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RAINBOW CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

The Rainbow Children's Village seeks to address childhood cancer challenges by providing a restorative home where the patient can be monitored and recuperate from treatment, before making the arduous journey back home. Our VISION is to make a positive impact in the reduction of the mortality rate of childhood cancer sufferers in Zimbabwe.

REACHING A MILESTONE!

Wow! A vision becomes a realisation. Words turn to action and a dream explodes to life as a community pulls together to build a haven for those most vulnerable - children. The passion and dedication from those actively involved in the planning, facilitation and provision of service is truly heartwarming. People are intrinsically good and despite the difficult environment managed to pull off a monumental feat - the first facility of its kind in Zimbabwe!

The village was completed in September 2022 and the opening was celebrated on the 1st December 2022.

Sponsors, donors, the RCV board members and committees took a well deserved moment to enjoy the milestone celebrations. A heartfelt THANK YOU to all those who made this possible.

After rigorous weeks of dotting i's and crossing t's, the village welcomed the first children in with open arms in February of this year. A truly emotional moment!

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A Note from the Chairman

David Kay

Teamwork, determination and momentum are a beautiful thing! A safe, clean and caring home for underprivileged kids undergoing cancer treatment, had been on our hearts and minds since we, as Round Table, Meikles Foundation and Kidzcan decided to come together many years ago to form Rainbow Children's Village. We had the property and the vision, and after spending a number of years jumping through all the necessary hoops to achieve our official PVO registration, which would allow us to begin fundraising, we set out on our ambitious task of raising the large sum of funds required for the construction of this village. In the process we were very kindly assisted with training and support from ALSAC in the USA on how to fundraise on this scale.

We finished last year with a big bang, marked by the launch and opening of Rainbow Children's Village phase 1 - the administration and catering block along with 5 rooms - a great effort by all those involved in meeting this deadline.

We broke ground in October 2021 with a lot of faith in the bank, a few dollars and some generous pledges from a number of kind donors and a dedicated construction team who believed in the project as much as we did. John Manning and his team of faithful men, including contractor Lues Construction set about their work with determination. Our thanks must go to Brett Lues and his team for sticking with the project and at times helping to bridge the gaps, when funding was slow to come through.

Sadly, we said goodbye to Chelsea Evans who stepped down from the board after putting in a lot of hard work as secretary and in marketing, as well as heading up fundraising for a period. We look forward her continued support at RCV.2022 saw us expand our board from 9 to 11 member, to complete and formalize our final board structure, providing an equal representation by all stakeholders (3 from each sponsor member plus 2 independent representatives from the legal and medical professions). In doing so, we welcomed Chester Naik,

Unaiswi Nyikadzino and Gary Cross.

Having crested the peak of phase 1 of the RCV project and now in a position of having opened our doors to the children and parents alike, we are now faced with the remaining two peaks to mountaineer up! These being raising funds to construct phase 2 (11 rooms) and phase 3 (11 rooms) to bring our total accommodation facilities to 27 rooms.

As the board of RCV we are hugely grateful for the astute leadership and enormous effort by Lara Botha, who has taken a break from her professional career and has committed her time and efforts to drive the fundraising charge up the mountain. All our combined efforts would yield no fruit if it were not for the generosity of those who have taken the time to deeply consider the difference that Rainbow Children's Village will have on the young lives that we are reaching out to touch. Your donations, however big or small, have made and will make all the difference - we are so truly grateful.

From the board of RCV we THANK YOU all.

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Cancer...The Big "C"

That disease – you know, that one!

Soraya King

For many years cancer was viewed negatively and talked about in a hushed tone and voice. Even today the phrase, 'you are like a cancer' is an extremely negative comment meaning you are bad / deadly / dreadful. It was almost as if one could get 'cancer' by association, or even talking about it. The foregone conclusion for people diagnosed with cancer, irrelevant of the type and stage, was simply – death. Fast forward to the last 5-10 years amid an explosion of cancer diseases affecting all body parts, it is estimated that at least 1 in 3 people have had cancer or knows someone who has had cancer – talking about cancer is an everyday conversation. Yes, with a sympathetic tone but we are openly talking about cancer. There are very few families who have not been touched by a form of cancer and its devastating effects – on the human body, mind and soul. Cancer has no age, creed, sex, ethnicity, geographical location it is a truly global disease.

Perhaps it has always been there but we now know about its global domination due to strides in communication tools –, Facebook, Instagram, Google, What'sApp..... – information is at our finger tips. We know more about cancer and its many different forms, we are more informed on treatment options, more educated on preventative measures to be taken and the biggest positive is that WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IT in every day conversations. Where did the stigma go.....?

A combination of factors has certainly contributed in stigmatising cancer. The advent of HIV & AIDS which devastated the world and became the new 'hush-hush' stigmatised disease to talk about, education on preventative measures, early screening, regular medical check-ups, vaccines, research, modern medicine and the will of people to assist has definitely impacted and contributed to more open dialogue.

