

KIDZCAN NEWSLETTER

ZIMBABWE CRICKET FIGHTS CHILDHOOD CANCER

Sunday 17 December will forever stand as one of the biggest days in the childhood cancer awareness programmes ever carried out by KidzCan Zimbabwe. The match Zimbabwe vs Ireland was dedicated to KidzCan. This was preceded by a tour of the Rainbow Children's Village (RCV) by the National Team, the Chevrons, where the masterstroke announcement to the effect that Zimbabwe Cricket has officially adopted KidzCan as their charity of choice was made.



Young cancer survivor gets match ball and man of the match trophy.



FOR THE LOVE OF A SIBLING.

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Events Calendar 2024

FEB

- Orange Month
- World Cancer Day
- International Childhood Cancer Day

APR

- Mud Run
- KidzCan Golf (Butawayo)

MAY

- Peterhouse Walk

JUN

- Survivors month

AUG

- KidzCan Fun Run
- Zim Agric Show Awareness Campaign

SEPT

- Awareness Month
- Radiothon

DEC

- Children's Christmas Handouts

Welcome to our fourth and final newsletter for 2023. It has been an exciting year where we have raised our flag even higher. Our mission at KidzCan has always been to provide support, hope, and care to children and families affected by cancer. And I am proud to say that this year, we have made significant strides towards achieving this. We are truly privileged through your support to be able to offer a second chance to life for many of our children.

The impact of your generosity continues to increase, as you will see in the stories of Peter, Moreen, Patrick, Tinotenda, and Munyaradzi. The last three months have been pulsating with huge events, one of which was the training of health personnel in Bulawayo, a program that was disturbed by the emergence of COVID-19 four years ago.

The latest attempt was overwhelmingly subscribed I am confident we will arrest the childhood cancer mortality rate through the promotion of early detection and treatment. In the New Year, we will roll out further campaigns in the other provinces starting with the Midlands and Masvingo.

We believe that cancer in children is curable and therefore its life-limiting teeth should be carved off. We appreciate your donations in cash or kind more so, given that nutrition is central to cancer treatment and in Africa, sometimes food for the patient extends to feed the whole family, necessitating bigger portions for our food hampers program.

We continue to leverage the expertise and support of St Jude Children's Research Hospital as a Global Alliance partner, and we are happy for the valuable tutelage.

Special thank you to the fundraising team of the RCV for raising all funds for phase two, which is almost complete, possibly by the end of January 2024, with another eleven rooms. I am glad Zimbabwe Cricket has come on board with support that further catapults the childhood cancer story to all corners of our beloved country and beyond.

This is the result of intense lobbying that stands as testimony to our hard work as well as our never-ending focus on our core- mandate to ensure no child dies of cancer in Zimbabwe. Special mention to Ruzawi School for being all-weather friends with their generous donation. Our recently held Christmas handout was a marvel as we brought joy to the usually serene settings of the hospital. I want to thank Team KidzCan, the board, and volunteers for the great work ethic and uncompromising sacrifice we inject into our work.

The affinity we enjoy in this environment continues to amaze and spur us. We are grateful for your support and can only wish you the best in this festive season. We believe that, *"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."* Mahatma Gandhi

Together we can. Best wishes.



Daniel Mckenzie Executive Director
KidzCan Zimbabwe



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The Zimbabwe cricket team donates groceries to KidzCan

ZIMBABWE CRICKET OFFICIALLY ADOPTS KIDZCAN AS THE CHARITY OF CHOICE

Director of cricket Hamilton Masakadza who also brought the national team players led by Sikandar Raza made the announcement. "We are looking forward to giving much to KidzCan Zimbabwe in support of children suffering from cancer," said Raza.

Executive Director Daniel Mckenzie appreciated the kind gesture, "Today is an amazing day and it is going to be one of the most memorable days in my life and in the life of childhood cancer where Zimbabwe Cricket has come through to be part of our family, in our journey by adopting us to be the charity of choice.

"It means they will help us raise awareness not only in Zimbabwe, not only in the region but globally because if children are detected early with cancer no child should die," said Mckenzie.

Speaking at the match Zimbabwe Cricket Managing Director Givemore Makoni said his organisation was going to do more for childhood cancer.

"This is only the beginning of what we, as an organisation are going to do to fight childhood cancer and promote early detection and treatment," said Makoni. KidzCan also brought eight survivors to watch the match.

