

KIDZCAN NEWSLETTER

ORANGE MONTH- SCHOOLS TAKE CENTRE STAGE

The 2024 edition of Orange Month was pulsating with our awareness blitz and fundraising reaching an unprecedented 73 schools, potentially reaching over a quarter of a million people across the country.

The month-long event has transformed the traditional Orange Day celebration, which was originally held on February 15th as part of International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD).



Andrea Whatman, (KidzCan Founder) our champion, has conquered leukaemia, eye cancer, and breast cancer. Now, she is bravely taking on liver cancer. Her resilience and strength are truly inspiring.



GREAT INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY (ICCD) CELEBRATIONS

On the bright morning of February 15th, 2024, the Rainbow Children's Village (RCV) came alive with the spirit of International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD). The event featured inspiring solidarity speeches from several dignitaries, creating a memorable and uplifting occasion.



The Executive Director's Message

Welcome to our first-quarter newsletter of 2024, I am delighted to report that the first three months have seen us build upon the successes of last year, exceeding expectations as we continue our mission to increase the survival rate of children with cancer and blood-related disorders in Zimbabwe.

This period represents the busiest segment of our calendar, marked by numerous events, awareness campaigns, and fundraising efforts.

We are profoundly grateful for the support you extend to us. As customary, we commemorated International Childhood Cancer Day on February 15th at the Rainbow Children's Village (RCV). We were honoured to host representatives from The Ministry of Health and Child Care, stakeholders, caregivers, and patients.

On February 18th, the second phase of the RCV building project was launched with an additional 11 rooms. This achievement is particularly remarkable given our challenging operating environment.

Thanks to your support, we continue to offer hope and relief through our multifaceted programs. In this issue, we showcase impactful stories illustrating the difference our organization makes in our community through the experiences of some of our patients

We draw inspiration from the incredible resilience of our children, and our goal is to expand awareness through this year's initiatives and interventions to ensure a nationwide understanding of childhood cancer. Orange Month was a highlight, with participation from over 73 schools, up from 44 last year. This generated significant momentum as our message reached parents through our children, potentially impacting over a quarter of a million through the ripple effect.

We are grateful for the numerous visitors we hosted in the first quarter, reflecting your confidence in our work. Our partnerships with the media have been instrumental in spreading our message nationwide, underscoring the media's vital role in our mandate. Your unwavering support is the heartbeat of our mission, propelling us forward to achieve greater heights of impact and outreach.

Our Easter handout at the ward brought smiles to our caregivers, patients, and nurses, embodying the spirit of compassion and support that drives our work. Looking ahead, we plan to launch awareness campaigns in Manicaland and Midlands Provinces.

We project a tough period ahead due to the El Nino induced drought, which we pray will not dampen the progress we have made with our patients knowing good nutrition is central to cancer treatment. I am therefore appealing for the nation to think about our children suffering from cancer on food support. I extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone involved. Together, we can achieve even greater milestones.



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A Vibrant Easter Surprise at Parirenyatwa Hospital

Parirenyatwa Hospital's A4 Special Ward for cancer halls were filled with the spirit of Easter as caregivers, all resident in the hospital, came for the psychosocial monthly group support meeting in the Day Space. The afternoon was capped with a delightful Easter handout that stole the show. Despite facing challenges, the caregivers were greeted with vibrant green and red goodie bags that radiated the joy and hope of the upcoming Easter season.

As they received their surprises, the usual sombre atmosphere transformed into positivity and vibrant energy, with smiles replacing gloom.

It was a heart-warming and uplifting experience that painted the hospital with vibrant colors of love, hope, and renewal, infusing the day with joy and togetherness. In attendance, Sister Patricia Mareyanadzo expressed her appreciation for the kind gesture by KidzCan and everyone who made the day a success.

She urged all well-wishers to continue supporting, saying, "The impact of your generosity is immeasurable. Let's continue to spread hope and joy to those in need. Your gifts are most appreciated and will bring our children joy."

We deeply appreciate every donor who made this possible. With your support, we are making a difference.



