

Tumaini Children's Foundation Canada

2021 Annual Report

Elevating the Lives of Children, Youth, Families and Communities



Tumaini Means Hope

Tumaini Children's Foundation is an international collaboration of volunteers along with Tanzanian staff dedicated to empowering desperately needy orphaned and vulnerable children by providing not only the basic human needs, but also, ongoing support encouraging growth towards health and safety, independence, and success.

Tumaini currently provides care to 55 children and youth, in addition to providing outreach services to children and families in and around Usa River Tanzania. Since the beginning, Tumaini has touched the lives of over 1000 children, youth, and families!

Our Canadian annual report provides a snapshot of our continued commitment and initiatives throughout 2021. As we look forward to emerging from the pandemic, we remain strong in our belief and commitment to 'Elevating the Lives of Children, Youth, Families and Communities' and are excited to see what the future will hold.

Greetings from Mama Leslie

On behalf of Mama Dee, this is for you my dear friend:

2021 found us in another year struggling with the complications of Covid but who was to know our journey was going to take us down an even more significant path, one that would change the face and the future of Tumaini forever.

Although Mama Dee was still with us in 2021, it was in late October that Mama resigned as Executive Director of Tumaini Children's Foundation, a position she would have never given up without the harsh reality of her cancer. With all of my heart I miss her wisdom and guidance.

In March of 2021 Mama Dee found herself struggling and quite ill in Tanzania. She flew home on the advice of some concerned and attentive doctors in Tanzania. She arrived in Canada among Covid protocols that did not allow her to receive the medical care she needed directly from her flight. Her dear friends Joan and Gerry Malo cared for her while she quarantined and waited for the consultations and tests that led to her Whipple surgery. The diagnosis was grim, ampullary cancer, and we thought we had only weeks with our precious Mama. We should have known we were wrong. Her fight, her spirit, and of course her HOPE had her walking the same day of her surgery, planning, sharing, living, and travelling all the while setting Tumaini up to be even stronger without her. A year later after her surgery Mama Dee got her wings while in Belgium at the home of Tine, our Tumaini CFO,



she was on her way to see our children one last time. She died halfway between the two places that held her heart, Tanzania and Canada.

Tumaini Children’s Foundation is still strong and continues Mama’s work to support and uplift through education, safe housing, healthy food and most importantly the love of family, the needs of vulnerable children, their families and their community in Tanzania. Today we stand, not in her shoes because they are literally too big for any of us to fill, but together as a team of amazing people that she assembled from Canada, Belgium, Holland, and the USA. It is with many thanks for the past support and love that you have given to Mama and our Tumaini children that we ask you to continue with new light, love, and HOPE to continue to support the needs of our outstandingly strong and resilient children and families in Tanzania.

We are walking this on a new path along a journey well worn with Mama’s expertise, love, and heavenly guidance. We’ve got this Mama Dee and we know we’ve always got you! Let’s do this! “it’s for the babies”



Tumaini Children's Foundation- Impacting Change

Tumaini provides support to over 100 children and youth and their families in and around Usa River. Focus on the health and welfare, safety, education, and well-being of the children are a priority in the services made available by Tumaini. While half of the children reside at Tumaini, the remaining are cared for on an outreach capacity and whenever possible reside primarily with their families. The belief in the sanctity of 'family' is a priority for Tumaini and shapes the outreach services that are provided.

Family Support Program: Supporting children and youth to live with their families of origin continues to be a priority for Tumaini Children's Foundation. Support includes assistance with schooling housing, accessing healthcare and meeting the basic necessities of living including the availability of food and water.

Community Outreach: Tumaini believes in the importance of supporting and uplifting families and local community. Imagine what it must be like to walk miles just to access safe drinking water. This past year and through the generous support of the Kitchener - Conestoga Rotary access to clean water in Teema Community in Nshupu became a reality.

Education: Providing access to suitable education and supporting children to do their best and to follow their dreams is pivotal to the work done at Tumaini. We work with and support our children in reaching their potential by providing them with necessary resources and supports. Kelvin, for example attends a specialized school supporting the needs of children with visual impairments. Strengthening the local education system for better learning outcomes has resulted in the creation of libraries in a number of local schools and in the hiring of five secondary school teachers; all in the effort of supporting children's opportunities to learn.

Health and Well Being: At Tumaini, focus on the health and medical and dental needs of our children are critical in ensuring the overall well-being of our children. Access to both local and specialized medical and dental services such as physiotherapy and HIV services is a priority.