"When we say survivors, these are children who were diagnosed with cancer and they went through the chemotherapy treatment to eradicate cancer from their body. And, they have been free of cancer for the last three years, most of them. So in a way, they have been declared cancer-free," said Charity Kawadza, the nurse and Health Coordinator with KidzCan.



WORD KNOWLEDGE

Biopsy

The removal of cells or tissues for examination by a pathologist. The pathologist may study the tissue under a microscope or perform other tests on the cells or tissue examined under a microscope to determine whether disease is present.

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NYASHA SMILES AGAIN

With early detection and treatment cancer is curable. It is critical to find bonding time with children so that any signs and symptoms can be picked timeously.



On his way to full recovery

The little boy (2) above sitting on his mother's lap is recovering from retinoblastoma (eye cancer), thanks to the support from KidzCan. He comes from Mutare, an Eastern Highlands city located on the mountainous periphery of Zimbabwe 263 km from Harare, next to Mozambique.

At three months, the mother noticed a white shining glow in the left eye but did not pay much attention to it. Even the father dismissed it as nothing serious. Since it appeared painless, the 30-year-old mother, Ropafadzo who at the time was pregnant thought it wise to deal with it after delivering. Meanwhile, the glow kept growing, prompting them to go to a private doctor who wrote a card "Query Retinoblastoma" and referred them to Parirenyatwa Hospital.

"This was a strange language to me so I started researching it. At Parirenyatwa Hospital they said my son had a cataract. I was faced with two strange diagnoses that were hard to process. "I therefore looked for US\$50 needed to consult a private doctor who then confirmed it to be eye cancer," said Ropafadzo.

"I can help you but you will need lots of money", said the Doctor who not only sounded generous but honest.

After some thoughtful silence, as if reading the mind of the mother, how desperate she was, the Doctor advised her to go to Parirenyatwa Hospital A4 Special Ward, to ask for assistance from a Non-Governmental Organization called KidzCan. "At Parirenyatwa we were immediately registered and on the 1st of November, 2023 the Doctor successfully operated on Nyasha, a procedure called enucleation which removed the diseased eye," she said.

KidzCan will provide a prosthetic eye once the doctor confirms he is ready to receive one. Retinoblastoma is one of the top three cancers prevalent in Zimbabwe. It normally affects children up to Six years. "I am so grateful for the help and that Nyasha still has his life. What would I do without KidzCan?" said the mother beaming with joy.



Nyasha before the operation



Nyasha after the operation



Dress code :
Orange with a
touch of gold
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team will win a
prize)



KIDZCAN ZIMBABWE
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TINOTENDA THE MOUNTAIN MOVER

Tinotenda Mawoyo is a beacon of hope to all cancer patients for his resilience, intelligence, and exuberance, a great testimony to how to deal with adversity when it comes. Thanks to his observant mother for the timeous intervention, Tinotenda is a survivor and has a great future. He is a mountain mover.

He is visually impaired, the result of retinoblastoma, a cancer of the eye. Three months into the journey of life, he developed a red eye for which the mother Tracy Mawoyo was prescribed eye ointment at the local clinic in Swaziland where she worked as a teacher. By five months, it was clear that this was more than the suspected usual red eye problem. She had to rush back home to Zimbabwe, Sekuru Kaguvi Hospital in Parirenyatwa Hospital where she soon realized it was very expensive to treat the cancer. Further tests revealed that the boy was born with cancer.

It resulted in the removal of the affected eye. Tracy fought hard to save the vision of the young man by approaching more than 18 organizations and attempts to go to India, all to no avail. One such visit to South Africa, she ended up in the hands of CHOC South Africa, an organization that helps childhood cancer patients, where it was recommended to remove the other eye at the age of three. Back home, through the support of KidzCan Zimbabwe, Tinotenda has conquered cancer and is already fulfilling the adage that says 'disability does not mean inability'

In 2020, Tinotenda finished Chemo and went into remission and four years on, he is going strong. He is currently doing Grade 1 but it has not been easy due to the inadequacy of educational facilities for the visually impaired in the country. The mother has been grappling with securing braille and any other things that can help. Tracy advises parents to accept disability when it comes. As a parent, she tries to give him confidence through various activities. "I am happy for the assistance I got from CHOC South Africa and KidzCan. I am really happy because my child is alive," said Tracy. Cancer in children is curable with early detection and treatment.