Orange Month-Schools take Centre Stage

What is ICCD? International Childhood Cancer Day is a global collaborative campaign to raise awareness about childhood cancer and to express support for children and adolescents with cancer, the survivors, and their families. In Zimbabwe, this day has been expanded to cover the entire month and beyond, turning into an extensive awareness campaign that also includes fundraising.

On Orange Day, children attend school clad in orange and bring a \$1 donation that is given to KidzCan. The money goes towards the treatment of pediatric cancer patients and their families, who often have to deal with the disease in solitude due to the stigma caused by ignorance.

Why Orange? KidzCan Zimbabwe Executive Director Daniel Mckenzie explains, "Orange is our color of choice; it is a happy color. For us, it is a color of hope... it means, 'I care.' Most of the kids, when given a color to choose, pick orange. It is the new color of love," said Mckenzie.

In some cases, schools invite KidzCan to share the childhood cancer message on a special day through public addresses and flier distribution. The commemorations have become a major childhood cancer awareness campaign, also known as the Schools Awareness Programme, ensuring that pupils learn about various cancers affecting them, thereby fostering early detection and treatment. The information is then cascaded to their families.

The organization also emphasizes the importance of educating teachers about cancer so they can identify any warning signs in their students and refer them for medical attention. "Teachers must get to know about cancer to promote early detection. They 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," said Mckenzie.

In 2023, over 120,000 people were potentially reached through this program, with students taking the message and fliers home. Orange Month is not limited to schools only; KidzCan is committed to ensuring that the corporate world, churches, gatherings, and thoroughfares partake in the promotion of childhood cancer awareness and fundraising.



Mr. John Tsimba, whose son is a blood cancer patient under the care of KidzCan from Mutare, explains the crucial role that KidzCan has played in their treatment journey: "Childhood cancer, when it strikes, every member of the family feels the agony. When my son fell ill, I was ill-prepared, having not saved any money aside. Not having any knowledge of childhood cancer and no history of it in my family, it was quite harrowing to experience it when it came. It was, therefore, a huge relief when KidzCan stepped in with free treatment support for drugs, scans, accommodation, and bus fares," said Tsimba.

According to Childhood Cancer International (CCI), every year, more than 400,000 children and adolescents below 20 are diagnosed with cancer. The rate of survival depends on the region, with 80% survival in most High-Income Countries but as low as 20% in Low and Middle-Income Countries, Zimbabwe included. The Target Goal of the WHO Global Childhood Cancer Initiative is to eliminate all pain and suffering for children fighting cancer and achieve at least 60% survival for all children diagnosed with cancer around the world by 2030. This represents an approximate doubling of the current cure rate and will save an additional one million children's lives over the next decade. It is hoped that through Orange Month and the Schools programme, the childhood cancer narrative will change.

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Daniel Mckenzie



*Orange Month
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Pictures*



Great International Childhood Cancer Day (ICCD) Celebrations

The 2024 International Childhood Cancer Day commemorations took place at the Rainbow Children’s Village (RCV) on the 15th of February on a hot morning that saw several dignitaries delivering solidarity speeches.

Representing KidzCan, Reverend Gary Cross, a board member of KidzCan said there is a need to break the stereotype that children cannot be affected by cancer.

“We go to places around Zimbabwe where even today, there are people who still do not know that children actually can get cancer, and it’s one of the things that we have to break in Zimbabwe.

“What happens is children come and they start their treatment and then go home they don’t come back or they come back late,” he said.

Reverend Cross added that KidzCan seeks to ease the burden of childhood cancer through its programs.



Guest of honour at the event, Dr Chipso Ndudzo echoed the same sentiments, encouraging the community to support the efforts made by KidzCan in childhood cancer.

Speaking at the event Zimbabwe’s lead person Dr Loice Hlatshwayo in the World Health Organisation (WHO) in the Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer to raise the survival rate by 60% by 2030 said the country was poised to achieve the huge feat owing to the interventions employed by organisations such as KidzCan.

“We commend KidzCan for the hard work which will see us make huge strides in raising the survival rate in childhood cancer.



“KidzCan does not only stand for kids with cancer, it means kids can lead normal lives, and that’s what we want for all of them. Healthy, normal, fulfilling lives, we do this through some things, we look at paediatric cancer awareness, control, treatment, and psychosocial support, through arts and body throughout Zimbabwe.

