

ZimKids

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Annual Report: April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

The Board is pleased to look back and share some of the achievements of the past year as we present the annual report for the year ending March 31, 2021. As the impacts of the global COVID 19 pandemic intensified throughout the year, families, students, school staff and members of communities supported by **ZimKids Community Support**, continued to face growing challenges and hardships. However, despite the unprecedented circumstances and a time of great uncertainty, our supporters and donors provided hope and much needed resources to sustain our projects. More so than ever, the pandemic has made us realize how closely we are connected around the world. Although the last year has been challenging and there are difficult days ahead, we are encouraged and inspired by the contributions from our donors, and the efforts and tenacity of our partners and volunteers in Zimbabwe to become more independent.



Maori Primary School in Maori village, Zimbabwe.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Janet Honsberger

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ZimKids: Community Support

is an Ontario not-for-profit organization founded and registered in 2013.

OUR MISSION

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.

Our goals for the next year of operation are to:

- Continue to build our donor base, and create innovative fundraising opportunities
 - Support Maori Primary school in working alongside the community, with the School Development Committee, to initiate income generating agricultural projects at the school.
 - To resolve staff accommodation issues at the Maori Primary school site in order to improve staff retention.
 - Continue to support Nyachuru Secondary School in the planting of more sustainable, drought resistant crops to promote food security for students and staff
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ZIMBABWE PROJECTS: 2020- 2021 RESULTS

Maori Primary School

Maori village, Zimbabwe

\$ 8,860.00 (USD) \$11,964.85 (CAN)

This year marked the successful installation of a well (drilled 90 metre bore hole, lined with steel casing) and solar pump at the school, creating a reliable and safe source of water for students, staff, families and community members.

Due to curtailed fundraising efforts as a result of the pandemic, the Board of **ZimKids Community Support** initiated a direct appeal for assistance on this project. Donors generously responded. A healthy, consistent water supply has created a much improved learning environment at Maori Primary School. The increased yield of water has enabled significantly improved hygiene for staff and students and supports agricultural needs.



Students, staff and community members continue to appreciate and benefit from the building of the new classroom block at Maori Public School.

We provided all the students with reusable hand-made (in Zimbabwe) masks when they returned to school after the COVID lockdown. Like students around the world their learning has been disrupted this past year, but they are now all back in school.

(* There are 362 students and 12 staff at the new school site.)

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Nyachuru Secondary School Howard, Zimbabwe

\$ 4113.00 (USD) \$ 5553.00 (CAN)

ZimKids provided increased support by purchasing more sustainable agricultural inputs for the school's 35 hectares of land, with community volunteers providing the labour for planting and harvesting. This initiative has traditionally provided a nutritional meal for all 559 students and staff five days a week throughout school year.

Once again, there has been severe drought this year which resulted in a very poor harvest and insufficient maize for the lunch program. The school researched options for more drought resistant crops so the purchase of agricultural inputs this year included sorghum and sugar beans.



Shingirirai Trust, Tafara, Zimbabwe

\$ 500.00 (USD) \$ 640.85 (CAN)

This group support early childhood education initiatives for vulnerable children in Tafara. The donation was put towards improving the centre's wifi connection and supplementary food program.

WITH GRATITUDE

Projects have been made possible through the support of many individuals and organizations. These are extraordinary times and we are grateful for those who reached out to support **ZimKids Community Support** in multiple ways over this past year.

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

Janice Deacon, Isabel Stukator, David & Pamela Churchill, Harry Fearnley, Sherrill Burns, Lewis Code & Patricia Orr, Ingrid Schilling, Patricia Ralston, Natasha Malozewski

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

Milkweed Pre-School, ZimArt

Special acknowledgements

We acknowledge the continued dedicated efforts of **Jane Moore** in working with partners in Zimbabwe to support Maori Primary School. She has helped to provide a healthy and productive learning environment to students in this community. This year she was instrumental in supporting the installation of the new well and solar pump at the school through a direct donation to the project. Funds obtained through the fundraising appeal from ZimKids covered the balance.

We thank and acknowledge **Nyasha Kahari** for his ongoing energy, enthusiasm and efficiency. He continues to provide steady project management work and oversight on the ground in Zimbabwe and ensures that the Board receives timely and meticulous accounting and comprehensive reporting.

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

There are various economic and infrastructure challenges in Zimbabwe. As with last year, the exchange rate from the Canadian to the US dollar in the 2020-2021 fiscal year negatively impacted the reach of our Canadian fundraising dollars. It is still very difficult to access USD cash so again in some instances we had to send funds via Western Union rather than the bank, resulting in even less favourable exchange rates. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, and significant concern at the outset of the year as to whether **ZimKids Community Support** could raise enough funds to support identified needs, generous support from our donors allowed for the successful completion of priority projects.

Statement of operations for the year ended March 31, 2021

REVENUE	
Donations	\$2,902.00
Sculpture Draw	\$1,850.00
Paperweight Sales	\$5,045.60
Craft Sales	\$1,680.00
Restored sculpture fundraising	\$8,110.00
Other	\$72.00
Total raised	\$19,659.00
Balance forward from March 31, 2020	\$2,926.04
Total revenue	\$22,584.04
EXPENSES	
Insurance	\$642.00
Accounting/Banking	\$1,087.50
Legal	\$0
Promotion/Communications	\$0
Administration	\$332.00
Project Implementation- Zimbabwe	\$17,517.85
Purchase of Crafts	\$439.00
Other (Donation to Shingirirai Trust)	\$640.85
Total Expenses	\$20,660.18
Net Assets End of Year	\$1,925.00