Tinotenda during treatment



Tinotenda at the Zimbabwe vs Ireland cricket match with mother

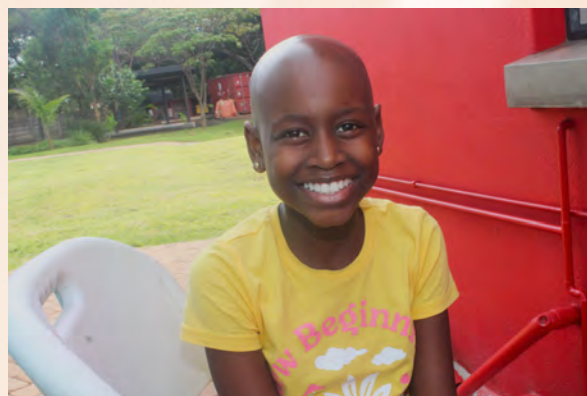


Tinotenda receives a toy from KidzCan



“KIDZCAN, I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU”

Moreen (11), a grade 6 pupil, should be in school like many of her colleagues but due to Leukemia, she only attended school during 1st term. Her condition worsened in June 2022 when she suddenly found it difficult to walk, with joint pains, and a swollen tummy, which the private doctor interpreted as rheumatic fever. The next 4 (four) months would see her undergo treatment with no improvement to her condition. This happened 3 (three) times before the correct diagnosis was made. “My daughter, mother to Moreen is in South Africa where she works as a domestic worker. Had it not been for KidzCan I would not have afforded the bills,” said Gogo MaNdlovu.



Moreen at RCV during a routine visit

In June 2022 when she fell ill, I only had us\$100 on me which was hardly enough for treatment at the private clinic where Dr Cakana discovered she had leukemia (blood cancer)”

Surprisingly, three weeks into chemo the swollen stomach disappeared and life returned to her. “KidzCan, I do not know how to thank you,” said MaNdlovu.

After five cycles, she is happy and hopes to go back to school having missed two terms in 2023. The beginning of 2024 brings new hope and a fresh start to her school life. Moreen and the whole family can dream again.



Before

After

Moreen before and after undergoing chemotherapy



Raju Patel father of late Janisha Patel with KidzCan team

200 ATTEND CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The KidzCan awareness team was at Kyle Preparatory School in the South- Eastern Province of Zimbabwe in Masvingo for the Jay-Day commemorations. in the South- Eastern Province of Zimbabwe in Masvingo for the Jay-Day Commemorations. This day is in commemoration of Janisha Patel who was Mr Raju Patel's daughter. At the age of 12 (twelve), then a Grade 7 pupil at the school, she was diagnosed with bone cancer and sadly succumbed to it in 2012 after a two-year battle.

Mr Patel attends the event every year and is a well-known philanthropist who was buoyed by the pain he faced when his daughter died, more so, given the predicament of those who continue to face the childhood cancer scourge, The day has been set aside to raise awareness on childhood cancer. Zimbabwe, like many low-medium-income countries, has a survival rate of around 20% while in contrast, the Western developed world is in the region of 80%.



Pupils collect awareness materials



Senior citizen on the KidzCan stand



WORD KNOWLEDGE

CYCLES OF TREATMENT

A period of treatment followed by a period of rest (no treatment) that is repeated on a regular schedule. For example, treatment given for one week followed by three weeks of rest is one cycle of treatment. When this cycle is repeated multiple times on a regular schedule, it makes up a course of treatment. Also called treatment cycle.

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ANOTHER LIFE SAVED!

The early intervention by KidzCan has helped save 3-year-old Sasha's life whose ordeal started in early December 2022 when what seemed like a pimple on the eyelid, coupled with some shrinking on the left eye turned out to be rhabdomyosarcoma. It took more than an early visit to the local Zvamavanda clinic in Shurugwi, an area 309km from Harare in the Midlands Province. A seven-day dosage of tetracycline did not help matters as the eye kept swelling.



Even the intervention of the local faith healers proved to be a herculean task as the cancer descended with the intensity of a hippopotamus on the little girl. It ended up with an admission at Shurugwi Hospital which in turn referred them to Gweru Hospital. A biopsy confirmed a rhabdomyosarcoma (cancer of the soft tissues) diagnosis. It resulted in a wound that for a month needed a plastic bandage to ward off flies. The mother is 21-year-old Natasha who gave birth to Sasha three years ago. Natasha's mother who is the breadwinner lives in South Africa.

She had to be strong for her child. Twelve months later Sasha is bubbling, has finished chemotherapy, and is now awaiting radiotherapy to complete the treatment that has saved her life.

