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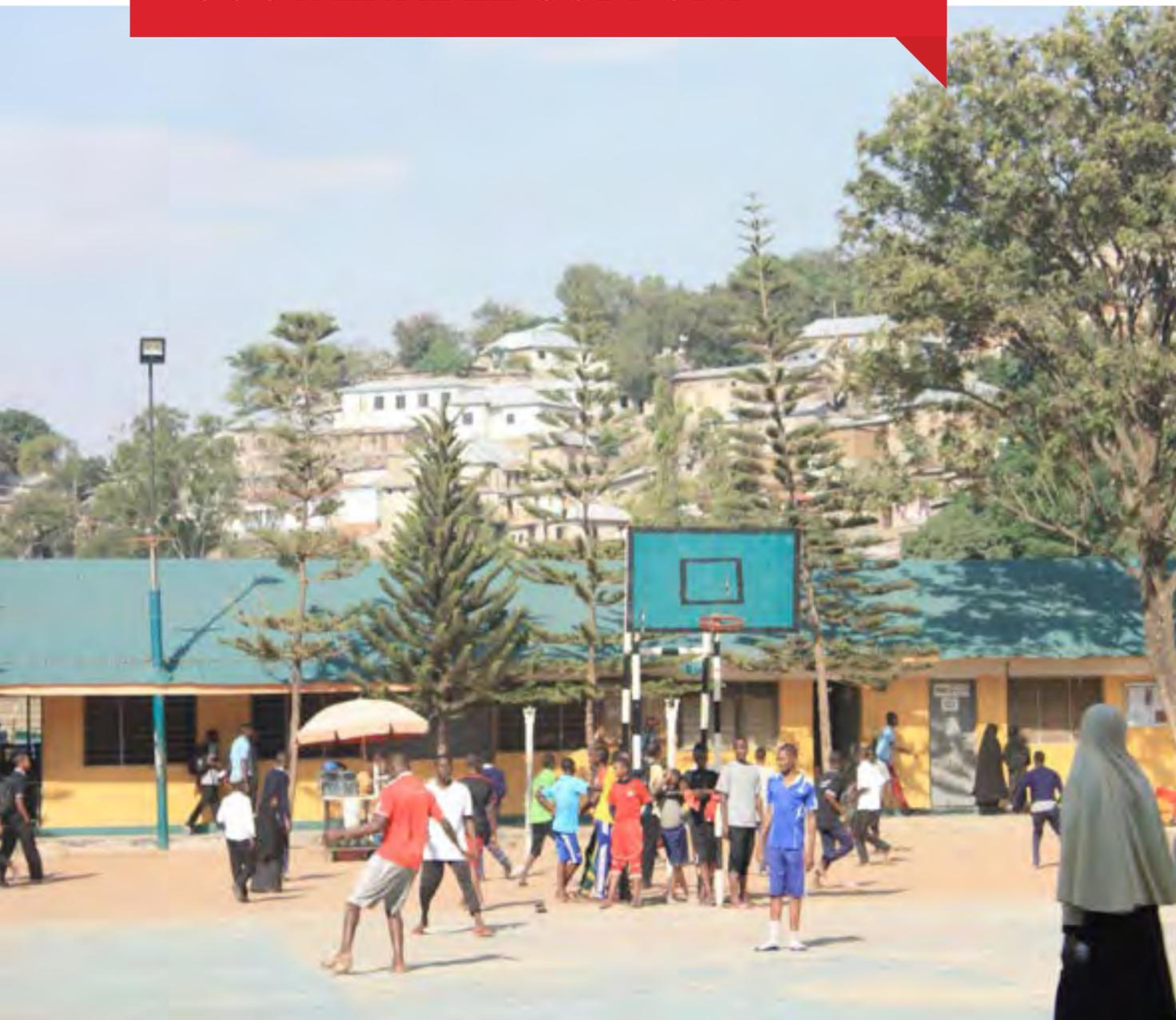
Two years of progress for a small not-for-profit dedicated to global opportunity and equality through fostering an educated population.



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GLOBAL IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH INSISTING ON SUSTAINABLE SUPPORT



KATE'S MESSAGE

Little Paths Australia began as a result of my very first experience working with disadvantaged children in Mwanza, Tanzania in 2008. I worked in an orphanage setting that, whilst it did provide some welcome relief for children's suffering, highlighted the blinding truth that children deserve more and better: they deserve and require holistic care alongside supportive and guiding relationships with trusted adults.

Little Paths Australia was formed with an insistence that no child should ever leave home seeking survival. Kids need their families and they need their communities. We formed around the belief that families should be the only choice for good-enough care of children and that families need the tools to effectively care for their children's needs.

In order to achieve the success they deserve, children need educational support free of threats of dis-continuation, which is often the reality in many scholarship/sponsor-supported programs in vulnerable communities. Furthermore, children and families should feel safe in the belief that their children can strive to be contributing citizens in the communities in which they live. In commitment to this goal, Little Paths Australia works with students and families to support tertiary education and employment opportunities.

We are committed to seeing children and families through their Little Paths journey: from the establishment of stronger and safer families, to supported education for ALL children of the families engaged in the program, to the successful completion of tertiary education and ongoing support in securing employment.