As KidzCan, we are committed to all that we have to pursue excellence in palliative care for our children. It is a hard truth that childhood cancer continues to cause devastation in our nation amongst families and communities,” he said.



This month, we are overjoyed to celebrate Ayanda's 6th birthday, a significant milestone marking five years since she triumphed over retinoblastoma, a rare and aggressive cancer of the eye. Ayanda's journey began at just four months old when she was diagnosed with this life-threatening condition.

Today, she stands as a beacon of resilience and hope, inspiring everyone who hears her story.

Ayanda, now a vibrant grade 1 pupil, is learning Braille to enhance her visual skills, demonstrating her determination to overcome challenges and embrace life fully. Her enthusiasm for learning and zest for life are truly remarkable. Her twin sister, also shares in the joy and celebrations, highlighting the strength and unity of their bond.

The journey to this milestone was not easy. Ayanda underwent numerous rounds of chemotherapy, which were instrumental in her recovery. The treatment was tough, but Ayanda's spirit remained unbroken. Her bravery throughout this arduous process is nothing short of inspiring.

With each passing day, she continues to defy the odds, embodying the power of resilience and hope.

Throughout Ayanda's journey, KidzCan has been a steadfast pillar of support. From providing essential medical assistance to offering emotional and psychological support, KidzCan has been with Ayanda and her family every step of the way.

Their unwavering commitment to ensuring that children like Ayanda receive the best possible care has been instrumental in her recovery and continued well-being.

We are incredibly grateful for the support from our donors, which has been crucial in providing the necessary resources for Ayanda's treatment and recovery.

Your contributions have made a tangible difference, allowing Ayanda to receive life-saving treatments and enabling her to celebrate this important landmark.



Ayanda's Milestone: Celebrating 5 Years of Triumph Over Retinoblastoma

As we celebrate Ayanda's 6th birthday, we also extend our warmest regards to her twin sister. Their story is a testament to the incredible strength and resilience of children facing cancer, and it serves as a powerful reminder of the impact of community support.

Happy birthday, Ayanda! Your journey continues to inspire us all. Through the support of our donors, you are thriving, and we look forward to celebrating many more milestones with you.





Masterstroke Against Childhood Cancer.

The 18th of February will forever be etched in our memories, as it marks the day when the Rainbow Children's Village (RCV) commissioned an additional 11 rooms, complementing the existing 5 rooms opened last year around the same time.

It was a moment of celebration, with our community—primarily our valued partners and donors—joining us to witness history being made as we took a significant step forward in the fight against childhood cancer. This milestone opened the floodgates of positive news, allowing more patients and caregivers to stay comfortably away from the harsh environments, where they were previously accustomed to sleeping on benches and under trees.

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This development is a masterstroke and a testament to the incredible power of community support for the little angels that we are privileged to serve. The RCV provides a restorative home where patients can be monitored and recuperate after receiving treatment. Our solution is to create a home that provides a tranquil, clean environment to shelter both the patient and their caregiver during and after treatment. Additionally the home provides good nutrition as it is central to the treatment of cancer.

The home is a product of three partners, The Meikles Foundation, Round Table, and KidzCan Zimbabwe, the administrators of the home.





In Loving Memory of Pamela Magadura: A Bubbly Soul Gone Too Soon

This piece is dedicated to Pamela Magadura who passed on in March. We are satisfied that with the support of our partners we did all we could.

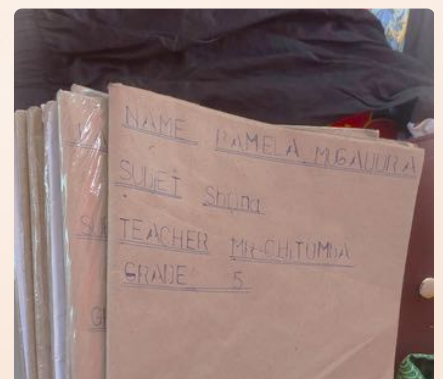
Pamela (10) was a bubbly soul, always in high spirits despite enduring the excruciating pain of ovarian cancer. Even until she passed away recently, she would talk about other kids in the hospital for whom she had so much love.

Perhaps to avoid being confined to the hospital through an admission, she would perpetually try to hide her pain, even masking her limp.