Social Welfare: Through generosity of an anonymous donor, Tumaini has been able to continue to fund the position of one additional social work position at the Social Welfare Department of Meru District.



We celebrate the successes and efforts of each, and every child supported by Tumaini.

April

- Children enjoying Art Classes with **Kajo**
- Giving back to our Earth Project – our Tumaini Children participated by planting trees



June

- **Jackson** was selected to go onto to the National Level for Sports (Football/Soccer)
- Five of our children- **Rashid, Mulki, Busaina, Carol** and **Daniel** were selected to join in the Regional Sports Level

July

- **Kelvin** is off to a specialized school supporting students who are visually impaired



September

- **Nasma** received a certificate for the Most Improved in her class
- **Jackson** received a certificate of Sports Leader and the student with the most discipline
- **Swalehe** received a certificate for Mastering the English subject
- Congratulations to **Nasma, Jackson, Swalehe** and **Hussien** for graduating Standard 7

October

- **Harriri**- because of his hard work earned 2nd out of 100 students in his class at Ailanya Secondary School
- **Busaina** was chosen to be head girl in Form 4 for the upcoming school year as she demonstrates responsibility, fairness, and a collaborative spirit with peers



- **Rukaya and Aloyce** wrote their Standard 4 National Exams



- **Vitalis** begins Mzumbe University Morogoro. He is working towards a degree in Accounting and Financing



- **Karol, Mulki, Liadi and Tony**- wrote Form 2 National Exams



November

- “Tomorrows Leaders”- several of our youth were chosen to attend a seminar at Arusha International Conference to learn about disease prevention and management

December

- **Samuel** graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing Management. He is an outreach youth who Tumaini has been supporting



- **Kajo and Luwella** with the help from several of our children cooked a holiday dinner for our Tumaini family



Fundraising

Despite the challenges faced by the pandemic, Tumaini Canada remained committed and ever so determined in 2021 to continue with ongoing fundraising efforts and where able to meet the ongoing needs of our children and families. We would like to thank our sponsors, businesses, local service clubs, churches, and community organizations for their continued commitment to Tumaini and our children despite the economic challenges many faced as a result of the pandemic.

- **February 2021** - Mama Pam Burrows, along with friends, sponsored the funding to provide Ngyani Primary School its first ever library



- **February 2021** - Building of a new classroom
- **February 2021** - An anonymous donor to provided invaluable support to the local social welfare department for another year
- **May 2021** - 168 Day's of Hope- Mama's Chemo Journey



- **July 2021** - A Pop- Up Candy Store in British Columbia was held again this summer spearheaded by Pam Pasichnyk and family



- **August 27, 2021** - Tumaini Golf Tournament of Hope- "Back to the 80's" theme; the tournament was a huge success. Thank you to Bobbie Jo Griffin



- **November 2021** - A very successful Tumaini Hope Facebook Auction spearheaded by Becky Pow



- **December 2021** - Gift of Giving Campaign begins



- **December 2021** - The beginning of the Simcoe Christmas Panorama and the highly successful Tumaini Apple Cider and Cinnamon Donuts booth. The booth manned exclusively by volunteers was open nightly for over a month and the duration of the Panorama. A very special thank you to John Davies for his leadership
- **December 2021** - The Kitchener- Conestoga Rotary funded a much-needed water project for Tumaini and Teema Community in Nshupu
- December 2021 - Teagan Fitch and Family provided support to being Kelvin home from school

Asante sana to our sponsors and donors for your support of children, youth and families and local communities in Tanzania.

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Trustees and Board of Advisors 2021

In Alphabetical Order

- **Sydney Buis**, Advisor
- **Leslie Butler**- appointed Executive Director in 2021
- **Charlene Cleland** -stepped down in 2021
- **John Davies**-Treasurer
- **Lisa Engelhardt-Robinson**-Advisor
- **Dave Egles**-Trustee- appointed in 2021
- **Lauren Fulton**-Advisor
- **Bobbie Jo Griffin**-Advisor
- **Lorraine Tonic-Ladha**-Advisor
- **Sharon Norrington**- Advisor and appointed Director of Child Welfare and Social Work in 2021
- **Pam Pasicnyk**-Advisor
- **Becky Pow**- Trustee
- **Cherie Tiffin-Szucs**- Founder and Former Executive Director

Tumaini Children's Foundation-Canada

Tumaini Canada does not work in isolation. Thank you to the volunteers, sponsors and Boards from Belgium, Holland and the United States for your continued commitment in 'Elevating the Lives of Children, Youth, Families and Communities' in Tanzania.