

Newsletter

June 2022



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.

IGNITING HOPE - PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to the generous gifts from honoured donors and volunteers, the first phase of three is nearing completion. With a 'move-in' date set for **September 2022**, our joint mission is close to becoming a reality.

This first block will be able to welcome five children, each with a caregiver, for the duration of their treatment program at Parirenyatwa. A gift of hope - thank you!



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The Problem

Cancer is a leading cause of death for children and adolescents. The likelihood of surviving a diagnosis of childhood cancer depends on the country in which the child lives: in high-income countries, more than 80% of children with cancer are cured, but in many low to middle income countries, less than 30% are cured.

Treatment abandonment (TxA) is a leading but preventable cause of treatment failure for children with cancer in these LMI (low to medium income) countries such as Zimbabwe. TxA entails the failure to start or complete curative therapy, and is defined by missed therapy for 4 or more consecutive weeks. In Zimbabwe, the lack of or expense of; transport, accommodation and facilities to accommodate these children and their caregiver whilst undergoing treatment, is one of the reasons for abandonment of treatment.



Background

A need for a temporary care home was identified as a result of the issues surrounding treatment abandonment. This concept was visualized and put into action by a joint effort between The Meikles Foundation, Round Table and KidzCan. The property, provided by Round Table, is located a mere 2.5km from Parirenyatwa Hospital where treatment takes place. A perfect site to provide a comfortable, calming and welcoming respite for these children during their treatment period. Thanks to Meikles Foundation's provision of seed capital to allow phase 1 to go ahead, this facility will be opened in September 2022 when KidzCan, also a donor, will manage the daily operations and after treatment care.

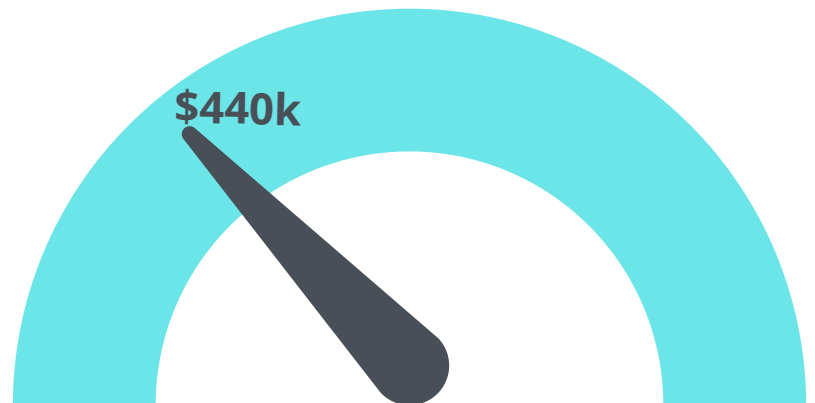
Key Facts

- Each year locally, hundreds of children and adolescents of 0-19 years old develop cancer.
- The most common types of childhood cancers include leukemias, brain cancers, lymphomas and solid tumours, such as neuroblastoma and Wilms tumours.
- In high-income countries, where comprehensive services are generally accessible, more than 80% of children with cancer are cured. In low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), less than 30% are cured.
- Childhood cancer cannot generally be prevented or identified through screening.
- Most childhood cancers can be cured with generic medicines and other forms of treatment, including surgery and radiotherapy. Treatment of childhood cancer can be cost-effective in all income settings.

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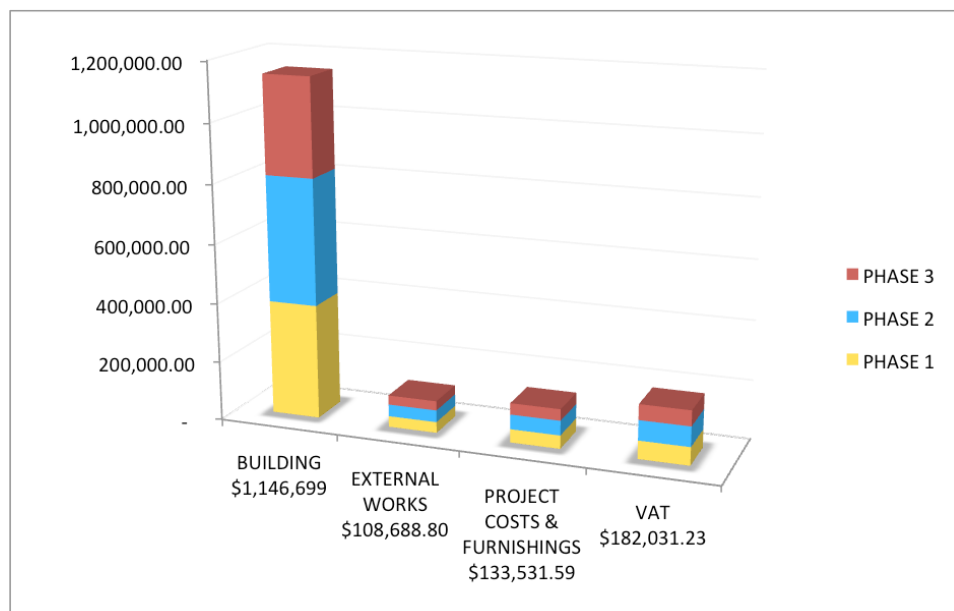
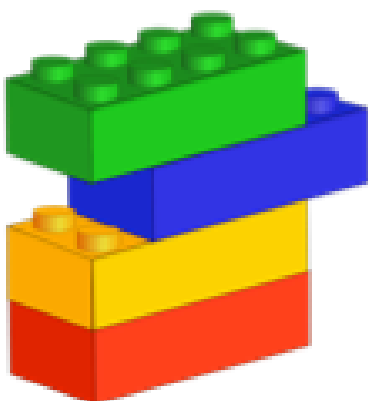


PHASE 1	
Building	387,917
Total Cost	531,437
PHASE 2	
Building	426,868
Total Cost	584,799
PHASE 3	
Building	331,914
Total Cost	454,714



PROJECT GOAL

\$1,570,950.62



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

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