



*Image: Sipelile (left) one of the patients the ECCT supports and her husband, receiving Christmas Day 2013 food hampers outside of their home in Hatcliffe, Harare.

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

INTRODUCTION

2013 has been a year of hard work and achievement for the ECCT and those who support it. In this Annual Report, we give you a breakdown of what has happened in order for us to support five marginalized cancer patients in Zimbabwe.

This report will look at:

- The Sponsor a Cancer Patient Campaign 2013, including patients' needs met and 2014 needs.
- Fundraising events in 2013.
- ECCT's online presence.
- Partnerships.
- Auditing.
- Lessons learnt.
- Way forward for 2014.
- Conclusion.

The Sponsor a Cancer Patient Campaign 2013

Planning for this campaign began with Founder Miss Teurai Chanakira, Mrs. Magembe and Mr. Mutsamwira in January 2012. By May 2012, five field volunteers had been selected to assist Mr. Mutsamwira and videographer, Mr. Chikosi, to go into three areas: Mufakose, Hatcliffe and Mbare in order to find five marginalized cancer patients and their families to assist.

The aim was to find patients to assist with 1 monthly Dr's consultation (USD\$60);

USD\$50/month for medications and school fees for one child per family. As we began our campaign and discussed the patients' needs further with them, we also realised that they needed support with nutrition.

99% of our applications were received from Hatcliffe and after using a universal scoring system implemented by Mrs. Magembe, which assessed applicants on the basis of need – we chose four patients from Hatcliffe and one from inner city Harare.

Their names are: Virimayi (cancerous jaw mass), Takudzwa (Ewing Sarcoma), Sarah (cervical cancer), Sipelile (pictured above with her son - cervical cancer) and Rejoice (cervical cancer).

You can hear them tell their stories here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkWOuYESUVI>

Fundraising events 2013

Hope Beyond Cancer Fundraising Evening October 2013



On Friday 11 October 2013, an evening of inspiration to support the five patients the ECCT is supporting was held at Maurice & Blackburn Lawyers, Melbourne – the Hope Beyond Cancer Fundraising Evening. The evening was co-hosted by President of the Queensland African Communities Council – Sharon Orapeleng (who was also fundraising for the Cancer Association of Botswana on the night) – and ECCT Founder Teurai Chanakira.

It was a fantastic night, which had Guests of Honour such as the Botswana High Commissioner His Excellency Molosiwa Selepeng. The night included an auction, raffle, music entertainment, food and drinks.

The event raised approximately \$1,500 which will be divided between the ECCT and the Cancer Association of Botswana.

Please see the following link for the full details of the event, images and how the money raised will be used in 2014: <http://cancertrust.wordpress.com/2013/10/27/in-images-hope-beyond-cancer-evening-2013/>

Melbourne Marathon October 2013



Runners Nyarie Matebwe (left) and ECCT Founder Teurai Chanakira (right).

On Sunday 13 October 2013, three women took part in the 10km run in the Melbourne Marathon Festival 2013: ECCT Founder Teurai Chanakira, Sydney based Nyarie Matebwe and Melbourne based Chika Edeh.

We would like to say a big thank you and congratulations to the runners. In support of the patients, Nyarie asked her colleagues and friends to sponsor her and raised \$1000. Chika supported the patients by raising \$350. This money will be used for supporting the patients with food, school fees for their children and some of their medical costs.

You can see full details of the run, including images on the following link:

<http://cancertrust.wordpress.com/2013/10/13/melbourne-marathon-2013-we-did-it/>

Sponsors



This year, besides donations from all over the world, we have had a Zimbabwean-born donor based in the USA – Hazvinei Ngoshi – sponsor two years of school fees for George – the son of Sarah, one of our patients – who attends Chakadini Secondary School in Marondera, Zimbabwe. In addition to that Hazvinei has assisted with buying George a bicycle to transport him to and from school as he was walking at least 10km every day.

She has assisted with buying an asthma pump and the appropriate asthma medication for Sarah who also suffers from asthma.

Hazvinei – we salute your kindness...thank you!!

You can see full details of her sponsorship, including images of the family receiving their items on the following link: <http://cancertrust.wordpress.com/2013/10/17/sponsor-a-cancer-patient-update-riding-with-joy/>

Needs Met in 2013 and 2014 Patient Needs

Virimayi Sarayi (Hatcliffe, Harare):



Virimayi (left) before his op. Right: he's recovering well after the removal of his cancerous jaw mass.