Her parents paid a courtesy call at our offices to appreciate the help they received from KidzCan and fulfill Pamela's wish that all her belongings be donated to other kids.

Remarkably humorous and absolutely fantastic, Pamela had a captivating spirit with a larger than life personality. We are saddened and heartbroken, and we keep the Magadura family in our thoughts at this most difficult time said Charity Kawadza, Health Coordinator with KidzCan.

"To all of us, Pamela represented hope, and we know this is the case for so many families affected by cancer."





Strengthening Partnerships: Visit from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

In early February, KidzCan Zimbabwe had the privilege of hosting Piera Cescon Lesure from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ALSAC, an expert on Sub-Saharan Africa fundraising initiatives. Over three days, we had the opportunity to chat, show her the work that we do, and introduce her to our partners, including our board members.

Piera's visit was a significant honor, providing valuable insights into best practices for leveraging the St. Jude partnership. Her extensive experience with Sub-Saharan African organizations in the field of childhood cancer was invaluable.



She made a compelling presentation that helped us understand how to maximize our collaboration with St. Jude.

Our staff had the unique opportunity to ask Piera questions, which significantly enhanced our knowledge and operational strategies. Her insights and answers were instrumental in refining our approach to supporting children with cancer.

We also took time to visit Barwick Primary School, coinciding with the kick-off of Orange Month.

This visit underscored our commitment to raising awareness and support for childhood cancer.

Piera's visit was a significant step in strengthening our efforts and partnerships, and we are grateful for the opportunity to learn from her expertise..





Langa's Courage

In the winter of 2023, 12-year-old Langa was diagnosed with leukaemia, a relentless intruder that brought swollen lymph nodes around his ears and excruciating joint pain. This marked the beginning of a challenging journey that led him to the A4 Special Ward at Parirenyatwa Hospital, where he now receives treatment with the support of KidzCan. Langa's family has been his bedrock, providing unwavering support that has kept the flickering flame of hope alive



within the young boy, despite having lost his mother at an early age and not knowing his father. His grandmother, niece, and aunt interchangeably come to Harare, Rainbow Children's Village, with him for treatment. Despite the hurdles that leukaemia placed in his path, Langa's family's love and encouragement have been a source of strength, allowing him to face each day with courage and determination.

"I want to make my life better,"

While most boys his age would be in grade 7, Langa has had to redo grade 6 this year due to his prolonged absence from school last year as he underwent chemotherapy.

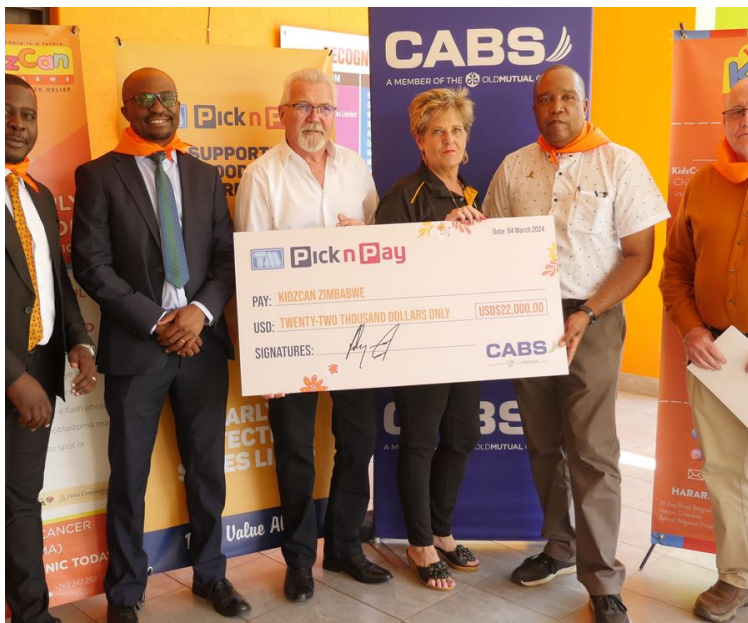
This has at least allowed him to be in the capital away from Gokwe, an area which until the 1950s was once perceived as the wild, remote, and economically 'backward' domain of the Shangwe people before it was turned into a hub of cotton farming. From a time when he was unable to walk, Langa, true to the meaning of his name, now radiates joy as he embraces a semblance of normalcy, all thanks to the five cycles of chemotherapy that have transformed his life, allowing him the freedom to jump and run again.

