

The Rotary Foundation(TRF)

Matching Grant # 64182

Rotary Club Maluba, Zambia, Africa (Host)

Rotary Club Covington, Kentucky (International Partner)

***Also partnering with Rotarians For Fighting Aids (RFFA)
and Hope Worldwide Zambia (HWWZ)***

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Introduction

Zambia is among eight Sub Saharan African Countries worst hit by the HIV and AIDS pandemic. The region carries 68% of the global total of HIV and AIDS infection. Globally there are 33.2 million people living with HIV and AIDS and 22.5 million people living with HIV and AIDS are in Sub Saharan Africa. Currently the national prevalence in Zambia is 14.3%, in Lusaka the rate is 20.8% (2007 DHS).

In its wake, one of the devastating effects of the pandemic is the orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). In Zambia it is estimated that there are between 750 – 1,200 orphans due to HIV and AIDS.

Background

In September, 2006, Rotary Club (RC) Covington, Kentucky's International Committee headed by Drs. Freddie Sandipher and Patricia Miller invited Deborah Schultz and Charlie Raterman, both members of RC Cincinnati, Ohio and Rotarians For Fighting Aids (RFFA) to speak about a project called Orphan Rescue in Africa. RC Covington selected two non-profit organizations to be recipients of funds raised at RC Covington's April 28, 2007 fundraiser: RFFA's Orphan Rescue Project received \$3,324 and Caracole's housing project for families with HIV/AIDS in Cincinnati, received \$5,331. Past District Governor (PDG), Dr. Julie Boudousquie' challenged the RC Covington to write a matching grant to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) with the remaining \$18,000. In May 2007 discussions were initiated by RC Covington with Marion Bunch, RFFA CEO on how we might partner with a Rotary Club in Africa for a matching grant. RFFA's board member Sally Platt assisted in the pairing of clubs and advised in writing the grant. The Rotary Club of Maluba, Zambia agreed to be the Host Club. Priscilla Banda agreed to be the Project Contact, with Priscilla Kinnear and Everisto Mambwe, as team members. RC Covington agreed to be the International Partner with Patricia Miller to be the Project Contact, with PDG Dale Elifrits and Past President and District Rotary Foundation Chair Steven Franks as team members. The two teams made a vigorous application to The Rotary Foundation for a Matching Grant which was approved on July 25, 2007 for US \$59,200.00.

Objectives of MG #64182



In Zambia the Matching Grant was to be operated in partnership with HOPE Worldwide Zambia (HWWZ) and RFFA which worked in the past with HWWZ through the Africa Network for Children Orphaned and at Risk (ANCHOR) project with Coco Cola Africa and Emory Public Health University providing monitoring services.

The Matching Grant was funded to provide school supplies such as uniforms, shoes, books, bags and nutritional support and in peri-urban sites of Mtendere, Chawama and Kalingalinga near Lusaka the capital city of Zambia. We met our target goal to support 300 children. The first picture above, Marion Bunch RFFA CEO distributes books and shoes to Bridget Banda of Kalingalinga Basic School. The photo below shows students in uniform from Kalingalinga.

Expenditure for 2008

The money was finally transferred to the Rotary Club of Maluba project account in November 2007. Unfortunately this was end of year and no school fees could be paid until the following year January 2008. We received US\$59,200.00 exchanged at a rate of UD\$1 = K3, 750.00. In Kwacha the sum was K 222, 000,000 (\$59,200.00)

K1, 160,040 (\$309.34) was spent on bank charges. K144, 037,180.00 (\$38,409.91) was spent on school fees and nutrition. We currently have K77, 442,595.00 (\$20,651.36) remaining in the account.

The Way Forward in 2009

We propose that the remaining money be spent on 150 orphaned and vulnerable children's school fees to in order to remain in school. The final report will be written by July 1, 2009 with

visual documentation of a success story by one child from each of the three sites served.

