

FIGHTING CANCER
PROTECTING CHILDHOOD

SEPTEMBER AWARENESS MONTH

NEWSLETTER



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► COMMUNITY UPDATES

We owned the streets

Through our valued partnership with Alliance Media, our message towered over the city. Two strategic billboards on Churchill Drive and Airport Road carried the gold ribbon message throughout the month, reaching thousands of motorists, families and decision-makers every day.

You could not miss it!

CHILDREN DO GET CANCER TOO.



► IMPACT SNAPSHOT

Month at a Glance: Our Impact Together.



4 Runs in 1 month

- Uriella Gweru Run
- Run Nyanga
- Heritage Colour Run
- Whitestone Run Bulawayo



Touching Communities

- Blitz on 5 schools (Midlands)
- Heritage Academy (Harare)
- Whitestone School (Bulawayo)



Together, every contribution makes a difference.



Visibility matters. Awareness matters. Early diagnosis saves lives

Education & Community Outreach



5 Schools Reached in the Midlands: We blitzed five schools in the Midlands: Midlands Christian School, Chiwundura High School, Chaplin High School, Progress Centre College, and Genesis Junior School teaching children and teachers how to recognise the early warning signs of childhood cancer. Two of these schools are part of the Delta Water Project, demonstrating how partnerships can create lasting impact.



Knowledge saves lives. This September, we took the gold ribbon into the heart of our communities.



When we come together children have a better chance **2**



September was loud. It was colourful. It was everywhere.

At KidzCan, we declared that no child fighting cancer should be invisible. And thanks to you our partners, donors, volunteers, schools and corporates Zimbabwe heard us.

From billboards along our busiest roads to the streets of Harare; from the hills of Nyanga to the city of Bulawayo; from classrooms to concert halls; from radio waves to social media the childhood cancer story was told.

Because awareness is not just a campaign. It is the first step towards early diagnosis, timely treatment and survival.

Thank you for making this September our biggest awareness blitz yet



Delta Corporation Wellness Day



We were honoured to be part of Delta Corporation's Wellness Day, where we engaged staff on childhood cancer awareness and the importance of early detection. The engagement provided an opportunity to share vital information on childhood cancer, highlight the early warning signs, and emphasise the importance of seeking medical attention promptly when these signs appear. Early diagnosis and timely treatment can significantly improve a child's chances of survival. We are grateful to Delta Corporation for creating space for this important conversation and helping raise awareness about childhood cancer. Together, through knowledge and collective action, we can help more children access timely care and have a better chance at life.



Corporate social responsibility has always been KidzCan's lifeblood—the vital glue that binds our mission together.

► COMMUNITY VOICE

On Air for Survival



Our message reached audiences through Pachikomo FM at the University of Zimbabwe and nationally through CapitalK FM. Through live shows and interviews, we busted myths, shared survivor stories and urged parents and caregivers to seek help early.

Training the Frontline



We also oriented oncology nurses from across Zimbabwe on early detection, referral pathways and psychosocial support for children with cancer and their families. Because when healthcare workers are equipped, children have a better chance of receiving timely care.

The nurses undergoing oncology training at Parirenyatwa Group of Hospitals come from provinces around Zimbabwe. This presented a unique opportunity for us to bring them together for training, and we were privileged to have them all in one place to strengthen their knowledge and skills in childhood cancer care.



► UPCOMING EVENTS

Join Us in Making a Difference This Month

OCT 17

Husqvarna Mudrun

8:00 AM – 13:00 PM
Donnybrooke, Manresa, Harare

The Husqvarna Mud Run is an annual charity event in support of KidzCan Zimbabwe. 100% of the proceeds go to supporting children living with cancer in Zimbabwe. Each year, thousands of locals get dirty in the name of charity and fun, helping to raise tens of thousands of dollars in the process.