Deep within his heart, Langa harbors an ardent desire to return to the basketball court and soccer field, as he is an avid Arsenal fan. Added to his joy is the prospect of Arsenal taking the league title, but will they? Despite his illness, Langa dreams of becoming an Aeronautical engineer and hopes to study in the UK, far from the reminders of his current ordeal.

"I want to make my life better," he declares, his confidence reflecting his unwavering determination. His unbroken spirit and strong resolve shine brightly, symbolizing hope and resilience in the face of adversity. Langa's journey exudes courage, hope, and love. It is a reminder of the profound impact that love, support, and steadfast determination can have in the face of unimaginable challenges.

Because of your support he can dream again!





TM Pick n Pay Zimbabwe and CABS Donate US\$37,000 to KidzCan Zimbabwe

In a heart-warming show of support, TM Pick n Pay Zimbabwe has once again joined KidzCan's annual bandwagon of Orange Month childhood cancer fundraising and awareness initiatives. Alongside CABS, they raised a combined US\$37,000, which will be used to procure chemotherapy drugs for Parirenyatwa Hospital. The funds were raised through cupcake sales sold in the retail giant's wide branch network. TM Pick n Pay contributed US\$22,000, while CABS weighed in with US\$15,000.

Jacob Mukamba, a board member of KidzCan, expressed his gratitude for TM Pick n Pay's continued support and critical role in raising awareness about childhood cancer.

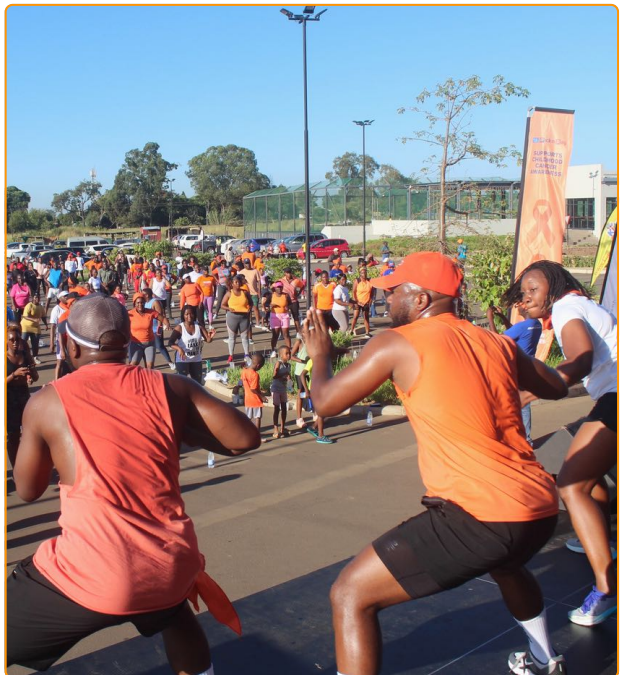
He emphasized the importance of early detection and thanked CABS for their involvement through their point-of-sale machines, which greatly assisted this year's fundraising campaign.

Malcolm Mycroft, the MD of TM Pick n Pay Zimbabwe, praised both their customers and staff for their dedication to the cause. He acknowledged the importance of raising awareness and funds for childhood cancer, noting that cancer has touched all of us in some way.

CABS, represented by MD Mehluli Mpofu, highlighted the impact of childhood cancer on young patients and their families, emphasizing the importance of support and assistance.

The colorful TM Pick n Pay Zimbabwe drive was capped towards the end of February with a lively Zumba session with Zorro at the Madokero Mall, an event that attracted many participants from the local community.

This generous effort by TM Pick n Pay Zimbabwe and CABS will undoubtedly make a significant difference in the lives of children battling cancer at Parirenyatwa Hospital, providing much-needed support and hope for a brighter future.



Children stand a better chance of surviving cancer than adults



Overcoming Cancer's Challenges with Community Support

It has been a challenging year for the Vhurumu family as they continue to battle cancer in their 6-year-old son, Sean, who was diagnosed with bone cancer. This diagnosis led to the difficult decision of amputating his right leg, a devastating blow for a family with no prior history of cancer.

