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HOW INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS ARE MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE IN ADDITION TO ZOA AND SOA

SELF SUSTAINABILITY

Financial self-sustainability of the SOCH orphanage continues to grow. Although our two long-standing and hard-working committed school charities (ZOA in Rome and SOA in Geneva) continue to provide two thirds of the annual running-costs budget of SOCH, the remaining **one third** now comes from two local SOCH projects in Serenje, thus the guesthouse known as SOCH Inn, and the SOCH maize mill.

Recently, the capacities of these projects have been increased and thanks to the generosity of donors.

Additional 3 rooms at SOCH Inn

Two large donations, one from **Whittlesea Church** in Australia, and the other from **Thomas and Sigrid** in Europe, have allowed us to increase the capacity of SOCH Inn from 10 rooms to 13 rooms. The new rooms are now operational and should increase revenue significantly. We sincerely thank the above donors for their generosity and please see below the finished works.



The three rooms finished and operating

A Diesel Machine for the SOCH Maize Mill

A further donation by the original donors of this mill (**Nicolas, Silvia and Herbert** in Argentina) now allows the maize mill to operate throughout the year, even when there are electricity outages which have become more frequent in recent years. The new diesel motor is now operational and the local community is delighted since they know that they can always rely on the SOCH mill to grind their maize, even during blackouts. Of course, the additional revenue will further enhance the self-sustainability of SOCH. We sincerely thank the donors for their generosity and continued interest in our project.



Diesel Machine grinding maize/corn.

EDUCATION

Besides the safety, health and happiness of the children, education remains the top priority for the SOCH orphanage. Through education, they have the potential to enhance their lives and ultimately to support themselves and their future families.

Here is an education summary of the students presently supported through SOCH and individual donors:

1) We have 1 student who has now fully completed tertiary: **Gift** (who is now qualified as a Teacher).

2) there are 5 students currently at college/university:

Moses (who is in China for another 3 years doing computer engineering - he has a 50% scholarship and is 50% sponsored by the **Di Rienzo** family in Rome.

Wendy and **Blessings** are in their final year (Nursing, Environmental Health). They finish in 2021.

Curtis and **Sylvia** are in their second year with one year to go (Nursing, Teaching). They finish in 2022.

3) There is 1 student **Dorcias M** awaiting June 2021 intake for Nursing.

4) There are 2 students who will write Year 12 exams in 2021 and hope for college/university acceptance in 2022. They are **Blessings M.** and **Dorcias K.** (Teaching, Nursing).

5) This year (2021), there are a total of 9 students at various secondary schools whose fees are paid for by our fundraising. Their current results look very

good. **Sarah K** and **Martin K** are sponsored by the **Lentschig** family of Rome. **Hyvine M** is sponsored by **Rim** of Geneva.

6) And this year (2021), there are now 22 Primary school students, and these all live at SOCH. Their current results also look very good.

We sincerely thank all of the above donors for their commitment and generosity.





Martin and James

OTHER INDIVIDUAL DONORS

We also wish to thank sincerely those individual sponsors who continue to give regularly and have done so now for some years to SOCH on the JustGiving website; some gifts are anonymous, but regular donors have been **Ben, Katherine, Emma, Carol** and **Joyce**.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

We would like to thank ZOA and SOA, as well as individual coordinators including Kevin Gilbert, John Talbot, Philip Shaw, Emily Talbot and other leaders for working hard and together as a team for one purpose of helping SOCH. We sincerely thank you and please keep up the great works.

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