Virimayi was diagnosed with a cancerous jaw mass in 2007 which had been growing ever since. In May 2013, we were able to assist him to have an operation at Karanda Mission Hospital, Zimbabwe to have it removed. After nearly losing him to the operation, he is now recovering well.

You can read his moving and inspirational story at the following link:

<http://cancertrust.wordpress.com/2013/06/05/road-to-karanda-virimayis-story/>

We also assisted Virimayi's family with food hampers from October 2012, which were kindly donated by Probrands Foods Zimbabwe.



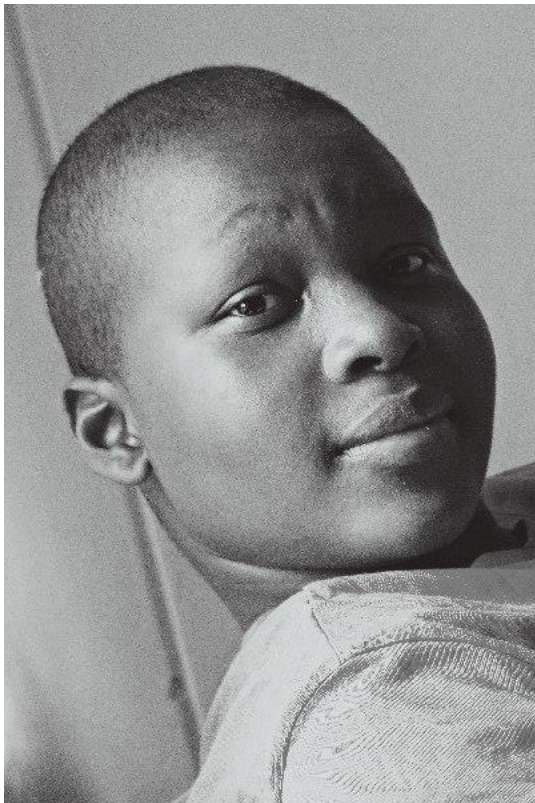
Furthermore, we assisted his sister, Tanyaradzwa to return to school at Zimburi Secondary School.

2014 Needs

He currently requires financial assistance to have a bone grafting procedure, which will allow his jaw to continue healing. The procedure needs to be done in January 2014 and will cost USD\$415.

We are in need of donations towards Tanyaradzwa's school fees (\$30 per term) and in need of monthly food hampers as Probrands were able to donate hampers for a limited period only (\$35 per hamper).

Takudzwa Chirikure (Inner city, Harare): 17 years old



This year we were able to support Takudzwa and his family with food hampers donated by Probrands Foods.

2014 Needs

Takudzwa required financial assistance to be enrolled into an E-learning/online course as he is currently unable to attend school due to his paralysis, living on one of the top floors of a high rise building where the elevator often does not work and physiotherapists are not always available to help him carry him up and down the stairs.

Although we were unable to fundraise for the high cost of e-learning, Takudzwa's situation has recently changed as he has been diagnosed with Schwannoma – a tumour which forms around nerves. In 2014, we will now need to focus on assisting him with medical needs first as the debilitating condition will not allow him to start e-learning. We will be confirming the amount of these costs in January 2014.

Furthermore, we are in need of monthly food hampers as Probrands were able to donate hampers for a limited period only (\$35 per hamper).

Sarah Maramba (Hatcliffe, Harare): 38 years old



So far we have assisted Sarah's family with monthly food hampers donated by Probrands Foods. We have been fortunate to have sponsorship for her son George's school fees for the next two years from a donor - Hazvinei Ngoshi. Hazvinei has also paid for a bike to enable George to travel to school and asthma pumps to assist Sarah in managing her asthma.

2014 Needs

George is currently in need of school shoes (\$40) and Sarah needs financial assistance with her medical consultation fees (\$80 every two months). We are also in need of monthly food hampers as Probrands were able to donate hampers for a limited period only, at \$35 per hamper.

Sipelile Kachepa (Hatcliffe, Harare): 41 years old



So far we have assisted Sipelile's family with monthly food hampers donated by Probrands Foods. We have also paid for the school fees for her son Tapiwa for two school terms in 2013.

