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Our Services

We seek to serve children and families affected by cancer as well as communities throughout Zimbabwe. We want to give practical expressions of love, care, and responsibility, and strive to be humble and accountable in our work. We provide different services that include clinical care, advocacy, and case management. We also offer Chemotherapy drugs, CT and MRI Scans, and transport allowances so that patients do not default.

Under supportive services, we source and provide prosthetics, admission, and discharge packs. Kidzcan conducts Paediatric Cancer Early Detection and Awareness Campaigns. We advocate for subsidized private specialized medical/health services and promote paediatric oncology services within the public health system. All our services are provided free of charge.

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"Once you choose hope, anything's possible."

Christopher Reeve



From the Executive Director's Desk

Season's greetings to you all and it is a pleasure, to address you on this platform for the first time. We count ourselves fortunate for safely navigating our way through the stormy times of the COVID-19-induced lockdowns last year, going into the New Year.

I am happy to report that we have registered success in most of our programming with several children going into remission despite fears that childhood cancer patients would be affected more by COVID-19, given their already compromised immunity. During this period, we did see several mortalities, which could be attributed to poor nutrition and some of the children defaulting on treatment during the lockdown. The childhood cancer survival rate remains low despite our spirited efforts in rolling out awareness programs and pushing for early detection and treatment. We have managed to provide our core services to our constituency despite the myriad of challenges we have faced in the process. A special thank you to the National Aids Council (NAC) for assistance with these services.

We have rolled out robust awareness campaigns across the country with specific visits to several places (schools included) in Harare, Mash East, West, Bulawayo, and Masvingo and we will continue in the New Year to ensure no child is left behind.

We have also tried to replicate our work on the ground and amplify it in the virtual world to improve our visibility and this year we have witnessed growth. I am glad that our work largely went unhindered during this year, and we have managed to retain most of our partners and donors, a move that has kept our programming in motion.



Anne M. Mulcahy, the former chairperson and CEO of Xerox once said, "Employees are a company's greatest asset—they're your competitive advantage."

I commend our board and staff for working their hearts out throughout the year. For us, multi-tasking remains a vital cog in our work and our volunteers have made the work easy. I encourage everyone to join hands as we work towards recouping lost time during lockdowns.

I also want to thank Oak Zimbabwe, ELMA, Global Giving, ALSAC, A to Z Impact, Segal Family Foundation, King Baudouin Foundation, St Jude Children's Research Hospital and many more of our partners and donors.

A big thank you to all our local donors and partners. We cannot do what we do without your help. No man is an island. Through your hands we make a difference. Remember no donation is too small.

Last but not least, I am happy to report that as I write, we are in the process of relocating to our new home at the Rainbow Children's Village, behind Belgravia Shopping Centre on East Road, in partnership with Roundtable Zimbabwe and the Meikles Foundation.

Please keep safe, sanitize, and do not forget to socially distance yourself. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Season's Greetings &

Best wishes For A Prosperous 2023



The RCV Springs Into Life

Childhood Cancer in Zimbabwe will never be the same as the Rainbow Children's Village (RCV) roared into life during the soft launch on the 1st of December at a colourful ceremony in Harare.

The launch was a dream come true for KidzCan Founder Andrea Whatman who in 2003, having visited St Jude Children's Research Hospital had conceived the idea of forming a Private Voluntary Organisation (PVO) that would take care of children with cancer.

Speaking at the launch, KidzCan board chair Dave Mills commended all partners to the RCV for a job well done.

He expressed gratitude to the KidzCan Board who have been supportive of the

project.

He thanked team KidzCan for the hard work and assured all of the commitment and integrity of the KidzCan family, led by Daniel McKenzie, a passionate man on all things cancer.

He also spoke about how McKenzie has been raising the KidzCan flag on the global stage, being a board member of Childhood Cancer International.

"Never in my life have I worked with such an energetic and committed team, I want to thank them, Daniel has immersed himself in fundraising, and has become a household name in Zimbabwe.

"We want to ensure that childhood cancer survival rate rises to 60% by 2030," said Mills.

