



I recently returned from visiting the Q Fund schools and new communities in Africa over the summer. I am very pleased to report that Chimoza School is back on its feet after a devastating series of rainstorms last winter. The local community has been immensely helped by all of your generous donations ... thank you so much.

As we look to the next year, we are keenly aware that around the world the economic downturn has affected non-profits and their beneficiaries alike -- so this coming year we will be focusing our efforts on sustainability; ensuring that schools and communities continue to have the local resources to be self-sustaining, in a way that is appropriate for the culture and the environment (see our short article below for news of 'Zambikes' ... a truly "green" venture!)

This newsletter brings you some news of new partnerships, recognition and support that we have received over the past several months.

Sincerely, Chellie Kew

Chimoza Community School Update



Chimoza Community School now has 16 full-time and 5 part-time teachers, serving over 500 children with a waiting list of more than 320. The school offers classes from pre-kindergarten through 9th grade. Even with the recent growth we have been able to maintain a low student/teacher ratio, with classrooms having less than thirty students.

I am really excited by our kindergarten classes. It is very important for the children to start learning basic skills at an early age. We now have three separate kindergarten classes starting with 3 year old kiddies, children who have never heard English nor played with a toy. They are fast and serious learners. Their guardians and parents are also learning through their children! This is a first. We would like to do more for kindergarten children (stay tuned, we have our thinking caps on!)

You can read the [full progress report here](#) (8mb, pdf)

The Q Fund Awarded Scholarship for TED India

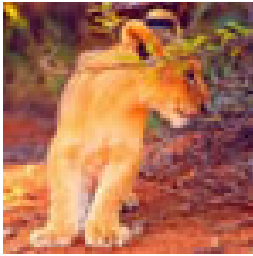


We are proud to have been awarded a scholarship to participate in TED India. TED (Technology, Entertainment,



Design) is an influential organization well-known for its annual conferences devoted to "ideas worth spreading." TED India will address a broad range of subjects ranging from "*Do we have enough water for everyone?*" to "*How can anti-poverty solutions be brought to scale?*". We will bring you up-to-date bulletins from the conference next month through the [Q Fund website](#).

Chimoza Visitor Donates \$50,000 to Q Fund



Visitors to Chimoza Community School are moved by the innocence and vulnerability of the children, and the efforts of the teachers and the community. A recent visitor and her son were affected so much that they donated \$50,000 to the Q Fund upon their return to the United States.

We are immensely grateful for this support - thank you, thank you, thank you!

(Enjoy their photographs and story [here](#).)

You can [DONATE HERE](#) through the Q Fund website.

Heroes of Hope - Public Television Documentary



The Q Fund was chosen for the Heroes of Hope program, a documentary series distributed to public television around the nation. The programs focus on innovative non-profit initiatives. The production team traveled to Zambia with us and created some wonderful interviews with the children and teachers.

[View the documentary video here \(8 minutes\)](#)

ONE March - 'Walk in their Shoes' this Fall



The One March Campaign is kicking off its 4th year this fall. Students take time out to 'walk in the shoes' of vulnerable children deprived of an education. In past years school children have created their own amazing ways to understand the needs of their counterparts in resource-poor countries: from silent vigils to 'ONE ski' events!

One March has transformed the lives of many thousands children around the world -- please join us this fall. If you know of someone in a school that would be interested in organizing a ONE March event please [contact us through our website](#) or at info@qfund.org

Q Fund Partners with Zambikes!



The Q Fund has partnered with Zambikes in Zambia to bring inexpensive transportation to local communities.



The 'Zambulance' will provide transportation for disabled and sick children when required.

[Read more about Zambikes](#)

The "Q Cup" supports Play Soccer Zambia!



Congratulations to St. Paul's Academy and Summit School's Students for Social Justice program, St Paul's, MN.

They started their own soccer league to raise funds for equipment, facilities and soccer kit in support of [Play Soccer Zambia](#) a recent partner of the Q Fund.

Our partnership with Play Soccer Zambia brings to Chimoza a structured program that focuses on the physical and spiritual well being of the children, encouraging an understanding of healthy living and a respect for teamwork and fair play.

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