



GTO
Big Difference, Little Lives



THE NEWSLETTER

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2023 Sudbury Chilli Cook-Off Results

Thank you to everybody who attended the Chilli Cook-Off at our Sudbury office to taste and vote. We raised a total of \$160 for the GTO!

This year's winner is Tomas Nasedkin (Chilli Pot #1). A special thanks goes out to the seven participants for taking the time to make such delicious chillis.



Thang Bach



Fernando Ascencio

Vancouver and Calgary Mine Waste Groups Fundraiser

The Vancouver and Calgary mine waste groups got together for a very photogenic GTO fundraiser. Two talented photographers, Sean Birch and Meghan Barton, took formal headshots for various mine waste staff to use on their profiles.

Pictured on the left are **Thang Bach** (Geotech EIT), **Fernando Ascencio** (Geotech Engineer), **Neeltje Slingerland** (Mine Closure specialist) and **Liz Rozak** (Geotech EIT).

The two groups raised \$415 for the GTO. That will put big smiles on lots of little faces!



Neeltje Slingerland



Liz Rozak

How to Donate

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Rhotia Valley Children's Home (Tanzania)



Rhotia Valley currently has 39 children in its care. The children are happy and healthy, go to school, enjoy each other's company, and are well looked after by the mothers and the social worker of the children's home. The children also enjoy healthy meals and home-grown vegetables and fruit.

The primary school children are taken to the local village on the school bus, which has, for years, had more than 100 village children. The school breaks up its school day into two shifts, and the children receive food, learning support, and get to enjoy playtime with their friends.

The older children board at their secondary school or college, as it is too far to travel daily. They only go home during the holidays. Currently, six children board at their secondary school, six at their college, and five children are at university. Their results are really good, and we look forward to seeing their reports and examination results later in the year.

In addition, one handicapped girl with learning difficulties lives in the home and receives one-on-one tutoring, care and love.

Marise and Joris, along with the board of the charity, tackle the many challenges that they face to continue to provide the children with love, good education, healthy food and most importantly, a future!





Phillippo Karani

The Rhotia family is always encouraged to see the children growing up to reach their full potential. One such example is Phillippo Karani, who lived with his grandmother as an orphan. She became too old to take care of him and there was no money for schooling, so he joined the Rhotia Valley family. Karani is very grateful that he got the opportunity to repeat his high school. His subsequent pharmacology studies in Mtwara (Tanzania) are scheduled for completion in September.

Rozina

We are also very proud of Rozina, who is a very smart girl, she came to Rhotia Valley in 2008, along with her sister and two brothers. Her mother had died, and her father had a drinking problem. She chose to study medicine at the KCMC in Moshi, just like her brother does in Dudoma. Her sister graduated from university as a chemist.



GTO Celebrates 20 Years with Exciting Initiatives!

The GTO Trust celebrates its 20th anniversary this year!

Watch this space for updates on an exciting celebratory campaign that's currently in the pipeline, recognising our past, current and future projects that have and continue to change the lives of vulnerable children worldwide.



Since our inception, we've achieved this through a proven approach to creating meaningful and impactful projects in three key areas:

- Alleviation of suffering - funding for immediate relief, like food packs and clean water;
- Creation of educational opportunities, like bursaries and building schools; and
- Creation of sustainable development via income-generating projects that help empower communities to support themselves.

In light of our 20 years of making a big difference in little lives, we are incredibly excited to reveal that a video is currently in production to share more about the GTO Trust journey. We appreciate our various stakeholders and the vital roles they play in the work that we do. As such, we look forward to reiterating and highlighting what the GTO Trust is about, our core values and objectives, our successes to date, as well as the life-changing plans we have for the future.

Through your continued interest and contributions, the GTO Trust has truly come a long way and reached several milestones over the years. That is why we believe it is a journey worth documenting and celebrating!

You can also look forward to an initiative aimed at successfully growing the GTO Trust's network of Office Champions and fundraising initiatives around the world. More details on this will be shared soon!

In the meantime, here's how you can play your part and get involved today!

GTO is challenging everyone to make a small change that will have a massive impact and improve the lives of children across the globe. You can do this by forwarding this newsletter to 20 friends, donating \$20 per month, getting 20 friends or colleagues together to host a fundraising event, sending 20 friends the website link, or posting 20 times on social media about GTO.

We are confident that the future holds other opportunities for us to continue our work and positively impact more lives!