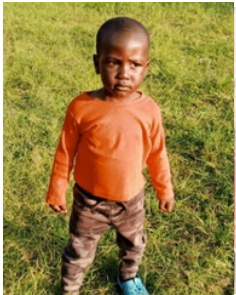


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FOSA NEWSLETTER



News from the Fairfield Children's Homes



A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

By Jeff Matheny

Fairfield Outreach & Sponsors Association (FOSA)



I would like to start by thanking everyone for your continued support of FOSA as we work to support the children of Fairfield Childrens Home in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. It has been my humble pleasure to serve as Chair of the Board for another year. The children continue to grow and mature under the careful direction of the dedicated staff. While many of the children have moved on to higher education or technical training, we are continuing to work with the local Child Welfare Systems to assist in providing a positive environment for additional children.

We certainly feel blessed and a sense of responsibility to diligently administer the grant funds which have been entrusted to us from the Epworth Childrens Home in South Carolina. While this process takes significant time and effort, we are dedicated to starting off correctly and making sure that we can provide the most impact possible with the gifts which have been entrusted to us.

The Board has also established an Endowment Committee to work on establishing a fund to continue the good work at Fairfield as well as the children in the Old Mutare area. The plan is to provide a way for people to continue the work

that was started many years ago beyond their lifetime. There will be more information later this year as we finalize those plans, but we will certainly keep you informed as we move forward.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our tractor fund. We have currently raised about \$3,000.00 or the \$40,000.00 that we need to purchase a good used tractor for use at Africa University and Fairfield Childrens Home. The idea for this project came out of discussions during our visit last summer. I am excited to see the University and the Mission Station come together to share a valuable resource which will assist Fairfield in planting their crops as well a be used for the farm at Africa University as a learning laboratory and growing food for the students at the University.

As some of you may know, the conditions in Zimbabwe are again very challenging. The first concern that the people are currently facing is excessive inflation, which has made normal life very difficult as wages are quickly eroded and the cost of purchasing basic necessities escalates daily. The other ongoing challenge is the disputed national reelection of President Mnangagwa, who was sworn into his second term in August of 2023. Despite the political unrest surrounding this election, we continue to pray for the safety of Zimbabweans and the integrity of their elections.

I also want to thank our current Board members for their time and efforts during the past year. In the past 12 months four of our Board members have been able to visit Fairfield and many more look forward to the opportunity to visit again soon. For me, it is a valuable opportunity to connect with the children and people of Old Mutare as it resets my soul on what is really important in the world today.

Sincerely,
Jeff Matheny

FAIRFIELD NEEDS A TRACTOR!

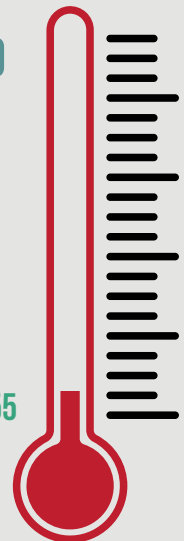


Thank you so much to those of you that have donated towards the purchase of a new/used tractor for the homes' gardens and fields. We have raised \$2,855 towards our goal of \$40,000!

Please consider donating at FOSAkids.org

\$40,000

\$2,855



PROJECTS AROUND THE HOMES

2022-2023 Projects



100 broiler chickens have been cleaned and stored. Some will be used for FCH, while some will be purchased by Harzell HS.



This year's crop was large enough to feed the children at FCH AND sell some to the local community!



House 1A and 1B are being used as rentals for college students, with a total of 10 rooms currently being rented. This extra income is essential for self-sustainability for FCH.



Hartzell High School has agreed to help plow FCH's maize field. Due to high rains, this will likely take place in November, just in time for planting season.



The piggery currently houses a few pigs, and more are expected to be added soon.



We have so far raised raised \$2,855 towards our goal of \$40,000 for a new tractor for Fairfield!

CAREERS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Supporting Dreams Through Education



scan me!



One of the many things that makes Fairfield unique, is the fact that our support doesn't stop after high school. In fact, each child at Fairfield is given the opportunity to attend college thanks to the Careers For A Brighter Future (CFBF) fund. When you donate to the CFBF fund, you are helping fund a child's college education, living expenses, and additional costs to help them receive their degree and accomplish their dreams.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FAIRFIELD

Updates about FCH Children

We currently have **34 children actively living at Fairfield**, including 13 females and 21 males. In addition, there are four new children who will be looking for sponsors once they are settled into their new homes at Fairfield. The new children range in age from two months old to five years old. We look forward to sharing more information about these new additions and providing updates as they become available.