Fundraising chairperson of the RCV Lara Botha, narrated how, like ants, the team worked hard to see the fruition of the RCV project.

Roundtable representative, said the organisation was happy to be part of the successful winner that the RCV has become.

Representing the Meikles Foundation, Mr Malcom promised to continue supporting the RCV to do

even more in future to ensure the completion of the project.

"Meikles Foundation has been involved in this project from day one. I salute everyone who has participated. Well done everyone, we appreciate every donation and we never say no to any donation no matter how little.

"Let the children come and get the right care that they need, and a little comfort too.

"We need to understand that cancer does not happen in specific months only. So, for all captains of industry, we need to think about what we can do throughout the year," said Malcom.

In attendance were partners and do-



nors including KidzCan founder, Andrea Whatman.

The RCV is a tripartite arrangement of the Roundtable, KidzCan Zimbabwe, and the Meikles Foundation. The RCV seeks to address childhood cancer challenges by providing a restorative home where the patient can be monitored and recuperate before making the long journey home.

The vision is to make a positive impact in the reduction of the mortality rate of childhood cancer in Zimbabwe and raise the survival rate to 60% by 2030 as enshrined in the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer (GICC),

Current statistics show that childhood cancer survival rate is around 20%.



The Story of Jethro-Beating Cancer and Driving Towards Becoming a Medical Doctor

Oscar Wilde once said, "what seems to us bitter trials are often blessings in disguise."

This seems true in Jethro Mawire's fight against cancer which in retrospect could not stop him from achieving his dream of studying for a medical degree.

At the age of 18 in 2018, Jethro woke up to unfamiliar excruciating pains in his neck and armpits which after an investigation turned out to be Hodgkin's lymphoma cancer, a disease that affects the lymphatic system of the body.

For Jethro and his family, his ailment was a steep mountain they had no idea how to climb owing to the expensive drugs and scans needed in the diagnostic process.

Jethro was introduced to KidzCan Zimbabwe where he was immediately registered, and the burden of drug fees became a thing of the past. However, while KidzCan Zimbabwe now footed his medical bills, his condition came at a time when he was doing his Form 3 at Chirozva Second-

ary school, Buhera, Manicaland. The experience disrupted his learning schedule as he had to devise a way of taking both challenges head-on. Upon being initiated on chemotherapy Jethro responded amazingly, and the power of the drugs was immediately manifested with an improvement in his condition. The lumps and pains in the armpits soon disappeared. For Jethro this appeared to be a catalyst as it subsequently spurred him into working even harder at school.

When you have a vision, you never stop dreaming. After all, they say "vibe alone until you are valued"

While undergoing chemotherapy treatment Jethro wrote his O' levels. This is no mean feat given that chemotherapy cycles can be harrowing. Moreso, that one gets breaks to allow the body to recuperate in time for another session of chemotherapy. So, Jethro had to play karate with the two challenges.

This, however, was an opportunity for young Jethro, who resiliently summoned all the little energy he still had

to score big on the academic front. When the results came, he had 10A's!

Resultantly Jethro was healed from the disease and ushered into remission in 2020.

Two years later, he again posted 4 As in sciences at A level and was shortly accepted into medical school where

he is currently pursuing medicine, and hopes to specialize in oncology.

For Jethro, overcoming cancer in his body has given him a new impetus in life as he now helps other cancer patients to fight against it as a survivor.



Husqvarna Does It For KidzCan!

Husqvarna
MUD RUN
USD \$ 80,546
 RAISED FOR KIDZCAN

The journey of a thousand miles began with a single step.

In 2012, Grant Mitchell came up with an idea to do something good to make a difference in the community.

A decade later the Mudrun has raised a whopping us\$80 546 for KidzCan Zimbabwe in the 2022 anniversary edition.

“Our journey as the Mudrun which essentially is an event that brings families together, just for a fun day out under the Zimbabwean sun and dirt, started in 2012.

“Initially we had no idea who was going to come and who was crazy enough to spend the morning in the mud but people came down,” said Mitchell.

In 2013, the wheels of Mitchell’s idea started rolling, raising us\$600 in the process. Subsequent years went on to raise us\$800, \$1000, \$1200, \$600, and \$2000. In 2020

a bumper crowd of 3000 attended.

