

Tumaini Children's Foundation-Canada

2022 Annual Report

'Keeping the Dream Alive'



Tribute to Mama Dee



Greetings from Mama Leslie

2022 was our first year we operated without our precious Founder, Mama Dee. She continues to be ever so present in our hearts and our minds as we move forward keeping her dream alive. Our children carry her strength, passion, and determination as they grow. Our work reflects her intentions and vision as we celebrate and support our young adults as they work towards more independence. The reunification and small business planning has been our greatest challenge and our largest success in 2022. She would be so very proud of you all.



Tumaini Children's Foundation has continued to support the well-being of children, youth, families and communities in Tanzania:

BY.....

- Providing safe housing and healthy food to over 50 children at Tumaini Children's Home
- Supporting over 1000 children and families through community outreach
- Providing Access to Medical Treatment
- Providing Access to Quality Education
- Providing Opportunities for Training and Exposure to Marketable Job Skills
- Implementing Community Projects for Increased Social Well- Being

HOW.....

Family Support and Community Outreach: Supporting and uplifting community families through the provision of housing, healthy food, health care and access to education allows for children and youth to remain with their families. We believe that children thrive when they grow up in a family and there is no better place for them than in their **own** family wherever possible. Family preservation and stabilization are current key practices and the focus of Tanzanian Social Welfare and supports the belief and values of the Tanzanian culture that wherever possible children should remain with their own family. **Community support** strengthens impoverished communities. Tumaini's commitment to supporting the local community includes providing meals to students in local schools and by supporting a local Woman's group.

Education: Investing in the education of young and vulnerable children is a critical building block to improving a person's quality of life and future opportunities. Tumaini values and supports educational opportunities for children within Tumaini and provides support to local schools to help uplift all the children in the community. For example, Tumaini funds 6 teacher positions in local primary and secondary schools

Making a Difference: Rosie (right), is a Tumaini alumni and graduate of Teacher's college. With financial support from Tumaini, Rosie is giving back by providing math and science instruction at Ngyani Primary School; a school which previously did not have a math and science teacher on staff. Rosie is making a difference since her arrival there has been a marked improvement in overall student performance.



Rosie teaching at Ngyani Primary School

Health and Well Being:

The importance of addressing the health and medical needs of our children remain a priority and is essential to their overall well-being and development. This includes ongoing access to specialized services such as physiotherapy and HIV support and covering the costs of BIMA (Tanzanian Health Insurance).

Support for health and well-being also extends into the local community.

Elia is a boy that we are supporting in his journey back to good health. He was born with heart problems and his family was unable to afford the medical treatment and care that he required. With the help of Tumaini supports and sponsorship, he not only has seen a heart surgeon but also receives regular follow-up medical care from doctors in Dar Es Salaam.



Elia and his Family with Baba Odo

Supporting our Youth and Their Future

- For those students who do not attend college or university, Tumaini provides opportunities to learn marketable job skills for after graduation including cooking, trades and entrepreneurship.



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- In August, Tumaini hosted a Career Fair with 171 participants from Nshupu Secondary School and Tumaini youth Form 1 to university. Youth heard from motivational speakers about choices, self-advocacy, business entrepreneurship and the importance of goal setting.



Career Fair



Group working together on Career Fair

- In November, all our Form IV youth (17) participated in a Business Planning Workshop.



Business Planning Workshop



Pendo (l) and Connie (r) working on business plans.

- During the 6-8 months between the completion of National Examinations and the determining next steps of their future educational and vocational plans, 17 of our youth were involved in **The Reunification Small Business Project**. A project which we believe is vital to the success of our young people as they grow into successful, independent adults that give back to their communities the gifts they have been given to as a Tumaini child.

- **The Small Business Project** is supported by a generous Family Foundation from British Columbia and is designed to:
 - Support social/emotional gains in the areas of gratitude, tolerance, independence and accountability.
 - Create strong connections and respect with community.
 - Create growth in our youth through experiential learning through specific project focus.
 - Develop transferable life skills.
 - Demonstrate leadership and strong role modeling through shared experiences

- After the completion of home and safety assessments by our Tumaini team including our social worker and during their 6-month school break; our youth started in December to return to their villages where they implemented their small business projects. Projects included the raising of chickens and growing vegetables gardens for both consumption and to sell, selling of clothing, creating greeting cards and supporting village youth in the creation of local football(soccer) programs to volunteering at local community schools. Projects were individualized to reflect each youth's future goals and strengths.