We are delighted to announce that Ngoni Mutasa and Rumbidzai Sigauke have both recently graduated! Ngoni graduated from the University of Zimbabwe with a degree in International Relations. He was named the Best Graduating Student in the department of Governance and Public Management and received the Tinashe Mhetu award. Rumbidzai graduated from Magamba Teachers College in May 2023! Additionally, Juliet graduated first in her class from Africa University in 2022. She has now returned to AU on a full scholarship to obtain her master's degree! Between her studies she also works at the college.

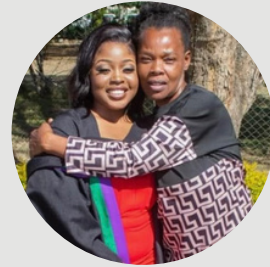
In total, Fairfield has an incredible **18 young adults attending college** this year! All of this is possible through FOSA's Careers for a Brighter Future program. This very special account is separate from Sponsorship and General funds and is used specifically to help pay for student's tuition, housing, school supplies, and everything they need to successfully attend college and obtain their degree.

If you were sponsoring a child that is now attending post-secondary schooling, we humbly ask for your continued commitment of two more years as a sponsor and an additional six months after college graduation. At FOSA, we believe that supporting each young person in their post-secondary studies (and an additional six months after graduation) provides the necessary support system for them to thrive in a new home, job, and next phase of their lives. Our support for our post-secondary students includes everything they will need to be successful in school and life.

Congrats Grads!



Ngoni Mutasa
Graduation '23



Rumbidzai Sigauke
and Cecelia
Graduation '23

2023 COLLEGE STUDENTS

Charity Moyo: Tourism and Management at Magamba

Tapiwa Moyo: Hotel Catering at Magamba

Washington Mushonga: Hotel Catering at Magamba

Tendai Munashe: Tourism and Management at Magamba

Rumbidzai Chikomo: Tourism and Management at Magamba

Precious Shumba: Garment Construction at Sakubva Vocational

Tinashe Mwoto: Agriculture at Magamba

Abigail Grace Shumba: Welding at Magamba

Simbarashe Tichaona: Agriculture at Magamba

Faith Mutasa Guta : Agriculture at Magamba

Marbel Marondo: Agriculture at Magamba

Munashe Matenga: Agriculture at Magamba

Moreblessing Tinotenda: Agriculture at Magamba

Tafadzwa Nhamo: Agriculture at Magamba

Simbarashe Munoda: Auto Electric at Magamba

Loveness Maphosa: Agriculture at Magamba

Rutendo Mufdzi: Auto Electric at Magamba

Tafadzwa Tino Ushe: Auto Electric at Magamba

NEWS FROM THE COUNSELOR

Rachel Saunyama
Elevation Zimbabwe



Rachel Saunyama

The Elevation/counseling program will resume with the start of school and students being back at Fairfield. During their last outing, Rachel brought students to the “Day of the African Child” event in Mutare. The students adored celebrating this world-wide day of remembrance and activism.

A Day of the African Child

The Day of the African Child (DAC) was instituted in 1991 by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the OAU in memory of the 16th June 1976 student uprising in Soweto, South Africa. At that time, students marched protesting the poor-quality education they received and demanding to be taught in their languages. During the protest hundreds of school children were killed. The Day of the African Child is celebrated to commemorate these children and the brave action they took to defend their rights. The Day of the African Child also serves to celebrate children of Africa as well as inspire a sober reflection and action towards addressing the challenges that children in Africa face on a daily basis.

The Day of the African Child is celebrated every year on June 16 with a theme identified by the Committee based on children’s views collected from various consultations with children themselves. The Committee also developed Concept Note on the theme of the Day of the African Child to guide the commemoration of the Day in Member States of the African Union.

The theme for the Day of the African Child (DAC) 2023 is titled “The Rights of the Child in the digital environment.”

DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD

This year, Rachel took students from FCH to celebrate The Day of the African Child event in Mutare, Zimbabwe.



Fairfield students taking part in advocating for change



Samurai table where a facilitator is discussing career paths for change



Denzel, one of Fairfield’s children, performed the opening prayer



Fairfield children meeting their favorite DJs at the local radio station booth (Diamond FM)

ALUMNA SPOTLIGHT

By Charity Moyo

Age 19

My name is Charity Moyo, a girl aged nineteen. I am a Zimbabwean by citizenship and a Christian by religion. I have four O-level qualifications, including English. I am attending my tertiary studies at Magamba Training Centre College doing my National Certificate in Tourism and Hospitality Studies, which is a two-year course study. I commenced my studies in January 2021 and the completion of my studies is in December 2023.