Last year(2021) despite restrictions induced by COVID-19 lockdowns, the Mudrun raised us\$30 000 because of the support of the corporate sector.

Mitchell praised the work of KidzCan and appealed to the corporate sector to continue supporting KidzCan through the Mudrun.

“It was a no brainer to partner with KidzCan simply because we believed in who they were and what they did and the element of transparency.

“Every dollar raised through the Mudrun goes to KidzCan, so we are a 100% charity. Every avenue of income generation through the event goes directly to KidzCan and we are very proud of how they go about using it. So my message to every corporate is trust KidzCan and who they are,” said Mitchell.

“These children never asked for cancer, they never lived a life that brought the cancer by unhealthy

living, exposure to the sun against advice, smoking, poor nutrition, bad living, bad decisions. So in any way shape or form that we can support the initiatives of KidzCan we will continue to do so,” said Mitchell.



The brains behind the Mudrun, Mr Grant Mitchell

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KidzCan provides different services to childhood cancer patients that include clinical

care, advocacy and case management. The services also includes chemotherapy drugs, CT and MRI Scan, prosthetics, admission and discharge packs. Provision of transport allowances is another critical service that ensures patients do not default on treatment. All the services are provided free of charge.

Huge corporate presence at the Mudrun



KidzCan Walk at Peterhouse, More Fun

The 15th year of the KidzCan walk held at Peterhouse held in May was a great outing, bringing together several schools for a run that augments the efforts by KidzCan towards helping patients facing childhood cancer.

It was fun galore as students and parents converged at Calderwood park for the walk which has its genesis in 2007, then called the Jen Walk, named after a teacher at Peterhouse who died of cancer.

He was such a committed person who sought good for the kids. Years later it was trans-

formed into an event to also commemorate a student who tragically died while on a boat cruise raising funds for KidzCan Zimbabwe.

It is from such a rich history that Peterhouse organised an event with so much to offer, not just for childhood cancer sufferers but an opportunity for parents and children to partake in a rich culture of giving for a worthy cause.



the other taking half. At the end of the race, children had fun meeting parents and the KidzCan team was entertained at the grounds with the Rector providing braai.

Bernard Mizeki College, Peterhouse, Watershed, wise Owl, Ruzawi among others, are the schools that attended. A bumper crowd of about 2000 participated in the event. Here’s looking forward to next year 2023.



KidzCan Zimbabwe Moves To The RCV



motherapy drugs, radiological and laboratory diagnostic services, blood and blood products and now offering housing through the Rainbow Children's Village (RCV). This assistance is rendered to all children from 0 to 18 years free of charge.

Without KidzCan many children would lose their battle against cancer as almost all families cannot afford the treatment costs associated with cancer. Since 2009 when the organization was registered KidzCan has assisted over 6000 children. About 850 children are supported annually. KidzCan Zimbabwe have moved to the Rainbow Children's Village (RCV)

The RCV is a half-way home for children undergoing chemotherapy treatment at A4 Special Ward in Parirenyatwa Hospital. It is a home-grown solution to the many problems patients and caregivers have had to contend with as they, in most cases come from remote places which then result in them defaulting on treatment.

Housing provision through the RCV is set to be another pillar for KidzCan, in our efforts towards raising the survival rate of childhood cancer patients.



KidzCan Zimbabwe is the only organization in the country that supports childhood cancer. It was originally set up to provide psychosocial support to children undergoing treatment but due to the fragile socio-economic climate and challenges

within the public health system it has resulted in KidzCan outsourcing services that have not been available within the Public Health System. KidzCan supports two cancer wards 100 %, at Parirenyatwa and Mpilo Hospitals. These services include bus fares, food hampers, che-

School Visits

During Orange Month, KidzCan toured a number of schools in an awareness drive. Canonbury Primary School in Msasa, Eaglesvale, and Westridge Primary schools in Harare were visited. Subsequent childhood cancer awareness campaigns were extended across the year with visits to Hillcrest Junior School in Manicaland, Bryden in Mashonaland West, Best Beginnings Group of Schools (comprising 7 schools) Eaglesvale, Riverside Primary, Celebration International School, Mother Touch Academy, Wise Owl Westgate, David Mascott, Gateway Primary, Tynwald Primary, Greystone Park Academy among others.