2014 Needs

We are in need of donations towards Tapiwa's school fees (\$80 per term) and monthly food hampers as Probrands were able to donate hampers for a limited period only (\$35 per hamper).

Rejoice Chiguvare, (Hatcliffe, Harare): 67 years old



So far we have assisted Rejoice's family with monthly food hampers donated by Probrands Foods. We have paid for her daughter Marcia's school fees for two terms in 2013.

2014 Needs

Rejoice is in need of a doctor's consultation and echocardiography for her heart (\$211 pending). We are also in need of school fees donations for Rejoice's daughter, Marcia (\$138 for the year) and monthly food hampers as Probrands were able to donate hampers for a limited period only (\$35 per hamper).

ECCT's online presence

Website

We now have a brand new look website. Please view it at www.elizabethchanakiracancertrust.com.

Blog

We now have 34 followers on our blog. This number has increased steadily since we began the blog in 2012, but has plateaued for several months.

Facebook

We now have 532 followers up from 403 followers from December 2012. We are happy with the engagement we have had on Facebook as with some posts including the album containing event pictures from the Hope Beyond Cancer Fundraising Evening – we had over 1,000 views from people all over the world.

Twitter

We now have 91 followers up from 71 followers from December 2012.

YouTube

We still have only 1 subscriber to the YouTube channel since December 2012. However, the views of the video of the patients have increased from 400 to 513 since it was released.

Partnerships

ECCT believes that support & collaboration is essential as 'two hands are better than one'. This year we joined a Network with other Zimbabwean based organisations - the Zimbabwe Farmers Union, Help Age International, Help Age Zimbabwe, Centre for Community Development Solutions and IBS.

One of our volunteers, Clement Manika, had the opportunity to represent ECCT at the Zvishavane Field Day celebrations, Zimbabwe as part of the Zimbabwe Aged Network. The celebrations were in commemoration of the UN Global Day of the Aged which was on 1 October 2013.

Auditing

At the time of writing this Annual Report, we are in the process of preparing all our statements for auditing. The auditing report will be available for public inspection once it is published and we will announce this when it is released.

Lessons learnt

As a grassroots organisation which was founded in 2011, we have achieved a tremendous amount. However, we also had a lot to learn in our second year of active operation for the benefits of the five patients who we found to support. Here are some of our key lessons and how we intend to address them in 2014:

- High administration costs: we still encounter high administration costs, including costs for auditing. However we have started working towards countering this by negotiating with our current auditing firm and researching whether we may have our books inspected through various Pro Bono Programs.
- Fundraising events: this year we lacked a variety of fundraising events overseas and had no fundraising events in Zimbabwe. Our funds came largely from donations received through ECCT Founder Teurai Chanakira's fitness programs in Zimbabwe where the clients pay money directly to the ECCT Zimbabwe bank account; online donations through our Mycause website and sponsors such as Hazvinei Ngoshi mentioned above.

Although we had two major events in Australia – the Melbourne Marathon Run and the Hope Beyond Cancer Fundraising Evening in October 2013, we can do better to have more fundraising channels. Planning for 2014 fundraising events has already begun.

Way forward for 2014

Sponsor a Cancer Patient Campaign

Our aim will be to assist all the patients with their 2014 needs stated above, in addition to continuing our planning, preparations and fundraising to help them set up sustainable projects so that they can support themselves in future.

Online presence

We recognise that social media is extremely important in spreading our message and we intend to not only increase our blog followers by at least 50, but also to increase our Facebook followers by at least 100 by the end of December 2014.

We also aim to have more videos of the patients so that people can see the way their help is impacting the lives of the five patients we support.

Partnerships

We intend to cement our relationship with the Network which we joined (stated above under 'Partnerships') and also to form other strategic partnerships such as partnerships with food companies who can assist our patients and their families to have monthly food hampers.

CONCLUSION: A BIG THANK YOU!



Virimayi (far left) who had his cancerous jaw mass removed this year + his family receiving their hampers in their festively decorated home in Hatcliffe, Harare.

2013 has been a busy, but fruitful year! We could not have achieved what we have without the skill of our team members. Furthermore, we would like to thank our sponsors and donors from all over the world!

We wish you a prosperous 2014. Remember to keep updated on all our projects and events from the following:

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[ECCT Facebook page](#)

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