

THE OTHER SIDE FOUNDATION

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- Realising the potential of the underprivileged to be a generative force for good.

Value Based Education

*Live the
values*

Value based education is an approach of teaching that works with values. It creates conducive learning environment that enhances academic achievements and develops students' social relationship skills that last throughout their lives. These values support the development of the whole child as reflective, calm, caring, happy and purposeful atmosphere. This type of education has a direct influence on the entire curriculum and especially on spiritual, morals, social and cultural development.





School feeding programs have been defined by the world bank as targeted social safety nets that provide both education and health benefits to the most susceptible children, thereby increasing environmental rates, reducing absenteeism and improving food security at the household level.

*"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to **change** the world" - Nelson Mandela*

Bursary scheme

Bursary is a monetary award made by educational institutions or funding authorities to individuals or groups. It is usually awarded to enable students to attend school, college or university when they might not be able to, otherwise. The school





what is very clear is that **education** and health for children inextricably entwined. A **student** who is not healthy, is not a **student** who will profit optimally from the educational process. Likewise, an individual who has not been **provided** assistance the shaping of healthy **attitudes**, belief and habits early in life will be more likely to suffer the consequences of **reduced** productivity in later years. TOSF **acknowledges** this fact enhance its **delivery** in health issues with the help of the school nurse is paramount. The school provide health services, physical **education**, heath practices and health **guidelines** to the pupils in the fight of Covid 19.



Education corner



One of the most interesting quotes of Nelson Mandela in regard to education is ' education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'.

This has very much resonated at tosf which serves the most marginalised students living in abrupt poverty requires a permanent solution otherwise it remains in partially attended to hence education is the permanent solution to actualise our mission as a school. This important journey has to continue starting from cradle to the grave.

We are very happy as a school to be one those providing that weapon that we will be able to fight poverty amongst the community we serve.

Education is everyone's right. No girl either poor or in desperate situation is to be excluded from school.

Education saves and improves the lives of girls and women ultimately leading to more equitable development, stronger families, better services and better child health. It should be known that educating girls has a wide range impact on society and human development and its long term benefits include: enhanced economic development, education for the next generation, the multiplier effects, healthier families, few maternal deaths but to mention a few.

TOSF advocates so much for a girl child education so that it puts to a stop some of the local beliefs traditional practices and attitude towards gender roles which often holds girls back from school

Living in the 21st century requires vast knowledge of a computer both as a teacher and as a learner. It is important to acknowledge that students are already interested and engaged in using technology, this creates amazing opportunities for schools and teachers to benefit from integrating some forms of technology in the classroom and to make teaching more effective. TOSF has been involving learners in ICT lessons to enhance the above mentioned facts and to also expose the learners to the globe which they may be disadvantaged due to their status.





Teachers are arguably the most important members of society. They give children purpose, set them up for success as citizens of the world and inspire in them a drive to do well and succeed in life.

The children of today are the leaders of tomorrow and teachers are that critical point that makes the world ready for their future in the best way for society to build a positive and improved future generation and therefore, design society both on local and global scales.

In reality, teachers have a great role to play in the lives of many. The Other Side Foundation has however acknowledged the fact that the success of a school vision is directly influenced by teachers who have tirelessly taken teaching as a passion. It is from this vein that the school Directors take time to appreciate or motivate some of the teachers. Mr. Chimanga Stanley and Miss Mweene Sylvia have been motivated this quarter by school management for the commitment shown towards duty and other aspects.

Testimonies



The aesthetic of a building is one of the principal aspects considered in architecture. The appeal of a building covers the effects of a building's shape, size, texture and color but to mention a few. In this quarter TOSF has a new face of the back of the school due to the tank house which was constructed. This construction has created sufficient space for the learners. We are grateful to Upakaar Initiative, Ganapathy Subramanian and other donors for the construction.



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Dinner with Rotarians

There is nothing that excites employees more than motivation because it inspires and promotes efficiency in an organisation. Knowing this TOSF directors render both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation to their staff. As a mark of appreciation for the good work ethics and performance of 2 TOSF School teachers, the directors paid for a gala dinner organised by the Lusaka Metro Club at Asmara Hotel in Lusaka.



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ROAD TO UNZA

It is TOSF'S mission to see to it that every child has access to education especially underprivileged children. Janet Ngoma who was orphaned when she was 8 months old, has been schooling at TOSF School since Grade 3 and later was on TOSF's bursary program which enabled her to complete her secondary education at a government school. She has qualified to study medicine at the University of Zambia. This opportunity of a lifetime will be a game changer for Janet who is in the process of getting acquainted with her 3 sponsors, Shivkumar, Benjamin Poh and Kwan Ping Kan. We hope that more of these marginalised children who study at TOSF School will become tertiary students with the help of more compassionate sponsors.



GLOBALGIVING AWARDS

TOSF is an esteemed non-profit organisation that fundraises on the GLOBALGIVING platform. 100% of donors' contribution through global giving goes to the projects in Zambia for the welfare of the OVC and staff. This year TOSF was honoured with three badges by GlobalGiving.



