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### **A snapshot in Time: Working with Karin Bam-Stowe at Sabrina Home, Rakai, Uganda**

I led a campaign to end child sacrifice in Uganda. The kids at the heart of this inspiration were orphaned children residing at Sabrina Home in Rakai, Uganda. A single story from one of the children inspired me to revisit my own childhood and turn the witnessed stories into a powerful tool to foster change. I had been a volunteer with Children of Uganda (COU) for nearly 16 years. COU was committed to the welfare of these more

than 300 children at Sabrina whose life stories challenged my complacency and often gave me a full dose of what I needed to move out of my comfort and do something. That something happened to be recruiting other people to the cause. Among them, Karin Stowe from Citizen Camera. I introduced Karin to the Children at Sabrina. As a well-established storyteller, he spent a week at Sabrina, listening, learning and eventually encouraging the children to see each other through the lens of a camera. For many of these children, being photographed by the hundreds of visitors who came through their doors was the mainstay of their interaction. Being participants in their own story telling was completely new, empowering and life changing. Karin painstakingly sat down with a group of 8 children and taught them the basics of the camera—filming and photography. By the end of the week, each child had taken photographs of other children—filmed and captured their own lives at the orphanage and seeing their own stories reflected back in the images and films they took via screenings and using the material online. Karin did many things well, but he certainly knows how to tap into human potential in the midst of tragedy and routine. For the children at Sabrina, a seed was planted. Hope was reignited. I can be more than an orphan. I can be a storyteller and change my future, this is the legacy of Citizen camera's work at Sabina house, which still echo's today. I couldn't recommend a better person than Karin to develop the media trainer and teaching of film, media, journalism and news to empower others to tell their stories.

Sincerely,

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