39 Attend Volunteer Sessions

Thirty nine (39) volunteers from across the country have been oriented into the KidzCan Zimbabwe volunteer program in a move that shows programming for 2023 has already gathered momentum.

The two sessions, one in Harare and another in the second largest City of Bulawayo saw 26 and 13 respectively, being inducted into the work of KidzCan and childhood cancer.

From inception, volunteers have been at the core of KidzCan's activities and goes far in ensuring that Team KidzCan programs are executed efficiently with the excellence that the organisation has come to be known for.



International Meetings

In March, the Executive Director Daniel Mckenzie and Charity Kawadza, travelled to Uganda to attend the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) conference. The director was a presenter on Collaboration and Partnerships, sharing the ALSAC St Jude story. Both were moderators at two sessions. Additionally, the Executive Director attended the Childhood Cancer International (CCI) and SIOP Barcelona Conference and Board meeting from the 25th of September to the 2nd of October. The Director moderated one of

the sessions on, "Providing Educational and Emotional support and improving communications." In late October the Executive Director attended the St Jude Global Alliance in the United States.



KidzCan supports the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer to raise the survival rate to 60% by 2030. In this regard, the National AIDS Council (NAC) has been on the forefront in procurement of drugs for our children. This has gone a long way in maintaining stability in cancer treatment. For this, we are grateful.



Unforgettable Day in A4 Special Ward for Childhood Cancer



Christmas arrived early for the kids when Santa Claus turned up elegantly dressed in his famed red and white attire, bell in hand, making his grand presence felt through the clicking sound of the bell. With team KidzCan in tow, trolley full of goodies he announced his arrival. "A very good morning to you all, Father Christmas is in town," he quipped. The sombre atmosphere in A4 special ward at Parirenyatwa Hospital began to melt away as the grim reality that the occupants of the hospital are accustomed to, made way for the warmth that only Christmas can bring. Like leaves falling off a tree on a windy day,

sadness disappeared. Earlier I had had the privilege to chat with him. 'No child should miss out on Christmas goodies simply because they are hospitalized,' he said. Thanks to Kate Welch and her team, and several other partners, an assortment of groceries and many other stuff for kids, the bin bags were full. Their faces beamed with joy as they received paper bags, one for the child and another for the parent/caregiver. It was certainly a day to remember for the whole ward, housing 35 patients and another 35 caregivers. Add to that those in the outpatient ward. The foodstuffs were enough to

even extend to A5 Ward. What a surprise! When you are in hospital, you always become familiar with the usual routine of nurses and doctors going about their business. In such circumstances receiving gifts is least expected. Today was different as the presence of Father Christmas brought warmth in the corridors leaving everyone smiling, and setting the mood high. Seeing well-wishers join in, helping Father Christmas in the distribution of the hampers was special. It was priceless to see how the children cherished the teddies, part of which had come through from Ruzawi School in


Marondera. "Thank you for remembering me and my son. "It is my third day in hospital with Sean who has leukaemia." The jovial Mr Moyo said he was happy taking care of his child in hospital as his wife was home nursing their 3-month-old baby. 2022 Christmas handout was a special one as it marked the post-Covid 19 handout, the last few years having been shades below due to the restrictions COVID-19. Team KidzCan is grateful to all partners and donors for making this day a success by putting a smile on the faces of our children in hospital.



