

Katie Frazer: Kid Leader

Everyday Heroes By Jenny Lind Conlee

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Three years ago, a then five year old Katie Frazer told her parents, Matt and Tammy, "I want to do something, but you're going to tell me I'm too little." As if that statement wasn't heart-wrenching enough, Katie expressed that what she wanted to do was raise \$1,000 to give to Village of Hope in Uganda - an organization that rescues children that were child soldiers and sex slaves, as well as their orphaned siblings.



Katie's beautiful red hair is almost as fiery as her passion to help others. Here she is pictured with a chart that is attached to the family's front door to track their goal.

The Frazer family has a history with the Village of Hope organization, when back in 2007, Tammy Frazer (Katie's mother) was connected to the organization's founder Cindy Cunningham, through a mutual friend. Tammy started out by making blankets and sending them to Cindy to give to the children in Uganda.

Katie was born that year. So, she has grown up in a home that encourages giving and compassion for others.

The family got behind Katie's efforts, and she went over her goal - raising \$1,200. She did so by doing extra chores at home and by selling beaded necklaces, bracelets and handbags all made by women in Uganda through VoH's Tabitha Project in her Tualatin school with the full support of the school's faculty and administration.

With the success of Katie's first fundraising efforts, her dreams have gotten even bigger. Now at eight years old, Katie wants to raise \$24,000 for VoH so that they can build another home for the orphaned children of Uganda. With the help of her parents and younger brother Zachary, she has raised nearly \$8,000 just since the end of June. She struck up a conversation with people on an airplane while traveling and they gave her money for VoH. She even went to her grandmother's real estate office recently and gave a presentation about VoH. She even picks up coins she finds on the street as every penny counts. She continues to do extra chores around her house. This girl is working hard, and it is paying off.

Visit villageofhopeuganda.com/tabitha-project to purchase some beautiful beaded jewelry and other handmade accessories. Want to help Katie reach her goal of \$24,000? Visit <http://villageofhopeuganda.com/donate/> or make checks payable to Village of Hope Uganda and in the memo line write "Compassion House" which is what Katie herself has named it so the children can, as she so beautifully put it, "live in compassion".

Send to:

Village of Hope Uganda
P.O. Box 700126
Dallas, TX 75370-0126



The Frazer family: Tammy, Matt, Katie & Zachary.



Village of Hope founder and family friend, Cindy Cunningham, with Katie wearing a dress Cindy brought her from Uganda.

Maybe you have a big dream to change the world. Just know that YOU CAN! Don't believe the lie that your life can't make a difference.



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Where Are They Now?



Lois Haag

Lois Haag and Jennifer Bridges, women I have featured in Everyday Heroes in previous months, learned about each other through the articles written. Lois who sews costumes for Tualatin High School productions each year and Jennifer who works to help people in Ethiopia through her organization, Embrace Compassion, joined forces.



Shane & Jennifer Bridges

Embrace Compassion, joined forces.

Now Lois is sewing beautiful dresses for girls in the village! In January as Jennifer returns with her team to Ethiopia, along with other much needed supplies, they will deliver these beautiful, hand made with love dresses. I love Lois' attention to detail with the ruffe and lace trim. This is sure to be an item that will not only be worn, but treasured. This is an inspiring partnership!

-JENNY