Charity Moyo

The modules I am covering are Food Preparation, Entrepreneurship Skills Development, Bakery Studies, Accommodation Studies, and Food and Beverage Studies. As I am pursuing my National Certificate in Tourism and Hospitality, I have managed to gather a number of skills that may help me to develop my career. These include confectionary, innovation in producing beverages and snacks, catering (preparation and serving), housekeeping, communication skills, and networking.

During my fieldwork attachment, I also managed to gain some experience in public relations, including how to interact and negotiate, problem/conflict solving, basic accounting, improvement in the use of Microsoft packages, and adaption to global languages including French and Ndebele.

FOSA BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Nyasha Maforo

Nyasha G. Maforo was born in Zimbabwe and moved to the USA in 1999. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Fort Hays State University, where she also completed minors in Mathematics and Computer Science. Following her undergraduate studies, Nyasha pursued a postbac at the University of Chicago, focusing on medical physics research. During this time, her passion for advancing the field grew, and she dedicated her efforts to working on MRI for breast cancer diagnosis. Driven by her commitment to furthering her knowledge and expertise, Nyasha went on to pursue a Ph.D. in Medical Physics at UCLA. Currently, she serves as a diagnostic medical physics resident at UPenn, gaining invaluable clinical exposure. Her future plans include completing a residency program and obtaining board certification as a Diagnostic Medical Physicist.



Nyasha G. Maforo

Outside of her professional pursuits, Nyasha actively participates in various humanitarian efforts. In 2022, she joined the board for FOSA and plays an active role on the executive committee. Overall, Nyasha's journey encompasses her dedication to advancing medical physics, her commitment to humanitarian causes, and her unwavering pursuit of knowledge and professional growth.

LOOKING TO SPONSOR?

FOSA supports a substantial portion of Fairfield Children's Homes' financial needs, and our sponsorship program generates a large chunk of FOSA's funding. All sponsorship funding goes directly to the needs of the children and the sustainability of the Homes as a whole. Your sponsorship donation of \$30 a month is used collectively to cover the expenses of things like food, housing, education, health, dental, transportation, and costs associated with maintaining the facilities and operations at the Homes. These funds also go to cover the salaries for the mothers, aunts, educators, workers and other staff who care for the children.

CHILDREN NEEDING SPONSORS!

Tinotenda



Issa



Makanaka



Find out more about sponsorships at <http://fosakids.org>



Tinotenda, Issa, and Makanaka came to the Homes last year. Since Tinotenda and Issa came to Fairfield without birth certificates, their official age and birthdays are not yet known.

Makanaka is 16 years old and she will be looking for support now and through post-secondary if she qualifies

WAYS TO SUPPORT FOSA



Sponsorship

For \$30 a month, your sponsorship money will help provide the children with everything they need to grow, flourish, and succeed.



Donate

Make a one-time donation or recurring donation that will support all of Fairfield's children and facilities. You can indicate on our donation page if you would like to support a specific cause, such as Careers for a Brighter Future.



Fundraise

Help us spread the word about FCH by raising funds at your church, local hangouts, and social media. Contact us for more information about how you can start a campaign and advocate for the cause.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW...



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE UPDATES!



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



4 Homes

4 mothers
1 Administrator



38 Children



18 Students in College

*Note that FOSA does not fund all college students as some students receive outside funding and/or financial opportunities



79% of Children Sponsored

8 unsponsored
30 at least partially sponsored



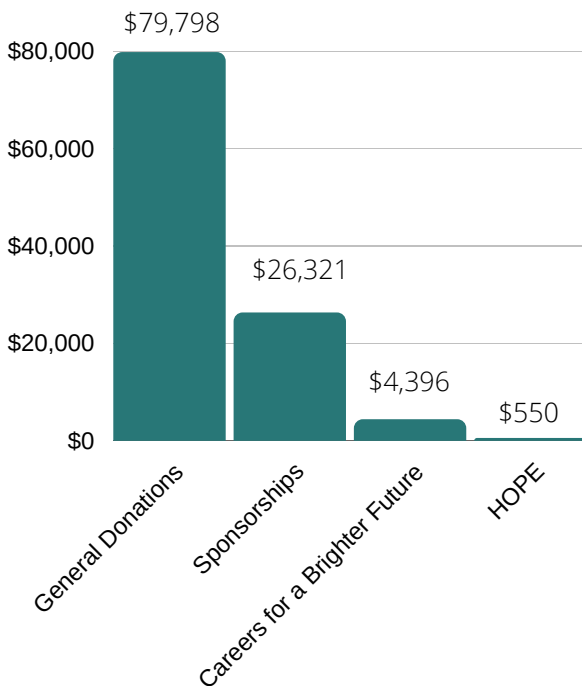
\$111,065 Donations



16 Board Members

1 Administrative Assistant

2022 Income \$111,065



2022 Expenses \$97,545