OCT 17

Exodus Run

5:30 AM – 06:00 PM
Mazoe Road

this is a fundraising and awareness initiative in support of KidzCan Zimbabwe's efforts in combating childhood cancer.

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ZimSwitch KidzCan Victory Lap

SUN, 01 NOVEMBER, 2026
AT 05:30 AM
ZB Sports Club, Vainona, Harare, Zimbabwe

Let's run, walk, and stand together for [KidzCan Zimbabwe's efforts in combating childhood cancer](#). Plus, you could win amazing prizes!

We ran, we danced, we celebrated life



Bulawayo Barry Brian Johansson Concert

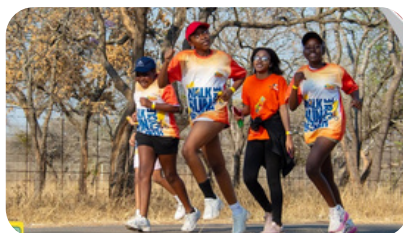
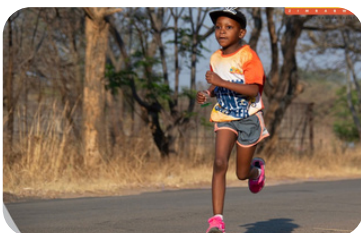


Bulawayo came alive once again! But this time, the music carried a deeper message: hope for children with cancer and blood disorders. Internationally recognised high C tenor, pianist and organist Barry Brian Johansson brought together local performers and musicians for a special benefit concert at the Zimbabwe Academy of Music in September, all in support of KidzCan Zimbabwe. Every note played, and every contribution made, helped shine a light on children who need our care and support. We are deeply grateful to Barry, the participating artists, and everyone who gave their time, talent and generosity to make this event possible. Your kindness helps us continue standing beside children and their families through some of their most difficult moments.

Uriella Run – Gweru

Uriella Run – Gweru: The Midlands was ablaze! The Uriella Run in Gweru brought incredible energy, rallying the community behind children with cancer. Every step, every song and every dollar raised helps provide chemotherapy, blood products, scans, transport and accommodation for children who need them. The run was in memory of the late Uriella, who passed away last year. The event attracted scores of participants from across the City of Progress, all coming together to support this worthy cause. The run was a vibrant and colourful occasion, brought to life by captivating performances from the Prisons Band and energetic displays by drum majorettes, adding to the spirit and excitement of the day.

Whitestone Run – Bulawayo



Bulawayo showed up! The Whitestone Run brought the City of Kings together in a powerful display of solidarity for children with cancer.

Colour Run at Heritage Academy



It was a burst of colour and joy! Learners, parents and teachers ran for a reason for every child who cannot run because they are on a hospital bed.



Awareness was not just talked about it was felt.



RunNyanga: Every Step, A Little More Hope

In the misty hills of Nyanga, runners conquered kilometres in a powerful show of courage and solidarity during the 4th Edition of the RuNyanga Ultra Trail.

We are deeply grateful to Live Adventure and RuNyanga for providing this incredible platform to support children battling cancer and blood-related disorders. Through the peer-to-peer fundraising initiative, young runners also took to the trails, turning every gruelling kilometre into a stride of hope for our brave warriors.

Their efforts went beyond the finish line. Every step helped rally support for children who need access to life-saving treatment, essential medicines and continued care.

This September, as we raised our voices for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, the RuNyanga Ultra Trail reminded us that the fight against childhood cancer takes all of us. Together, we can go the extra mile to give every child a fighting chance.

Thank you, Live Adventure, RuNyanga and every runner who ran for our children. Every kilometre counts. Every stride brings hope.



Love in Action - Leo Club Visit



The Leo Club Program which is the official youth organisation of Lions Clubs International of Gunhill visited our home away from home, the Rainbow Children's Village, and spent time with our young champions. They brought laughter, thoughtful gifts, and warm companionship reminding our children that they are deeply loved, valued, and never forgotten.

