

ZimKids

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The Board of **ZimKids: Community Support** Support is pleased to present the annual report for the year ending March 31, 2019. We are grateful for the continued efforts and generosity of many donors, partners and volunteers who believe in the mission of ZimKids and who support the projects and activities highlighted in this report.

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**
- Pursue funding and resources to ensure stable, year round water access for **Maori Primary School** (also enabling the community to start an agricultural project to generate funds for the school and help make it self-sustaining)
- Secure funding for classroom furniture for the new classroom block at **Maori Primary School**
- Provide agricultural inputs and emergency food relief for **Nyachuru Secondary School**
- Sell batiks and other products for **Shingirirai Trust** with 100% proceeds being returned to the project
- Provide educational support for vulnerable students
- Build our donor base, through awareness and fundraising events

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janet Honsberger

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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

A third classroom block was built at Maori Primary School, through the generous contributions of two Canadian donors. A partner organization in Zimbabwe assumed primary responsibility for leading and managing the project. ZimKids' project manager, Nyasha Kahari, provided final financial and logistical oversight.

We requested a commitment from the community and staff in this project. They fulfilled their pledge by:

- moulding and delivering bricks to the site
- providing and delivering pit sand and river sand to the site
- clearing the land in preparation for the builders
- assisting with security during the building period
- assisting with the delivery of water to the site

Through a generous donation provided by Scott Wilkie and Denise Quick, 25 reading sets for grades one through seven, a series of Shona readers and 11 school atlases were purchased and delivered to the school.

Batsirai Ngoshi, an orphan who we have been providing educational support for since 2007, will be graduating with a BSc. Honours degree in Urban Planning and Development in June of 2019. He says that one of his goals, once he's employed, is to help less fortunate students.

ZimKids' board continued engaging the services of Nyasha Kahari to manage projects and tasks on the ground in Zimbabwe including overseeing all banking transactions, project expenditures, and financial reporting for ZimKids.

On another note of accomplishment, Nyasha and his wife Faith had a baby daughter.

ZIMBABWE PROJECTS: 2018- 2019

**Maori Primary School
Maori village, Zimbabwe
\$5,218.00 USD (\$7,987.52 CAN)**

This rural school serves 150 families living in the six surrounding villages. Current enrolment is 350 at boy to girl ratio of 45:55. The families served by this school are subsistence farmers and farm workers who rely on farm produce income to survive.

Construction of the third classroom block has enabled accommodation of all students at the new site. Through staggered time scheduling the nine classes, which includes pre-schoolers, are now able to share the six classrooms.

Last year Scott Wilkie and Denise quick donated funds to allow for a storage room to be converted into a mini resource centre/library. This year their generous donation has purchased books for the library. They were involved in the selection process working with recommendations from educational publishers in Zimbabwe. Books were purchased for all grades.

The school is still experiencing issues with water supply. While there is sufficient for the students' use there is not enough to begin any agricultural projects which the school is hoping to initiate both for a school lunch program and to generate income for the school.



A school gathering to receive delivery of the school's first library books.

**Nyachuru Secondary School
Howard, Zimbabwe**

\$3,050.00 USD (\$4,119.22 CAN)

Agricultural support program - purchase and delivery of fertilizer and seed. The provision of agricultural inputs for the school's 35 hectares of land supports a lunch program that provides a nutritional meal for all 559 students and staff five days a week throughout school year.

Unfortunately, there was severe drought this year which resulted in a very poor harvest and insufficient maize for the lunch program.

ZimKids responded to the school's request for additional assistance by purchasing and arranging delivery of maize meal (shown in photos).



**Shingirirai Trust, Tafara
\$650.00 USD (\$901.50 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. We added an additional donation of \$250 USD to the sales realized.

**Vulnerable Children
Tuition Support
\$2,514.77 USD (\$2,787.54 CAN)**

We supported Batsiria Ngoshi through his university studies as he did exceptionally well in high school and had no means of financing his studies. He is an orphan who was raised by his grandparents. Batsirai Ngoshi is graduating from university this year and are very proud of his academic accomplishments.



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 the most generous ongoing funders.

We would also like to acknowledge the generous support of Peterborough photographer **Wayne Eardley** whose *Portraits of Zimbabwe* (from his Relative Project series) were printed on aluminium, displayed at the Rice Lake Gallery and sold with all proceeds going to ZimKids.

We would also like to thank **Scott Wilkie** and **Denise Quick** for their ongoing interest and support in building literacy at Maori Primary School.

We would also like to thank the following individuals for their donations:
Lauralee Finnie, John Paul Warrack

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

Milkweed Pre-School

ZimArt

Havergal College

Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School

Kyoto Coffee

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 donated some of his time to Maori Primary School because, in his words, "this project is positively impacting my community."

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

As with last year, the exchange rate from the Canadian to the US dollar in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, had a significant negative impact on the reach of our Canadian fundraising dollars. In addition new fiscal policies in Zimbabwe have made it very difficult to access USD cash. This meant that in some instances we have had to send funds via Western Union rather than the bank, resulting in even less favourable exchange rates.

Statement of operations for the year ended March 31, 2019

REVENUE	
Donations	\$5,209.00
Raffle	\$2,567.00
Craft/Paperweight Sales	\$9,893.50
Restored sculpture fundraising	\$3,500.00
Other	\$1,844.00
Total Raised	\$23,013.50
Balance forward from 2017	\$798.70
Total revenue	\$23,812.20
EXPENSES	
Insurance	\$615.00
Accounting/Banking	\$1,090.70
Legal	N/A
Promotion/Communications	N/A
Administration	\$370.00
Project Implementation- Zimbabwe	\$15,795.78
Other (crafts for fundraising)	\$1,483.20
Total Expenses	\$19,354.68
Net Assets End of Year	\$4,457.52