Facts about Childhood Cancer

- Cancer is **NOT** contagious.
- You **cannot** get cancer by playing or touching a cancer patient.
- Children **can** get cancer.
- Children **can** be diagnosed with cancer, irrespective of race or gender
- Children **can survive cancer** if diagnosed early.
- **Early diagnosis** is the key to survival.
- **All** have a right to health care. There are **early warning signs and symptoms** of childhood cancer.
- The **most common** type of cancer prevalent in Zimbabwe are, Leukaemia (Blood cancer, Retinoblastoma, (eye cancer), and Wilms Tumour (kidney cancer)

Please **donate** and give **children with cancer** in Zimbabwe a fighting chance. You can **donate** using the following platforms

1. **EcoCash**
Merchant Code: 87391. *151*2*2*87391*AMOUNT#
KIDZCAN 1. **Biller Code:** 51599
2. **paynow** using **Visa, MasterCard, EcoCash, or TeleCash** on www.paynow.co.zw
NB: Please use the email director@kidzcanzimbabwe.org.
3. **Direct Bank Deposits** 
USD Nostro account
Bank: NMB
Branch: Borrowdale
Account Name: KidzCan Zimbabwe
Account Number: 260209663
ZWL Account
Bank: NMB
Branch: Borrowdale
Name: KidzCan Zimbabwe
Account Number: 260055798
4. **GlobalGiving** use the following link:
www.globalgiving.org/donate/11900/kidzan-childrens-cancer-relief

Zimbabwe Cricket Takes Leading Role in Promoting Childhood Cancer Awareness

The Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) has broken new ground with a leading role in promoting childhood cancer awareness by dedicating the second One Day International match between the 2023 World Cup hosts India and Zimbabwe (Chev-

rons) to KidzCan Zimbabwe.

The match which was streamed live on local and international channels was a huge pinnacle from which the story of the voiceless child in Parirenyatwa A4 Special ward for cancer was told.

It is from this stage that the cry of that

boy, for chemotherapy drugs, bus fare, scans, and nutrition was taken to every corner of the world.

Receiving a Chevrons jersey signed by the players as well as one of the match balls, Kidzcan Zimbabwe board chair Dave Mills was appreciative of the generous gesture of the ZCU on bringing issues affecting children suffering from cancer and made a clarion call to the nation to join hands in taming the childhood cancer scourge. "Sport can play a huge role in bringing awareness to the world. It is a real game changer and today the voice of the voiceless has been amplified, not just to Zimbabwe but to the entire world. We want to see more of this and we are grateful to the ZCU," said Mills.

Also present to receive the match ball was Harare-based, 6-year-old Takunda Muguwi, a retinoblastoma (eye-cancer) survivor who from birth had cancer in both eyes which was only diagnosed at 5 months. This later resulted in total visual impairment.

Through the hands of KidzCan Zimbabwe, he went through chemotherapy and was

ushered into remission 2 years ago.

It is survivors like him that energize KidzCan Zimbabwe.

Seeing the Chevrons battle it out with mighty India in a field with the KidzCan boundary boards smiling back to the ecstatic fans was reassuring and refreshing, especially to a world that knows little about childhood cancer.

The match came at a time when KidzCan Zimbabwe is preparing for September Gold, the month for celebrating childhood cancer awareness.

A lot of people have no idea about childhood cancer, also known as paediatric cancer.

The two boundary boards located on the strategic 6s corner were conspicuous with a clear message that early detection and treatment are key in the endeavour to raise the survival rate to 60% by 2030, a message that is the core of the Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer (GICC).

Currently, in low to medium-income countries, it is around 20% as opposed to 80% in the core countries.



Delta Corporation Partners KidzCan in Water Project

St Peter's Clava Primary School in Chishawasha, Harare has benefitted from the KidzCan Zimbabwe led Water Project sponsored by Delta Corporation which will see 910 pupils and 27 teachers accessing clean water.

Speaking at the commissioning of the tank and three taps KidzCan Executive Director Daniel McKenzie expressed gratitude to Delta Corporation for giving back to the community through this initiative in a partnership that will also benefit several other schools across the country.

"As KidzCan we are grateful to Delta Corporation for the kind gesture that will see our children and teachers getting clean water."

"This will go a long way in combating many health hazards like cancer,

especially in these times of COVID-19," said McKenzie.

"You too will help make a difference to increase the survival rate from the current estimated 20 to 60 percent by 2030." "We are part of the Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer (GICC) to increase survival. We can only start one-step at a time. Together we can make a difference.

Again, I always say a mother in Binga should be able to know the word Retinoblastoma even if she cannot pronounce it. That way she can then be able to demand for cancer screening."