Thanks to KidzCan who have taken care of her bills and accommodation through the Rainbow Children Village (RCV). The (RCV) is a tripartite arrangement of KidzCan Zimbabwe, Meikles Foundation, and Round Table. It is a home-away-from-home for patients who come from out of Harare. According to the NCI, Sarcoma is cancer of soft tissue (such as muscle), connective tissue (such as tendon or cartilage), or bone. Rhabdomyosarcoma usually begins in muscles that are attached to bones and that help the body move, but it may begin in many places in the body.



WORD KNOWLEDGE

CANCER SURVIVOR

One who remains alive and continues to function during and after overcoming a serious hardship or life-threatening disease. In cancer, survivorship focuses on the health and well-being of a person with cancer from the time of diagnosis until the end of life.

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VOLUNTEERS HOLD KIDZCAN'S WORK TOGETHER



KidzCan, since its inception, has been an organization anchored by volunteers without whom our work would suffer.

To us, they are the unsung heroes who, from a long time ago built a firm foundation and legacy for KidzCan with their selfless dedication and tireless efforts to make the world a better place. The incredible impact they make on our children is massive. We pay tribute to past and present volunteers who have inspired our work. They are the driving force behind a more harmonious world and making KidzCan a success. Every 5 December is Volunteers Day and this year we joined the world in celebration of these very important parts of our organisation. It is viewed as a unique chance for volunteers and organizations to celebrate their efforts, share their values, and promote their work among their communities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations agencies, government authorities, and the private sector.

This year, we marked International Volunteer Day (IVD) by recognizing the power of collective action: *if everyone did. If everyone volunteered*, the world would be a better place. Imagine more than eight billion of us volunteering. Limitless possibilities for sustainable development. Volunteerism is an enormous renewable resource for social, economic, and environmental problem-solving throughout the world.

On this important day, let's re-commit to ensuring that all people can lend their energies to shaping a better future for all people and the planet we share. Let's stand with volunteers, everywhere.



FOR THE LOVE OF A SIBLING.



Peter with his sister at Rainbow Children's Village (RCV)



Peter playing at the RCV



Peter before undergoing cancer treatment

Peter had never been to Harare, the capital city of Zimbabwe. When the news of cancer broke out, to him it provided the opportunity to dance with the lights in a city he had only heard so much about. Perhaps not knowing the gravity of the sickness that faced him, it helped ease any worries that could have been. "My father had promised to take me to his base in South Africa where he lives and I was looking forward to it," said Peter.

In their desperation, little did they (family) know that tucked in the heart of Harare was KidzCan Zimbabwe, an organization that would not only provide free accommodation through the Rainbow Children's Village, and medication. It was miraculous for the family to receive free treatment from KidzCan as Peter fulfilled his wish and restored hope to his lovely sister. It all happened in a fashion he never imagined. 11-year-old Peter stays with his 76-year-old grandmother in Insiza, a rural area that is generally dry, 77km from Bulawayo and 469km from Harare.

On a visit to Zimbabwe to see his family, the father one day in May 2023 decided to take Peter for tests following reports of recurring sickness. This turned out to be Leukemia (blood cancer). Initial tests showed that he was at the risk of a stroke. This prompted his 20-year-old sister to quit her job to come and stay with him in the hospital at Parirenyatwa Hospital in Harare where the boy was admitted, as the father had to return to South Africa to fend for the family.

Peter is currently having the 5th and final cycle having started in May 2023.

"On him being diagnosed with cancer, I shed tears because I thought he was not going to make it. He lost weight and looked so sick I just felt like being with him every minute. It was on hearing some success stories when I came to the hospital that I got relieved.

I had always known him with long hair but it fell off due to chemo...I love him to bits," said Tasha. The sun is shining and there is light. The whole family is happy with Peter's recovery.



Bonding moment with his sister.



WHEELCHAIR DONATION BRINGS RELIEF

KidzCan donates wheelchairs sourced from well-wishers as and when they are available.

An ecstatic Rose, mother to Munyaradzi Gamba (7) recently had a life-changing experience when she received a wheelchair from KidzCan Zimbabwe for her son who has sickle cell disease. Rose could not hide her joy in receiving the wheelchair that would lift the burden which she had become accustomed to.

KidzCan delivered the wheelchair sourced from well-wishers that will help carry him around. Weighing 20kgs, it had become unbearable to move him on her back.

"Imagine, he has become heavy, and because he no longer has any mobility I have had to carry him all the way...In his short life, he has suffered two strokes that have incapacitated him and thrown him out of school where he was doing grade 3 (three).

"Even when we are in the house, I have to be around him to ensure he gets the attention when he needs it," said Rose.