Rashid Coaching Soccer

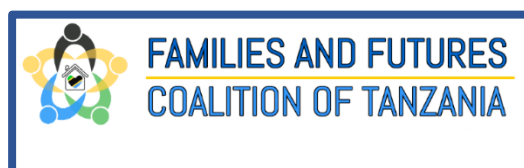


Saidi selling Clothes.

Social Welfare: As a result of an anonymous donation, Tumaini funds the salary of a social worker who provides social work support to both Tumaini and the District Social Welfare office in Meru.



In 2022, Tumaini was invited to become a member of the *Families and Futures Coalition of Tanzania*. This collective supported by local Tanzanian Social Welfare Departments; provides expert training and resources to community-based organizations. Our staff have attended a range of training opportunities offered this past year including workshops on attachment; child development and first-aid.



A Year of Tumaini Highlights

January 2022

- Opening of Tumaini's new daycare- Dee's Darling Daycare and Community Centre within the Kitchener Conestoga Rotary Club's funded Community Centre-



Celebrating Opening of Dee's Darling Daycare and Community Center

- 17 of our children begin Form IV

February 2022

- Anonymous donor funded another year of social work support.
- Gerehad scored Division 1 in his Form 4 Exams. During his break before starting Form 5, he returned to the village of Songea to volunteer his time at the local school by uplifting others with his hope, education, and light for a brighter future.
- Harriri is giving back to his community during his school break by volunteering at a local primary school.



Harriri with students

March 2022

- Donation from Maggie Chan-North Vancouver Realtor
- Esther has been chosen to be the Discipline Prefect at Maua Primary School and Rukaya has been selected Environmental Prefect at Maua Primary School



Rukaya (l) and Esther (r)

June 2022

- Donation of a cow by a Tanzanian family



Our Children with new cow

- Donation from Caradoc Townsend Mutual Insurance- Bobi Lambert-Kwarciciany
- Gerehad, Harriri and Reggie beginning Form V



Bobi Lamber-Kwarciciany with Members of Canadian Board



Harriri (l) and Gerehad (r)

July 2022

- Haldimand Norfolk REACH generously donated laptops for our children



Haldimand Norfolk REACH Staff with Board Member Sharon Norrington

- Norfolk Soccer Club donated soccer jerseys and balls



*Back left to right: Pascal, Athumaini, Stephano
Front: Francis(l) and Dee (r)*

- World Renowned and Guinness World Record Holder 'The Illusionist Lucas Wilson' delivered a virtual magic show for our children.

August 2022

- Our youth from Form 1- university attended a 2-day seminar with Meru Social Welfare staff focussing on Healthy Relationships, Respectful and Thoughtful Choices and Sexual Development.



Social Welfare Seminar

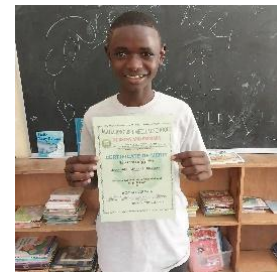
- Cottage North Soapworks honoured the life and love of Tumaini co-founder Cherie Tiffin-Szucs with the creation of 'Mum' soaps and donation of sales back to Tumaini.



Cottage North Soapworks – Dori Lynne Shrubbs

October 2022

- Ayubu and Pascal as part of their college program were called on to help with the fire at Mt. Kilimanjaro.
- Alexi successfully completed his primary education.



Alexi holding certificate.

November 2022

- Students from Holy Trinity High School-Simcoe generously donated backpacks, school supplies and pajamas
- Seventeen of our Form IV students begin their National Exams
- Tumaini was awarded a grant through the James Family Foundation.