Receiving the books St Peter's Clava Head Settled Bozha was apprecia-



tive of the donations.

"KidzCan Zimbabwe has a record of supporting us. We are thankful to KidzCan and Delta Corporation for putting resources together to support this school.

This will help us adhere to World Health Organisation (WHO) COVID-19 regulations.

"Through this programme, our community has received great light. The knowledge that has been shared on the importance of early detection."

"Most learners can now identify the six childhood can-

cers, let us now go out quickly and tell the community the message driven by KidzCan.

We are now all ambassadors of KidzCan and cancer will have very little grip on us as we have been empowered," said Bozha.

Delta Corporate affairs manager Patricia Murambinda represented Delta Corporation and assured the gathering that her firm is committed to giving back to the community as it is from such, that the leaders of tomorrow will come.



KidzCan Golf Day 2022 at Borrowdale Brooke Estate

Fortunately, the rains held off on Friday 29 April for 25 teams to play the KidzCan Golf tournament whose proceeds go towards childhood cancer support.

This was followed by a very welcome prize presentation and raffle draw for the winners who went home smiling.

The exciting and competitive Golf Day was held at the majestic Borrowdale Brooke with corporates coming in with massive support for KidzCan Zimbabwe. Tee off was at 11 am with raffle ticket sales kicking in immediately.

Golf Day organiser, Lawrence Whatman said it was good to see corporates coming together in support for children suffering from cancer. He said the event is a huge honour to KidzCan founder Andrea Whatman.

"A massive thank you to everyone who has attended today to raise funds for

the children, an event that goes a long way in support for KidzCan. What an honour for my mum, an amazing woman diagnosed of cancer for the fourth time now," said Whatman.

KidzCan founder Andrea Whatman was full of praise for the participants who helped make the day a success.

"I am absolutely delighted at the incredible generosity of the sponsors for supporting such a fantastic cause. I can never thank you enough," said Whatman.

The leading teams won prizes including food hampers, kitchen appliances, jewellery and more; an excellent choice of wireless earphones. In addition, a fridge generously donated by Capri was put up for auction and was snapped by Jammy and Graham Hingeston.

The KidzCan Zimbabwe Golf Day is an event that is held annually and proceeds go towards Childhood cancer support.



Peterhouse best dressed team pose for a photo with the KidzCan team.



The priceless moment in winter when you receive a gift card and a blanket in hospital



Zimbabwe Cricket Brings Smiles to the Hospital Corridor



When Legendary South African Artist Lucky Dube sang the "Think about the children" song he could have had childhood cancer survivors in mind. And following this notion the Zimbabwe Cricket Union (ZCU) has indeed thought and donated 26 food hampers, usd\$500, and toys for children in A4 special ward for cancer at Parirenyatwa Hospital in Harare.

The food hampers which came shortly after the first One Day International match which Zimbabwe lost to India go a long way in proving that not winning on the field of play does not, in any mean that you are not a winner. In fact, scoring against childhood cancer rise is a global score. Presenting the hampers Zimbabwe Cricket Union was represented by captain Regis Chakabva, all-rounder Skander Raza, Brad Evans and marketing manager Tinotenda Mawoyo. KidzCan Executive Director Daniel Mckenzie was full of praise of the ZCU and players who took time off their tight schedule, being a training day, to come down to the hospital and partake in charity work.

"We have partnered with the Zimbabwe Cricket team, the Chevrons, and we are glad that the team has dedicated the second ODI against India to raising awareness about childhood cancer through KidzCan Zimbabwe.

We are asking that spectators come dressed in orange, as a measure of raising awareness. To us this is a great opportunity both locally and globally as the match will be screened live across many international channels and ZBC tv," said Mckenzie.

Mckenzie was appreciative of the kind gesture by the ZCU in promoting awareness of childhood cancer. "We are saying that our children matter, they deserve a right to fight cancer and as part of human rights no child should be left behind. We want to call upon everyone to join hands in fighting and spreading childhood cancer awareness.

To everyone coming to the second ODI, let us all dress in orange and help save lives, lets speak in one voice," said Mckenzie.