She added that she had enlisted the services of her sister-in-law to help carry him on her back. In June 2023 however, she suspects that due to the incessant weight-carrying routines, she suffered a stillbirth at 7 months on her way from the hospital after a visit. The family has no car to help on hospital trips as they stay 50km from the hospital in Nyabira.



Munyaradzi with his mother and a relative shortly after receiving a chair .

A Good Samaritan neighbour sometimes helps to drive them to Parirenyatwa Hospital. Life was normal until last year when he had difficulty in walking which initially Rose thought was an excuse for the kid against going to school.

"I soon realized it was something serious when he could no longer walk. I quickly took him to Parirenyatwa Hospital where they confirmed he had suffered another stroke. Further tests revealed his blood was low," said Rose.

The wheelchair brings huge relief to the family. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Sickle cell disease (SCD) is a group of inherited red blood cell disorders. In SCD, the red blood cells become hard and sticky and look like a C-shaped farm tool called a "sickle."

People with SCD can live full lives and enjoy most of the activities that other people do.



Enhance Hungwe poses for a photo with the founder of KidzCan Andrea Whatman

CANCER SURVIVOR VISITS KIDZCAN



Meet Enhance Hungwe, one of our survivors who at the age of 9 (nine) was diagnosed with Wilms Tumour (Kidney cancer) in the late 90s. Everything seemed bleak then, and KidzCan while in its formative years took care of him. Sick Enhance had only one wish, which was to meet former (late) President Robert Mugabe. The President granted his wish through the Dreams Foundation and visited him at his house in Ashdown Park, Harare

*"Honestly i wasn't sure if I was going to meet the President, but it was something that was amazing, it uplifted me as a childhood cancer survivor, I was very happy about it."
Enhance Hungwe*

Did you know? With early detection and treatment children stand a better chance of survival

After successfully going through chemotherapy, he was motivated to go and train to become a nurse. After qualifying, he worked for KidzCan, the same organization that was with him during the darkest time of his life. He worked for several other NGOs thereafter. Enhance, who now works in the diaspora gave us a surprise visit with Andrea Whatman (KidzCan Founder) to see where we are now.



WORD KNOWLEDGE

What does Cancer Remission mean?

A decrease in or disappearance of signs and symptoms of cancer. In partial remission, some, but not all, signs and symptoms of cancer have disappeared. In complete remission, all signs and symptoms of cancer have disappeared, although cancer still may be in the body.

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Sakubva Primary school staff, Delta Corporation managers, KidzCan Staff and parents.

5 000 BENEFIT FROM KIDZCAN AND DELTA CORPORATION WATER PROJECT

More than 5,000 pupils, teachers, and parents are benefitting from two water tanks and their stands donated by KidzCan Zimbabwe in partnership with Delta Corporation to two schools in Manicaland. The twin schools, St Joseph's Catholic School in Rusape, and Sakubva Primary School in Mutare have a combined enrolment of 4676 pupils, 200 teachers, and staff.

The water tanks will help harness water and solve the perennial water shortages. The schools join eight others that have already received water tanks in four other provinces, Harare, Bulawayo, Mashonaland West, and Mashonaland East. Water is life and therefore a huge component in the prevention of the spread of diseases and infection control in childhood cancer.



The handover ceremony was presided over by KidzCan Executive Director Daniel McKenzie and Managers, George Marufu and Kennedy Watambwa from the respective Delta Corporation Limited depots. It was also a moment to disseminate information on childhood cancer with pupils urged to take the message home to parents.

KIDZCAN ZIMBABWE MEMORABILIA CATALOGUE



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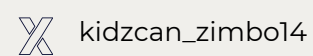
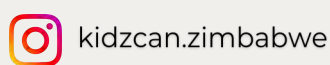
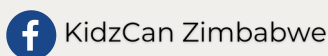
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350 STUDENT TEACHERS AT CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS



The KidzCan team with some of the student teachers

Over 350 student teachers attended the KidzCan Zimbabwe awareness campaign recently held at the Belvedere Technical Teachers College during the principal's cup tournament to promote wellness. Teachers constitute a very strong constituency in spreading awareness as they spend more time with children. "Teachers spend more time with children and the more we can inform and teach teachers to look out for anything that may be wrong with the children, they can also help to refer those children" Daniel Mckenzie. KidzCan has taken a huge step toward increasing awareness of childhood cancer to promote early detection and treatment.



The KidzCan team handing out pamphlets to some of the student teachers



WORD KNOWLEDGE

Relapse or Recurrence.