- Christina graduated from Form IV



Christina

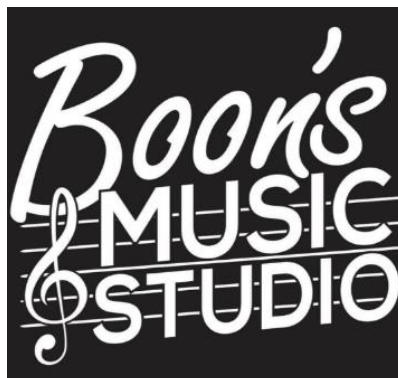
December 2022

- As a result of a donation from Norfolk Soccer Club- Delhi Ontario- students at Ngyani Primary School now have soccer jerseys and soccer balls- something they NEVER had before!



Students from Ngyani Primary School

- Planning with our Form IV youth including business planning; including giving back to their communities and reunification with their families
- Generous donation was received from Shauna Barrow and the families of Boon's Music Studio.



Fundraising

With so many needs in the world, we recognize the importance of the choice made to support Tumaini Children's Foundation and we do not take our responsibility to you lightly.

96¢ of every dollar raised through sponsorship and fundraising goes directly to the care and support of vulnerable and needy children and families in Tanzania. That is a number we're proud of and that you can be proud of too.

Thank you to our sponsors and the ongoing efforts of Board members; Friends of Tumaini including community volunteers for the many Fundraising efforts this past year.

February 2022

- Beat The Booze Wine Survivor-

May 2022

- Cinco De Mayo- a fun evening and successful fundraiser spearheaded by Bobbie Jo Griffin.



June 2022

- Cards For Kids- Progressive Euchre Night in Support of Tumaini -A fun evening playing Euchre and supporting Tumaini. Thank you to Lisa Engelhardt-Robinson



July 2022

- Summer Suds Survivor
- Crafts at the Kiln



August 2022

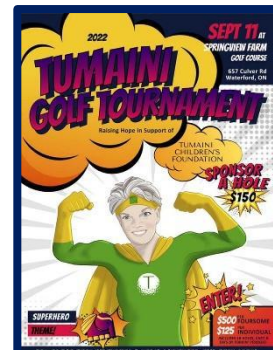
- Tumaini Cow Patty Bingo



- Pam's Pop-Up Candy Store was held again this summer spearheaded by Pam Pasicnyk and family.

September 2022

- Tumaini Tournament of Hope 'Super Hero' golf tournament was a huge success. Thank you to Bobbie-Jo Griffin.



November 2022

- A very successful Online Christmas Auction spearheaded by Becky Pow and Lauren Fulton.



- Wine Survivor-BC



- Pam Jams and Chocolate-BC

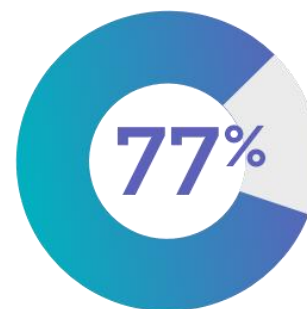


December 2022

- The Simcoe Panorama of Lights signals the start of a highly successful Tumaini Hot Apple Cider and Cinnamon Donuts Booth. Every night for the month, the booth was manned by volunteers and would sell hot apple cider, donuts and Maasai made decorations in support of Tumaini. A special thanks to Lauren Fulton for her leadership.



Volunteers: As the world opened from the restrictions placed upon travel as a result of COVID-19, Tumaini has welcomed the return of our volunteers. Did you know that 77% of our volunteers are returning volunteers?



Tumaini Children's Foundation- Canada Trustees and Board of Advisors 2022

- Sydney Buis, Advisor
- Leslie Butler-Executive Director
- John Davies-Treasurer- resigned.
- Lisa Engelhardt-Robinson-Advisor
- Dave Egles-Trustee
- Lauren Fulton-Advisor
- Bobbie Jo Griffin-Advisor
- Lorraine Tonic-Ladha-Advisor
- Sharon Norrington- Advisor and Director of Child welfare and Social Work
- Pam Pasicnyk-Advisor
- Becky Pow- Trustee

The Canadian Board would like to acknowledge and recognize the contribution of John Davies, an original member of the Board of Directors who brought so much support and caring to Tumaini Children's Foundation- Canada. He will be deeply missed.

Tumaini Children's Foundation - Canada would also like to recognize the volunteers, sponsors, donors and the Boards from Belgium, Holland, United States and Australia in **'KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE'** for children, young people, and families in Tanzania.