jane wants to do most for her community. PMCF has made this dream possible, and Jane is ready to “pay it forward”.

She is going to work in rural Ugandan clinics to do all that she can for people in need. Jane’s future is filled with hope, dreams and opportunity. By virtue of her education and dedication, Jane knows that she has the power to do whatever she wants in life. Jane’s dream is just one of the many dreams that have come true with the help, love and support of Parker Mother and Child Foundation.



*Proud Dentist Jane Mander at the Mulago Hospital School of Public Health Dentistry*

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Flavia Akello wants to pursue a career in law. She says that she has seen people in her village being arrested, and sometimes they are innocent but they do not know how to defend themselves. Flavia wants to become a lawyer so she can become an advocate for innocent people who have been wrongly accused, and to protect people from becoming victimized. This intelligent young woman sees the importance of not only educating herself, but also the people of her village.



*PMCF Founder Jim Parker with Betty (left) and Flavia (right)*

Betty Nalubira never thought she would even get the chance to go to school let alone graduate as a nurse. She says that her education is most important in her life right now. Being from a remote village makes daily life a struggle and Betty is proud to serve as a role model for other girls in her village. Betty has begun working in a rural clinic, serving needy people in her community. We are very proud of her.



Olivia is excited about the prospect of becoming a social worker. She says she wants to actively help the people in her community and educate them about important issues as well. She never thought she would finish secondary school, but with hard work, dedication, faith and a PMCF scholarship, Olivia has graduated with distinction and is preparing to go to Makerere University this September.