We are committed to providing this holistic care through community engagement and networking, family partnerships and student supports. We pride

ourselves on using foreign aid to create a **MAXIMUM** impact, whilst ensuring its **MINIMAL** interference as we believe that community and family are the key holders to their success and the success of their children.

Never before has there been such rich opportunity for the young people of Tanzania. The opportunities are there and we are preparing the young leaders of today, to be ready to grab hold of them, so they can create success for themselves, their families and their community.

Our development has been progressive and our learning is continual. Our figures demonstrate our learning and our children's journeys demonstrate our success. We are continually inspired by the collaboration of community members and their belief in us, as an organisation that values them as leaders and mentors for their children.

We are grateful and encouraged by the contributions of the global community as we fight to end poverty and child suffering in Tanzania.

Little Paths is inspired by and works in agreement with the United Nations Sustainable Global Goals. We encourage anyone reading to understand their importance and our contributions towards them. Read more at: un.org/sustainabledevelopment.

Kate

Kate Bowyer
Founder and Director of Little Paths Australia.

WHO WE ARE

Little Paths Australia is a not-for-profit, charitable organisation working to enable vulnerable children in Mwanza, Tanzania, to become safe, educated and empowered future leaders, that are supported by their families and their communities.

Our service is developed with the philosophy that families and local communities are children's best support and that foreign aid is only useful as a supportive hand up and never a hand out.

We are registered in Tanzania as a not-for-profit community charity organisation and in Australia as an Australian Charity Business 40 142 900 507.

We offer tax deductibility via our registration as a Rotary Australia World Community Service. RAWCS registration no. 68-2009-10.

We are proud to be staffed in Tanzania by Tanzanian staff, supported by village leaders and leaders from the local service community.

We are led by a team of voluntary Australian professionals in their fields, each contributing to the effective running of the program.

We pride ourselves on our community development initiatives that provide families with the tools required to support their children's success and are driven by the communities we support.

One of the families we support, standing together outside their home in the outskirts of Mwanza. We have committed to supporting the educational journey of all siblings to optimise the impact on the community.



Led by
Australian
volunteers

Non-religious
Non-political
Totally independent

Driven by the
communities
we support

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

TO EMPOWER CHILDREN SPECIFICALLY IN MWANZA, TANZANIA, WHO ARE AT SIGNIFICANT RISK OF STREET LIVING OR CHILD LABOUR, DUE TO

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

Part of our mission is to INSIST that no child feels as though they need to leave home to find the opportunity to succeed and that no parent feels that their child is better cared for by another.

We recognise children's strengths and resilience and are led by their determination to succeed; and the strengths of families and communities, and their critical role in empowering children.

We support those who are at significant risk of street living, child labour and disengagement from their community, family or education, due to the extreme impacts of poverty.

We provide children with the opportunity of consistent and ongoing educational support; and their family with the supports they need to effectively care for their children.

Our mission is to contribute to the UN sustainable development global goals and provide the opportunity for the young leaders of Mwanza, Tanzania to transform our world.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

INSPIRED BY A TANZANIAN PROVERB 'HABA NA HABA HAJAZA KIBABA', "LITTLE BY LITTLE AND A LOT GETS DONE" WE AIM TO LAY PATHS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE COMPLETE EDUCATION AND HOLISTIC CARE UNDER THE CARING SUPPORT OF THEIR FAMILY.

PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

We're guided by the communities of the children we support and develop our initiatives from within the most important support systems of our children. It is our vision that all children in need of support, look to their families and not to service provision for the help they need.

EMPOWERING FAMILIES THROUGH EDUCATION

EDUCATION

We believe education is the key to changing the world.

FAMILY

We believe every child deserves to be cared for by a safe family-like unit and that every family has a right to the resources needed to

YOUNG PEOPLE

We believe young people are powerful. They are the most important contributors to the world's future.

EQUALITY

We believe boys and girls deserve equal access to education.

GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY

We believe we are all connected and that the success of our planet is a responsibility shared by us all.

INTEGRITY

We deliver on the promises made to families, children and our supporters.

RESPECT

We believe in the individuals we work with and look to them as the leaders of our program.

MAXIMUM IMPACT MINIMUM INTERFERENCE

In order to achieve the success they deserve, children need educational support free from threats of discontinuation (which is often the reality in many sponsor-supported programs in vulnerable communities). Families should feel safe in the belief that their children can strive to be contributing citizens in the communities in which they live.

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MWANZA

VICTORIA GOES
JOSHUA RAFAEL
DIANE SABBO

NOTE FROM VICTORIA

I am very proud to work for Littlepaths. I am proud to be among an organisation that helps children living, working or begging on the streets of Tanzania.

Little Paths is important to the children of Mwanza because without such support, many secondary school children who have not been able to enroll and those who can't afford to continue their journey due to reasons associated with extreme poverty, are lost to our country.

The main differentiator between Little Paths and other organisations is that we help children to live with family rather than in orphanages. We ensure that all children in our students' family are attending school and supported by their families.