REUSE, RECYCLE

Hands-on activities are essential if a learner has to acquire lifetime skills. TOSF School introduces students to these skills at an early age. Grade 2 students who are between 8 and 10 years old had time to turn trash like plastic bags into something valuable and usable, in this case plastic table mats. This was the lesson in Education in Human Values (EHV) under the value RIGHT CONDUCT with sub value NOT WASTING. Teaching them to REUSE, RECYCLE and SAVE.



GIRLS CLUB

Girls club was formulated at TOSF school to sensitize girls on cross cutting issues and on matters of hygiene during menstruation. The school provides sanitary pads for the girls since they cannot afford to buy due to financial challenges that their families face. Through this club, members have learnt to understand the value of education versus rushing into early marriages and drug abuse.

GIRLS NOT BRIDES.



SHELTER EXTENSION

TOSF School feeding programme and some outdoor activities occurred under a small shelter which could not accommodate the growing number of their students due to limited resources available then. As a result of limited space for close to 500 orphans and vulnerable children, they sometimes had to eat under the scorching sun and during the rainy season they were confined in their classes though cooked food was ready to be served. To address this challenge Ms Melanie Rohling based in Lusaka (sponsored 10%) and Smiling Children e. V Germany (sponsored 90%) of the new extension of the shelter. Feeding, assembly, outdoor learning and library hours take place daily in this new covered recreation area. Thank you, Miss Rohling and Smiling Children.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party since 2007 for the children at TOSF School for OVC, is something that cheers these vulnerable children. It makes them feel loved, valued and treasured. Mr. and Mrs. Champ know how to put smiles on the faces of these OVCs who are overjoyed and look forward every year for the only Christmas party they could ever wish for. You will be surprised to see how excited these children are on that occasion. We are grateful for their kind gesture.



FOOD SPONSORSHIP BY UPAKAAR INITIATIVE LTD

With donor fatigue and sponsors hard to come by due to high poverty level in Zambia, we at TOSF School are privileged to have sponsors who believe in our cause and grassroots outreach programs in impoverished areas. Mt Meru Petroleum Zambia Ltd, Ramakrishna Vedanta Center Lusaka and Upakaar Initiative Ltd partnered with us in our feeding program. Children cannot study at school on an empty stomach which is the predicament many of our students face. They come from impoverished families who cannot even provide for one meal a day. Mr & Mrs Subramanian of Upakaar Initiative Ltd are actively involved and the major provider in TOSF school's feeding program since 1st April, 2021. They have provided 450 new plates for the children and sponsor a nourishing meal 3 times a week.



GRADE ONE ENROLMENT

The enrolment of grade one learners commences every year in November to secure a place at TOSF School for the following year. Unlike other schools, we screen families whose child is being considered apt to register at our non-fee-paying school pending reports of home visits made by the teachers.

These home visits are to ascertain the vulnerability of the child: whether the child is an orphan (death certificates of parents are to be submitted) or comes from a family that earns less than thirty USD per month. Living conditions, number of siblings and general state of home and family members and guardians/parents. The type of housing.

This is done to ensure that there is no abuse of the free facilities given by TOSF School vulnerable, deserving children who come from the poorest of the poor are given a place in grade one the coming year. Home conditions speak to the level of vulnerability experienced in that family which is one of the qualifications for selection. The other reason for home visitation is to know the area where a child is coming from so that in case a child is sick or absconds classes, a teacher can easily make a follow up on the child. TOSF is proud to be among schools that conduct this exercise in our locality if at all there is any.



GRADE SEVEN EXAMINATION

Yearly, TOSF staff takes part in invigilating the grade seven final examinations in the zone. Since our students are also invigilated by other teachers from different schools, teachers from TOSF also goes out to invigilate to the same exercise.

This year teacher Mweene Sylvia and Chimanga Stanley were on the zonal community schools' calendar to invigilate. It is a great experience because it gives a clear picture on how best we can improve on examination preparations for our students after observing challenges which other schools go through during examinations. It also helps us to rate our preparations of students for examinations in comparison with other students from other schools



TOSF ANNUAL DINNER

It is the season of giving in December and has been a tradition of TOSF Directors to ensure that its staff have a sumptuous year end meal in style. The staff were treated to dinner at Lusaka Hotel. This dinner brings a lot of joy to all members of the teaching and support staff. As the saying goes, Coming together is a beginning, Keeping together is progress and Working together is success.



KIDS ATHLETICS

Sports knows no one's economic status, it is for this reason that TOSF exposes its learners beyond the boundaries of underprivileged kids' athletics which expose children to different sports. The event is not only for exposure but also physical fitness too. In October, 2021 our students had an opportunity to participate in this colourful event organised by the National Olympics Committee (NOCZ). The event was graced by the vice president of the Republic of Zambia, former boxing WBC Bantamweight Champion Catherine Phiri, and Rhoda Njobvu 2020 Tokyo Olympic participant. kudos to Zambia athletic (Z.A) for spearheading this event



Though 2021 was an extraordinarily challenging year due to Covid 19, The Other Side Foundation School achieved its target of obtaining 95% pass rate for its grade 7 primary school leaving exams. Managed to improve its feeding program with the help of sponsors. Food rations were successfully distributed to distressed families of our students. We are proud and delighted over our academic and sports achievements, grateful for all the donor's directors and TOSF School staff for their major contribution towards our successful journey of 2021.

Together we can.