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ACET-Zimbabwe News

We at ACET have succeeded in transforming and improving our local communities. Some of the children from our educational assistance programmes who enrolled into college are now teachers. The statistics from our local clinic show that the number of HIV/AIDS infections in the community has decreased. The availability of youth skills courses has significantly reduced the crime rate. And to prevent drug and alcohol abuse within the communities, we keep the boys and girls occupied and engaged in enjoyable group activities.

Some of the main initiatives that the GTO has supported and funded ACET over the past 13 years include:

- An income-generating poultry project that provides profits to fund the ECD school and other ACET initiatives.
- The construction of a Secondary School equipped with teachers' accommodation and a borehole to supply water to the school.
- Collaborated with the World Bicycles Relief, which helps volunteers visit and support child-headed homes in the community. Over 200 bikes were purchased.
- The installation of a satellite dish for internet access.
- The Holiday Smiles Campaign for several years, ensuring that our children can enjoy the holiday season.

How to Donate
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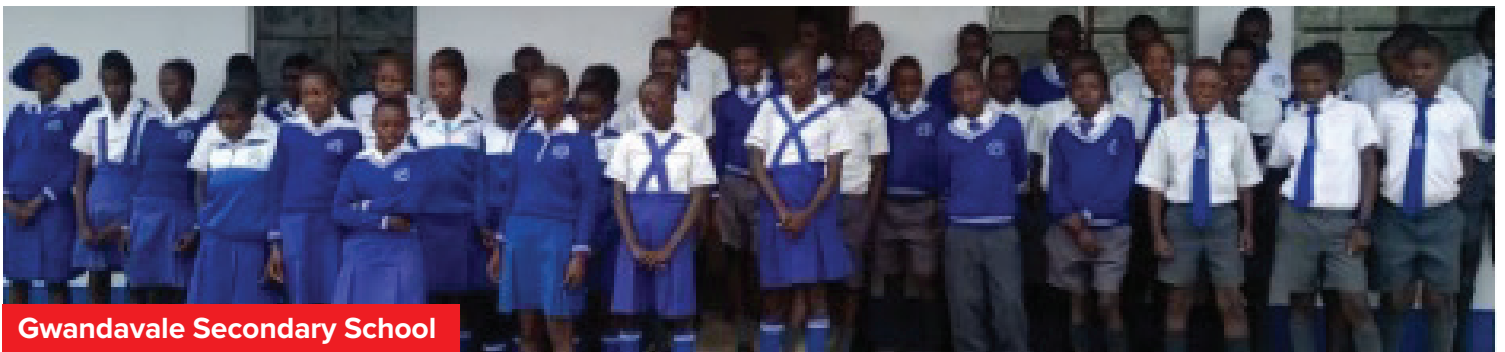
Holiday Smiles - ACET Zimbabwe

We want to express our sincere gratitude to the GTO Trust for Holiday Smiles. 127 kids attended an event where we educated them about drug abuse, a major issue in the community. The students responded very well to the lessons, and we were pleased with how interactive they were. After that, they had time to enjoy a satisfying meal and took food hampers home. It was then time for the presentation of the cake, which was a wonderful treat!

This event was a massive success and was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. We are grateful to GTO Trust.



Our ECD school doing great. They normally get 2 meals a day



Gwandavale Secondary School

Calgary - Canada Office

The Calgary office recently collaborated with a local boutique chocolate company, Choklat, to satisfy sweet teeth while supporting the GTO. Choklat provided made-to-order truffles, with 50% of the proceeds going to the GTO. The Calgary office's chocolate enthusiasts raised over \$160 CAD for the GTO. The hard work of tracking and distributing the treats to the offices was executed by Michelle, Ciara, and Jose, for whom we are grateful. Keep an eye out for the upcoming December Christmas Truffle Blitz!



GTO's 20th Birthday Cake & Summer Fundraising Kickoff. Toronto Canada

Mariam Moe and Karlene Horsfield from the Etobicoke Office arranged the first "GTO 20th Birthday Celebration" (WSP's Charity: Generating Tomorrow's Opportunities).

The celebrations consisted of some cake and a presentation about the GTO Trust. It was great seeing the team get together, and thank you to everyone who

attended our 20th birthday party.

We are pleased to announce that an impressive \$142 CAD was raised on the day by over 25 attendees – whom we'd like to thank.

We are calling upon everyone interested in joining our GTO Committee to please get in touch with us!



Diarise our Ice Cream Fundraiser Days:

- Tuesday, July 25
- Wednesday, July 26
- Tuesday, August 29
- Wednesday, August 30

Gorgas Project

As the Gorgas project wound down, the project team in Alabama had “Round 2” of the Great Gorgas Sell-Off. The last house contents were auctioned off to support GTO, raising over \$700 USD. Any items not auctioned off were donated to local charities.

Thank you to Rachel Brown and her little helper for their assistance and great work.



Annual NCAA Basketball March Office Pool

Greg Hebler and Alexander “Sasha” Wheat continue to celebrate the Annual NCAA Basketball March Madness Office Pool tradition. This Pool started as an Atlanta and Denver Pool more than 17 years ago, with other offices joining the fun over the years! It now spans multiple countries and offices with WSP employees and their friends, families and kids participating. The GTO is the grateful recipient of the proceeds of the Pool, and this year, more than \$160 USD was raised. Thanks to Rick Keenan and Don Miller, who donated their winnings and the entry fee!

We’re grateful for the support that we continue to get across the globe.



Chris Lee and Sue Longo

Chris Lee (Sudbury office) and Sue Longo (Calgary office) presented a workshop on backfill at the recent Paste and Thickened Tailings Global Conference in Banff, Canada. Part of the conference mandate is that the profits from the short course get split between the conference organisers and the presenters. Chris and Sue agreed to donate their portion of \$2745.50 to the GTO.

We appreciate this enormous donation. It will certainly put a lot of smiles on little faces!



Be part of GTO's *20/20 Vision*

We're excited to officially launch our 20/20 campaign! A key part of our 20th anniversary celebrations is a video detailing who we are, our core values, some of our past successes and initiatives, as well as how **YOU** can get involved in our 20th Anniversary Campaign by becoming a GTO Office Champion.

Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YqsWiUyiKdM>

Reach out to GTO to make a big difference to little lives!