

ZimKids

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

The Board of **ZimKids: Community Support** is pleased to present the annual report for the year ending March 31, 2018. 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 fundraising arm of ZimArt.

Our goals for the next year of operation are to:

- Support educational projects and other learning resources for **Maori Primary School**
- Provide agricultural inputs for **Nyachuru Secondary School**
- Sell batiks and other products for **Shingirirai Trust** with 100% proceeds being returned to the project
- Provide tuition support for vulnerable students
- Build our donor base, through awareness and fundraising events

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janet Honsberger - President

Fran Fearnley - Treasurer

Janice Deacon - Secretary

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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

ZimKids board continued engaging the services of Nyasha Kahari to undertake project management tasks for ZimKids on the ground in Zimbabwe. Nyasha has been instrumental in working with the community, Maori Primary School staff and Zimbabwe Ministry of Education partners to ensure the needs and accomplishments of the students are promoted. He has also secured cost estimates for the construction of an additional classroom block, repair of the floors in the existing two blocks, and drilling of another borehole on site to enable the community to start an agricultural project to generate funds for the school and help make it self-sustaining.

Board Member, Fran Fearnley, visited Maori Primary School several times between November 2017 and February 2018 and met with the teaching staff and community members to assess the state of the school and its preparedness and commitment to new classroom block construction. There is a strong commitment from the staff and community to work with stakeholders and contribute to this project.

Some students are still attending school in old farm buildings a kilometer from the new site. Others are being taught under a makeshift tent on the new school property. This need for additional classroom space is paramount.

As with last year, the exchange rate from the Canadian to the US dollar in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, had a significant negative impact on the reach of our Canadian fundraising dollars. In addition there has been a cash shortage in Zimbabwe for over a year now and accessing USD cash costs a premium of about 40%.

ZIMBABWE PROJECTS: 2017- 2018 RESULTS



Nyachuru Secondary School Howard, Zimbabwe

\$ 2,676 (USD) \$3,520 (CAN)

Agricultural support program - purchase and delivery of fertilizer and seed. Because of the lack of rain during the growing season we also agreed to fund the school's request for additional fertilizer in February 2018.

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.

Vulnerable Children Tuition Support

\$2,174 (USD) \$2,860 (CAN)

ZimKids has continued to pay fees for students formerly assisted by ZimArt-in-Trust. As of February 2018 there is only one student still in the program. Batsi is currently in his third year studying urban planning at university. On her recent trip to Zimbabwe board member, Fran Fearnley, met with Batsi and industry mentors where he is in co-op placement this year. He is making great progress, receiving a distinction grade from both his employer and academic supervisor.

Maori Primary School Maori village, Zimbabwe

\$ 3,773 (USD) \$4,964 (CAN)

The school requested our assistance in putting together proposals to potential funding organizations for an additional classroom block. This required getting quotations for building materials from a range of suppliers, getting quotations for construction, meetings with the Ministry of Education, meetings with local politicians, community meetings and writing of various proposals. The school has been successful in their bid for assistance and building will be starting in July 2018.



Total enrolment at both sites is 350 from kindergarten to grade 7. There are still students attending school at the old facility, and some students who are on the new site but studying under a tent. The need for an additional classroom block is evident.

Nyasha Kahari reported the following impacts to date:

- Improved examination pass rate for students destined for secondary school
- Improved attendance
- Increased enrolment
- Increased Ministry of Education support – each grade now has a dedicated teacher

Shingirirai Trust, Tafara

\$500 (USD) \$380 (CAN)

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.

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 ongoing funders.

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

Milkweed Pre-School
ZimArt
Havergal College

We would like to acknowledge Nyasha Kahari for his outstanding project management work on the ground in Zimbabwe and for his meticulous accounting and comprehensive reporting to the Board. Nyasha is also generously donating some of his time to Maori Primary School because, in his words, "this project is positively impacting my community."

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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.

Statement of operations for the year ended March 31, 2018

REVENUE	
Donations	\$820.00
Auction	\$1,747.85
Craft/Paperweight Sales	\$4,577.00
Restored sculpture fundraising	\$4,320.00
Other	\$ 679.50
Total Raised	\$12,144.35
Balance forward from 2017	\$5,652.31
Total revenue	\$17,796.66
EXPENSES	
Insurance	\$595.00
Accounting/Banking	\$1,176.41
Legal	0
Promotion/Communications	\$122.83
Administration	\$201.50
Project Implementation- Zimbabwe	\$12,002.22
Other (crafts for fundraising)	\$ 2,900.00
Total Expenses	16,997.96
Net Assets End of Year	\$798.70