Twice he fell while playing football, and though the falls seemed minor, his loud cries hinted at something more serious. When a small pimple appeared on his knee, they initially ignored it. Consequently, it took a while to seek medical treatment, as they initially believed it was spiritually induced, leading them to consult with faith healers. In the midst of the storm, came another big one which has led his father to separate with the mother leaving the father losing his job to take care of his son.

During a visit to Karanda Hospital in Mashonaland Central, where the amputation took place, the family faced an unexpected bill of USD \$400. Faced with this financial burden, the father took Sean to Zambia, hoping for more affordable treatment, only to discover equally steep bills. This experience highlighted that cancer knows no borders; its treatment remains consistent regardless of location. The father resorted to seeking casual labor opportunities with locals to raise funds to cover the bills.

During one such endeavor, a chance encounter on a bus proved to be a turning point. A compassionate stranger, moved by Sean's pain and the family's plight, offered assistance and left his contact information with the father. Miraculously, this stranger became the answer to their prayers, contributing \$700 to clear the mounting medical bills. Subsequent investigations revealed Sean's condition as osteosarcoma, leading to a referral to KidzCan for further assistance. KidzCan stepped in and has since shouldered the burden of Sean's treatment costs, bringing a wave of relief and joy to the family. Despite the challenges and the amputation, Sean is a resilient and happy child, dreaming of becoming a doctor to help patients like him in the future. This story exemplifies the transformative impact of community support and the vital role that KidzCan plays in providing hope and healing to families facing childhood cancer.



Diagnosed five years ago, she has faced insurmountable barriers to consistent treatment due to the harsh realities of rural life and numerous challenges. Recently, her sister's intervention (who lives in a distant town) led to a much-needed medical review, shedding light on Sheila's struggles as she resides with her 80-year-old grandfather, who also cares for his critically ill aged wife, the primary caregiver for Sheila. Sheila's journey is further complicated by her disability—a shorter right leg—an additional burden in her arduous battle with sickle cell disease.

Despite her tenacious spirit, she remains in grade 7, a level she should have completed five years ago when sickle cell was diagnosed. The visible toll of her illness is evident in her frail body, a reminder of the weight she carries on her slender shoulders. As an orphan, Sheila's journey is marked by profound loneliness and the absence of parental guidance, intensifying the complexities of her circumstances. Despite these formidable challenges, Sheila's spirit burns bright with an unwavering resolve to defy the odds stacked against her. Sickle cell disease distorts the essence of life within Sheila's veins, casting a shadow of uncertainty over her future. However, amidst the bleak landscape of Sheila's world, there exists a glimmer of hope, a beacon of resilience that refuses to be extinguished. Sheila's story is not one of despair, but of unyielding fortitude and the enduring human spirit.

Sustainable Development: Toward a Better Future

As the sun sets over the undulating hills of Mtoko, casting a warm glow upon the world, Sheila's journey unfolds with an unyielding promise - the promise of resilience, the hope of a brighter tomorrow, and the unbreakable spirit of a young girl. Nestled amidst the serene beauty of the Zimbabwean countryside, the remote village holds Sheila, a 16-year-old girl, who grapples with deep challenges imposed by sickle cell disease. Diagnosed five years ago, she has faced insurmountable barriers to consistent treatment due to the harsh realities of rural life and numerous challenges.



WORD KNOWLEDGE

What is metastatic cancer?

Metastatic cancer is cancer that spreads from its site of origin to another part of the body.



Retinoblastoma (REH-tih-noh-blas-TOH-muh)

Cancer that forms in the tissues of the retina (the light-sensitive layers of nerve tissue at the back of the eye). Retinoblastoma usually occurs in children younger than 5 years. It may be hereditary or nonhereditary (sporadic)



enucleation (ee-NOO-kee-AY-shun)

In medicine, its the removal of an organ or tumor in such a way that it comes out clean and whole, like a nut from its shell.