However, there are still pockets around the world where people, particularly children are dying unnecessarily from cancer.

Hence, when the opportunity arose for Meikles Foundation to partner with Round Table & KidzCan to answer the need in assisting disadvantaged children with their recuperation of their cancer treatment which could contribute to them continuing their treatment and thereby increasing the mortality rate of children diagnosed with cancer – it was a no-brainer, to coin a phrase.

Rainbow Children's Village is extremely close to our heart at Meikles Foundation. The vision to create and provide a nurturing oasis, these disadvantaged children need to recuperate in, is at the core of Meikles Foundation. The road ahead will be hard, we will be tried and tested as partners in this mission but a journey starts with a first step, and with our first phase occupied after various twists and turns – we are overjoyed with this achievement.

We will continue to need your support and assistance in cash or kind as our project develops and grows – we look forward to your company on our journey. Let us not forget – Children are our future!

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Let's join hands – KidzCan!

Daniel Mckenzie

KidzCan Zimbabwe's love for children continues to grow and has fully embraced the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Initiative on Childhood Cancer (GICC) to increase the survival rate of children suffering from cancer to 60% by year 2030.

Currently the survival rate in low-to-medium income countries including Zimbabwe is around 20% while by contrast, at 80% in the developed world.

As part of home-grown solutions to the challenges the Rainbow Children's Village (RCV) becomes a panacea to the child and caregiver by aiding the palliative process as it will take care of the so many discomforts that have in the past caused abandonment of treatment.

It solves travel issues by cutting bus fare trips and costs through the provision of a home-away-from-home that creates an environment that boosts the morale of the child suffering from cancer.

The halfway house also takes care of the nutritional demands of the children as they recuperate in time for the next cycle of treatment and will provide teachings on life skills like gardening while on site.

Bringing relief to a forgotten part of the world is what the RCV will do, and we implore everyone to join hands with us by becoming part of this worthy project.

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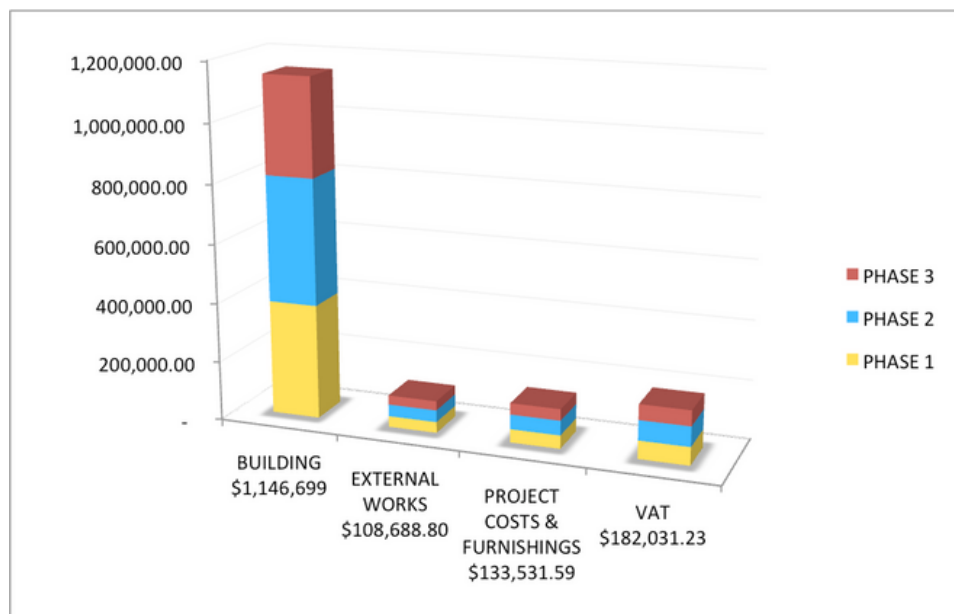
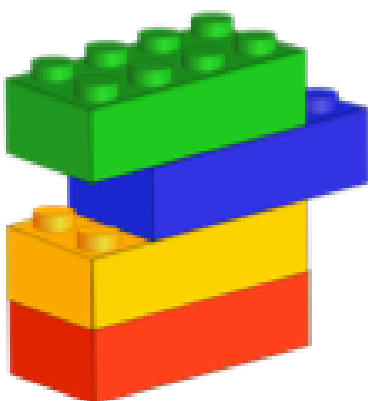


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Building	387,917
Total Cost	531,437
PHASE 2	
Building	426,868
Total Cost	584,799
PHASE 3	
Building	331,914
Total Cost	454,714



PROJECT GOAL

\$1,570,950.62



****excludes escalation and increases due to adverse economic variables**

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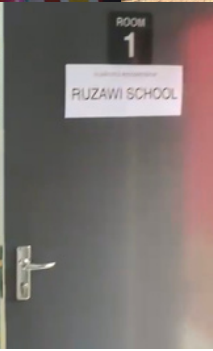
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PHASE 2 DEMOLITION

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