

# ZimKids

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### ANNUAL REPORT 2017

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The Board of **ZimKids: Community Support** is pleased to present the annual report for the year ending March 31, 2017. The work and accomplishments highlighted in this report are possible through the support of many donors, partners and volunteers who believe in the mission of **ZimKids**.

**ZimKids: Community Support**, an Ontario not-for-profit organization founded and registered in 2013, evolved out of a decision to formalize and provide more structure to earlier initiatives supported by ZimArt-in-Trust, the former fund-raising arm of ZimArt.

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#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janet Honsberger

Fran Fearnley

Janice Deacon

Carol McKey

Isabel Stukator

#### Our goals for the next year of operation are to:

- Raise funds for the building of the third and final classroom block at Maori Primary School, and a second borehole for agricultural purposes
- Continue to work with donors to provide books and other learning resources for Maori Primary School
- Continue to provide agricultural inputs for Nyachuru Secondary School
- Continue to sell batiks and other products for Shingirirai Trust with 100% proceeds being returned to the project
- Continue to provide tuition support for vulnerable students
- Build our donor base, through awareness and fundraising events

#### OUR MISSION

**ZimKids: Community Support** is a not-for-profit corporation registered in November 2013, in the province of Ontario, Canada with the following objectives:

To enable vulnerable children of Zimbabwe, their caregivers and the communities in which they live to meet their basic needs, increase their ability to produce sustainable food sources and improve their education and living environments.

To build relationships to increase understanding and unity among peoples of different cultures and countries.

**KEY RESULTS**

The following achievements exemplify the many ways we are supporting children and families in Zimbabwe to improve their education and living environments.

In 2015 the **ZimKids** board engaged the services of Nyasha Kahari to undertake project management tasks for **ZimKids** on the ground in Zimbabwe. It is through Nyasha's work, both with the community and the Zimbabwean Ministry of Education, that we accomplished our goal of having Maori Primary School registered by the Ministry this year.

As with last year, the exchange rate from the Canadian to the US dollar in the 2016-2017 fiscal year, had a significant negative impact on the reach of our Canadian fundraising dollars nevertheless we still met our goals.

**ZIMBABWE PROJECTS: 2016- 2017 RESULTS**

**Maori Primary School  
Maori village, Zimbabwe  
\$10,199 (USD)**

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Nyasha Kahari and the community, Maori Primary School was registered by the Zimbabwean Ministry of Education in 2016. Now that the school has official status a Head has been appointed. In March 2017 the school also received official examination centre status. This means students can now sit for the final exams at their own primary school before they move on to secondary school.



The following is a list of what **ZimKids** funded at Maori Primary School during this financial year:

- Library space conversion
- Purchase of text books
- Handwashing system for students
- Borehole assessment
- School Registration costs
- Examination Centre fee
- School signage and donor plaques



Total enrolment at both sites is 345 from kindergarten to grade 7. That represents a 41% increase since 2012, when construction of the new school started. The Head at nearby Nyachuru Secondary School, to which some of the Maori students transfer for their secondary education, noted that the students in this year's intake were much better prepared and had better examination results than in previous years.

There are still students attending school at the old facility. An additional classroom block is required to accommodate all the students at the new site.

Nyasha Kahari reported the following impacts to date.

- Access to new library resources has enhanced student learning and engagement
- Appointment of Head has ensured stable leadership for students, staff and the community
- Enhanced and healthy learning and teaching environment
- Positive attitude from parents and children towards school work
- The school has provided a centre for community meetings and other activities



**Nyachuru Secondary School  
Howard, Zimbabwe  
\$2,114 (USD)**

Agricultural support program - purchase and delivery of fertilizer and seed and school fees for two vulnerable students.

The provision of agricultural inputs for the school's 35 hectares of land supports a lunch program that provides a nutritional meal for all students and staff five days a week throughout school year.



**Shingirirai Trust, Tafara  
\$1,000 (USD)**

**Women's Coop - batik products**

This represents 100% of sales revenue achieved through shipping and selling products in Canada made by the Fabric Printing Group.

**Vulnerable Children  
Tuition Support  
\$2,402 (USD)**

**ZimKids** is paying tuition support for one university and one high school, student. Continuing support is contingent on good academic results.

**WITH GRATITUDE**

Projects have been made possible through the generosity of many donors both before and since **ZimKids: Community Support** was founded. Special thanks are due to **Stuart and Victoria Lazier** who have been generous funders over the years.

This year we would also like to acknowledge the generous support of **Scott Wilkie and Denise Quick** who donated funds towards the creation of a **Library & Resource Centre** at Maori Primary School. Storage space was redesigned and text books purchased. These donors have also committed to providing additional reading material going forward.

We would also like to thank the following individuals for their donations.

Bert Amato  
Lewis Code  
Ingrid Schilling

Heather Shepherd  
Mark Season  
Robert Howard

James Mutrie  
Tracey Germa  
James Matheson

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In addition we would like to thank the following organisations for their support.

Canadian Southern Africa Network  
Havergal College

Mama Africa Foundation  
Milkweed Pre-School

ZimArt

Finally, we would like to publically thank **Nyasha Kahari** for his project management work and for his meticulous accounting and comprehensive reporting.

### FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

**ZimKids: Community Support** continues to grow a base of donors. Now that Maori Primary School has been registered by the Zimbabwean government we anticipate increased donor support.

On the expense side it is important to note that despite the Canadian to US dollar exchange increasing project implementation costs substantially, **ZimKids: Community Support** was able to meet its annual goals.

**ZimKids: Community Support** underwent a Financial Review conducted by Collins Barrow LLP, for the 2014 – 2015 financial year which is shown in the statement of operations below.

### Statement of operations for the year ended March 31, 2017

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Donations	\$8,194.53
Auction/Raffle	\$2,181.00
Craft/Paperweight Sales	\$7,738.35
Restored sculpture fundraising	\$5,290.00
Other	0
<b>Total Raised</b>	<b>\$23,403.88</b>
<b>Balance forward from 2016</b>	<b>\$8,889.91</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>\$32,293.79</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Insurance	\$595.00
Accounting/Banking	\$4,080.56
Legal	0
Promotion/Communications	\$218.23
Administration	\$303.50
Project Implementation- Zimbabwe	\$21,449.19
Other (crafts for fundraising)	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$26,641.48</b>
<b>Net Assets End of Year</b>	<b>\$5,652.31</b>