In this tale of struggle, KidzCan is committed to supporting her and all individuals battling cancer and other life-threatening blood disorders. We registered her under our care five years ago. The disheartening reality of Sheila's situation, having defaulted on treatment despite the support extended to her, serves as a touching reminder of the urgent need to address the barriers faced by individuals in accessing vital medical care. Sheila shed tears of joy upon discovering that our team still remembered her from our earlier encounter five years ago. Sheila's journey echoes the fortitude of countless minors battling illness and hardship, serving as a testament to the enduring human spirit in the face of adversity. Sickle cell anaemia is an inherited disease in which the red blood cells have an abnormal crescent shape, block small blood vessels, and do not last as long as normal red blood cells.

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HOPE ARISING

Moki's Journey with KidzCan's Support

Amidst the festive cheer of Christmas 2023, Moki, an 8-year-old Grade 2 girl from the picturesque city of Mutare in the Eastern Highlands, began experiencing excruciating abdominal pains. What started as a joyous holiday season quickly turned into a journey of uncertainty and courage for Moki and her family. In January, they turned to their Pastor for guidance, who wisely advised seeking medical attention. "It's my first time coming to Harare. I had no idea where Parirenyatwa Hospital or even Sally Mugabe Hospital was," shared Moki's 35-year-old mother, reflecting on the daunting journey they embarked on.

Fast forward to today, Moki has been courageously battling a rare ovarian cancer known as York cell Tumor. This formidable adversary has not only caused her stomach to swell but has also brought forth agonizing pains, prompting her mother to seek immediate medical help. "I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to KidzCan for their incredible support. From medications to scans, tests, and even accommodation, they have shouldered all the financial burdens," beamed Rosemary, Moki's mother, overwhelmed with gratitude for the lifeline KidzCan provided during their darkest hours.

Their journey began at a nearby Catholic Hospital, where they received essential guidance to seek specialized care. This led them to Sally Mugabe Hospital in Harare, where Moki underwent a crucial operation, and eventually to Parirenyatwa Hospital, where she continues to receive ongoing treatment and support.

KidzCan has been a beacon of hope and support for Moki and her family throughout this challenging journey. Their unwavering dedication and assistance have not only eased the financial strain but have also provided the emotional strength needed to navigate through such trying times. Her story reflects the power of community support and the impact of coming together as families.





Hartmann KidzCan Walk Unites Community in Fight Against Childhood Cancer

The Hartmann KidzCan Walk, now in its second year, took place on the 3rd of March, drawing scores of parents and pupils together with one common goal: to make a difference in the fight against childhood cancer. Witnessing children participate in this noble gesture in support of their fellow young warriors was truly inspiring.



KidzCan Executive Director Daniel McKenzie expressed profound gratitude for the generous support received from parents, children, and the community. "Thank you for the kind support, which will go a long way in easing the burden. We always feel happy seeing our patients smiling; that's the difference you are also making. To Mr. Felix, the man who organised this event, the headmaster, and everyone, we appreciate you," said McKenzie.



The headmaster, Mr. Luke Dancer, appreciated the support and the opportunity to make a difference. "It is heart-warming to see our community come together for such an important cause" said Dancer. "The smiles that your kind support will put on the faces of the young patients reflect the hope and joy that can be brought into their lives through such initiatives."

ANDREA WHATMAN



Andrea Whatman, the visionary founder of KidzCan Zimbabwe, has been a source of inspiration for children with cancer and their families since the late 90s, culminating in official registration in 2009. Recently, Andrea, accompanied by Sarah Dent, a committed friend residing abroad, paid a visit to KidzCan. Sarah's presence, after traveling all the way from the UK after 24 years, was a source of joy as she brought teddies, crayons, and other goodies, bringing smiles to the children's faces.

This touching visit was marked by meaningful interactions and shared moments of happiness. Andrea and Sarah also shared a delightful lunch with the staff, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie. Sarah Dent is a long-time consistent donor and a pillar during Orange Month and September awareness month. Her love and support make a lasting difference in the lives of children with cancer.

Andrea Whatman's unwavering dedication and the kindness of individuals like Sarah Dent continue to make a profound difference in the lives of children and families in Zimbabwe. Their actions showcase the power of compassion and commitment, reinforcing the core values of KidzCan. Thank you, Sarah, for your generosity and kindness. You are a true hero and our friend forever.



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