Cancer that has recurred (come back), usually after a period of time during which the cancer could not be detected. The cancer may come back to the same place as the original (primary) tumor or to another place in the body. Also called recurrent cancer. *Also see Relapse*

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ZIMBABWE CRICKET DEDICATES ODI TO KIDZCAN



ZIMBABWE VS IRELAND

No losers as Zim/Ireland battled it out in the 3rd One Day International (ODI) dedicated to KidzCan Zimbabwe. The real winners were our little kids with cancer whose story was cast across the globe from Harare Sports Club.

ZIM CRICKETS ADOPTS KIDZCAN AS A CHARITY OF CHOICE

In a post-match interview, Chevron's captain Sikandar Raza said players were happy to contribute to the kids suffering from cancer, "... through Zimbabwe cricket, we can send out the message that kids can get cancer and early detection is the only way forward, we encourage parents that every time you see symptoms come forward so that the survival rate of kids suffering from cancer can go up," said Raza.

Chris Siddell the winning Ireland team manager said it was a fantastic opportunity to support a really worthy charity. "Supporting children with cancer is a real big thing, I think a lot of people forget about the children," said Siddell



IRELAND WINS ONE DAY ODI

	ZIMBABWE	197
	IRELAND	204

The actual match went to Ireland by 7 wickets (with 13 balls remaining) DLS method ... ZIM 197 Ireland 204 It was their first ODI series victory in Zimbabwe.

The match played on a soggy pitch almost threatened the match with play being stopped for a couple of hours and continuing after 2 PM. We thank Zimbabwe Cricket for its generosity in promoting early detection and treatment of childhood cancer.

JOY AS KIDZCAN DISHES OUT CHRISTMAS HANDOUTS.



"It eases the burden on us and boosts their morale. It means a lot," Matron Nyirenda

The 2023 Christmas handout in the A4 Special award is always an event to look forward to with many of our patients and caregivers taking time to shake off hospital blues. This year's edition was no different as the pomp and fanfare associated with the glamorous festivity descended with color in the A4 Special Ward, which on ordinary days offers little to smile about. Doctors, nurses, and health personnel joined in the fun.

Speaking at the event, KidzCan Nurse and Health Coordinator Charity Kawadza said the Christmas handout has traditionally been a day that KidzCan always looks forward to as it brings warmth to the ward. We are happy for the privilege to carry out this handout which, for us has become tradition as it brings joy to everyone," said Kawadza.

Hospital representative at the event Matron Nyirenda, said she was grateful to KidzCan for the kind gesture that lit the ward, causing patients and caregivers to momentarily forget their ordeal.

It is a Christmas to remember for these children, you know kids do not forget easily. Even for us as staff, we are happy with the support, which helps in the healing process. "It eases the burden on us and boosts their morale. It means a lot," said Nyirenda.

Sister Mareyanadzo echoed the same sentiments, "Today was a special day as KidzCan brought the much-needed smiles on our faces. "They are our all-weather friends. We forgot about holding crying mothers...everyone was smiling through the pain," said Mareyanadzo. The handout brought joy to everyone. "Thank you KidzCan for remembering us, we are grateful for the food hampers", said a father who has been in the hospital for the last 3 months taking care of his four-year-old daughter who has leukemia.

Rainbow Children's Village Phase Two



We are excited that the Rainbow Children's Village second phase which kicked off on the 1st of July 2023 has just been completed. It has 11 rooms which makes it 16 when added to the existing 5 from the 1st phase. This is a huge milestone in the world of childhood cancer in Zimbabwe. We appreciate your support.

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Ruzawi offers a model which other schools can copy and emulate , in order to help fight childhood cancer.



The kids who raised the highest amounts with Daniel Mckenzie.

Our friends at Ruzawi recently did it again, as we woke up to a pleasant donation of us\$25 000. It is the culture and tradition of generosity that is so out of this world that amazes us. *"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."*

Indeed, anchored on non-negotiable values of giving and service, leaving a legacy, faith, selflessness, and dedication Ruzawi School continues to place others' needs after self. We are so astounded by the kind gesture when kids, parents, and teachers come together to go beyond academics and sports to think of children suffering from cancer. Each child was asked to do a fundraiser for KidzCan and they outdid each other in such a great initiative. Here with the kids who raised the highest amounts.

Well done Ruzawi!



Simon Scott Elliot, the deputy head of Ruzawi School hands over the check to Daniel Mckenzie



This is the room the room that Ruzawi School sponsors at Rainbow Children's Village in support of childhood cancer.

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