While medical treatments and chemotherapy treat the body, moments like these heal the spirit. Sometimes, true healing goes far beyond medicine.

The Leo Club of Gunhill operates in Harare (under Lions District 412A, covering Zimbabwe and Botswana). Their Relationship with KidzCan Zimbabwe & Rainbow Children's Village came as a result of the fact that childhood cancer is one of Lions Clubs International's global core causes.

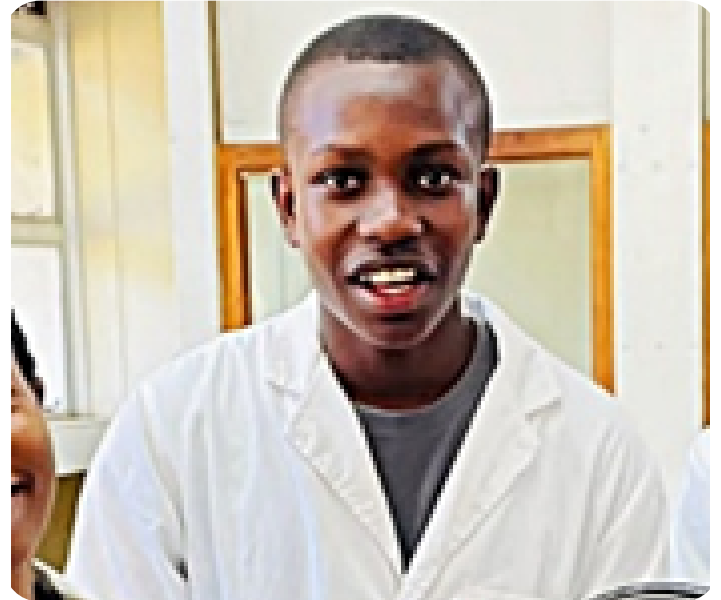
Visits from youth groups like the Gunhill Leos provide essential emotional relief, peer interaction, and mental well-being offering a sense of normal childhood fun amidst medical challenges.



Every act of kindness can change a childhood



SURVIVORSHIP IS POSSIBLE



Survivorship is possible. Children like Tinashe, diagnosed with cancer at just four and now 20 and studying engineering, remind us what is possible when children receive the care and support they need. But we still have work to do. Too many children still arrive late for diagnosis and treatment. That is why the message must continue beyond September.



Your support. Their Tomorrow

To everyone who stood with us—you made September Gold.

To our partners, donors, volunteers, schools, corporates, healthcare workers, media partners, survivors, families and supporters: thank you for helping us make childhood cancer visible.

Let's keep the momentum going.

Early diagnosis saves lives.

KIDS DO GET CANCER TOO.

KIDS CAN SURVIVE TOO.

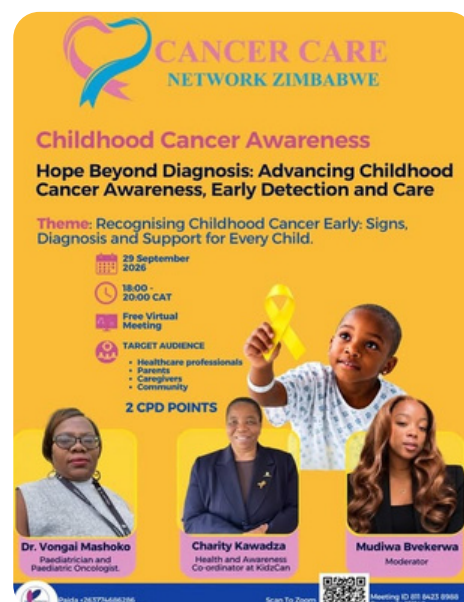
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September Awareness Month Posters

"Through impactful community initiatives and collaborative events, we have continued to drive meaningful change in the lives of the children we serve. Your partnership can amplify this momentum. Join forces with KidzCan to invest in brighter tomorrows and make a lasting difference where it matters most."