I am most proud that we insist to work collaboratively with families and communities in ensuring their children life and educational success. This is so important to me because families and communities have the will for their children's happiness but need help because they cannot provide it because of very extreme problems like poverty.

Thanks to Little Paths, may God bless you for all what you are doing for the children of Tanzania.

Victoria Gores,

Little Paths team, Tanzania.



A MESSAGE TO OUR SPONSORS

We are a small organisation, run by volunteers and completely funded by the kind donations of our community. Our focus is quality over quantity and we want every possible cent spent on the children and families we work with. This means that sometimes our priority is firmly placed in the development of children and families in Tanzania, over marketing. And still you support us and inspire us with your giving. We know that you're giving is motivated by a genuine drive to change the world for those who need some help and we are SO grateful to have you on board, and quite simply could not do it without you.

SUPPORTERS WHO HAVE GIVEN US PERMISSION TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR CONTRIBUTION ARE LISTED HERE .

- Amber Designs
- and Klaus
- Basecamper, Melbourne
- Blisque Salon, Mornington Peninsula
- Body Effect
- Bolton on the Park, Wagga Wagga
- Bronwen De Piazza crafts
- Candles by KK
- Cootamundra Oils
- De Bortoli Wines
- Epica Jewellers
- Flemmings, Wagga
- Gary Langtry, Financial Advisory
- House and Pet Sitting, Kimberlery Boyce
- Jenny Newbound
- Lindens Fresh
- Locked in Escape Rooms
- Love Intimo – Jessica Wynee
- Mark Kendall
- Marshere Dance Studios
- Mater Dei, Catholic College
- Matty's Bar and Bistro, Mornington Peninsula
- Miller and James Real Estate, Cootamundra
- Natasha Vanzetti.
- Paper and Pear, Wagga
- Pelican Park Recreation Centre
- Peninsula Hot Springs
- Peninsula Property Maintenance
- Peter Brown & Associates Wagga
- Rock it baby, Gold Coast
- Sacred Heart Koorringal, Wagga Wagga
- Studio 21 Design
- The Sign Supermarket
- Tiny Tiger
- Tommy Memphis
- Viatek, Wagga
- WEB 123
- William Farrer, Wagga

Special thanks to DENT Global who recognise the potential in Little paths and awarded us a \$15,000 training scholarship. Under the guidance and exquisite teaching of Dent Global, Little Paths is growing in strength and charitable business sass.

WEB123, who have donated their time and expertise to our cause to the tune of over \$15,000! We are endlessly grateful.

And with much excitement, we welcome Studio 21, who will be filling the 'big shoes' left by our former partnership with WEB123.

As always a special highlight to our online agency,

THANK YOU ALL!

WE WISH TO SAY THANK YOU!

2016 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 siblings join secondary school
- 4 students complete TAFE
- 3 entered second TAFE level course.
- 2 students successfully enter Senior Secondary school.
- Trivia night, Mornington Peninsula
- Rock'n'Roll Ball
- Little Paths selected for a Dent Global company scholarship valued at \$15,000
- Little Paths recruits Diana, Casual Welfare Worker in Mwanza

2017 IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 students gain employment following Hospitality TAFE course.
- 3 students finish driving course, seeking employment
- 4 year 10 students graduate – 2 of them boarding school students
- Little Paths movie night.
- Little Paths volunteer trip.
- Establishment of 'Pamoja House' in Mwanza.



Student M

Orphaned at a young age, Student M lives with his younger brother and an older relative. He was recommended to Little Paths by a social worker who recognised potential in him. He has since given up his begging and scavenging on the streets to focus on school so that he can realise his dreams of becoming a Doctor. In 2015 he was delighted to see his brother enter the Little Paths program too.



OUR WORK AIMS TO...

... Create **MAXIMUM** impact with **MINIMAL** interference by acknowledging the strengths of the community we work with and strictly ensuring empowering interventions.

...Identify children who are silently suffering in a developing environment and provide them with opportunities through education.

...Strengthen families by providing them with tools to support their children.

...Commit to the development of sustainable projects that allow young people independence

... Connect global citizens and work towards eliminating poverty and its impacts.

...Provide a service that is transparent and interactive and connect sponsors and contributors with the individuals that they support.

...Provide tax deductions on all gifts received (via request) within Australia via Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund.

...Work reflectively and build relationships with our consumers and supporters, focusing on their strengths and their abilities.

FINANCIALS

Income	
Donations	\$ 774
Sponsorships	\$ 5,375
Activities Income	\$ 5,711
Misc Events	\$ -
Interest	\$ 132
Total Income	\$ 11,992
Expenses	
Audit Fees	\$ 1,100
Bank Charges	\$ 510
Cambodian Children's Trust	\$ -
Tanzania Scholarships	\$ 6,950
Equipment Hire	\$ 140
Filing Fees	\$ -
Formation Expenses	\$ -
Event Expenses	\$ 850
Insurance	\$ 1,135
Printing, stationary, postage	\$ 121
Reintegration Program	\$ -
Subscriptions	\$ -
Supplies	\$ -
Total Expenses	\$ 10,806
Profits	\$ 1,186



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