

## 2016: Year in Review

### Happy New Year from Mufindi!

We are so excited for what 2017 has in store for our organisation. But first, let's look back at what all of our hard work, dedication, and never-wavering support from people like you has brought us in 2016...



The One Sky Project- "the brainchild of a diverse group of paragliding and hang gliding pilots"- visited Foxes' NGO to learn more about the NGO's work, offer amazing media assets, and FLY! Though the team was only here for less than a week, their unbridled enthusiasm, non-stop energy, and huge hearts made a lasting impression on every single child and staff member. Their smiles were proof- the gift of joy is often enough.



While they were on-site, their media team Jonathon Fambrough and Suzy Beck, Co-founders of 'Wild Free Studios' and 'Here Is Why,' filmed a short film about the NGO.

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A new partnership with 'Photographers Without Borders' brought Foxes' NGO together with incredible photographer Aimi Duong, who visited the NGO for two weeks to capture all the work being done on the ground. Her eye for a child's smile is remarkable, and she was able to draw a grin from even the most solemn of House Mamas. Aimee's creative spirit was infectious and just what we needed! Her photos will stand for years to come as the medium for our story-telling, and we couldn't be more grateful.





Thanks to a generous US donor, the Children's Village was given one of the most valuable gifts it's ever received- an NGO car! This van, called a Hiace, serves as transport for every child living at the Children's Village to and from school. This has been crucial for our immuno-compromised children who can now attend school every day without walking 20 kilometres each day. During school breaks, the Hiace has served as an Outreach Vehicle for the Health department and the Social Welfare/ Psychology team to reach vulnerable children and families.

### **Happy 10th Anniversary to Us!**



July 7th, 2016 marked the 10th Year Anniversary of Igoda Children's Village and the amazing work that has been done in Mufindi. It feels like just yesterday that the first Children's Village house opened to serve its first four children. Today, there are five more Children's houses, in addition to two volunteer houses, an on-site clinic, an



Administrative office, a sewing school, a kindergarten and nursery school, and a continuing vocational school project. If project site growth is an indicator of progress, Foxes' NGO has seen unparalleled success. But as every organisation knows, capital improvements can only go so far with the people behind them, working tirelessly everyday to ensure services are delivered to people who need them most. Since the very beginning, these heroes have been the Children's Village guardians- from Mama Ene who was one of the very first Guardians to all 16 full-time Mamas today. Without a doubt, they are the backbone of this NGO.

### **Mission Accomplished!** **University of Louisville Medical School Mobile Clinics**



For the medical students and attending doctors of the University of Louisville Medical School, summers are for service. For the third year in a row, students and doctors of Kentucky have descended upon the rural community of Mufindi, Tanzania to provide life-saving healthcare services and medication through multiple one-day clinics. These clinics were held at primary schools, village offices, or the skeletal, empty rooms of long forgotten dispensaries. And though each village only received one clinic day, the attending doctors saw over 100 patients at many of the villages.

At the end of both mission trips in June & July, the doctors made referrals for critical cases they believed should seek additional medical treatment. These cases ranged from suspected cancerous tumours to children with physical disabilities to social welfare cases of malnutrition or neglect. These referrals were sponsored by the fundraising done by the medical team in Louisville prior to their arrival in TZ. Altogether, over 100 people received referrals for additional care. We at Foxes' NGO are humbled by the incredible work that has been done to bring healthcare to those that need it most.



## A Safe Place for Secondary School Girls



Safety of girls at the secondary school age is a growing concern for schools in Tanzania, and that is no different here in Mufindi. To combat this issue, our partners from Canada have helped us construct a Dormitory at Luhunga Secondary School, scheduled for opening in early 2017. This dormitory has been beautifully constructed and will be a vast improvement on the pre-existing temporary and limited dormitory services at the school. We are all looking forward to this project's grand opening in a few months!

## Milk Powder Continues to Save Lives





Since 2010, the Milk Powder Program (MPP) has been providing life-saving milk powder (infant formula and whole milk powder) and lische powder (nutritious, calorie dense porridge powder) to HIV+ mothers and caretakers, as well as vulnerable children living at the Igoda Children's Village. This year, over 250 kilos of lische powder and over 300 kilos of milk powder have been distributed in the village to vulnerable children and caretakers!



### Zulea's American Adventure



Last summer, Zulea and her parents visited a University of Louisville clinic held in her village of Ilasa for a septic wound on her head.

In 2006, Zulea was visited by the NGO's first medical officer, and over the years, her case worsened. All of Zulea's doctors and health professionals, fondly known as "Team Zulea", suspected that her wounds may be cancerous. With no treatment options for paediatric cancer in Tanzania, contacts were made at Heal the Children, an organisation that sponsors children from all over the world to travel to the U.S. for life-saving medical care. Zulea was granted a visa for medical treatment! Zulea flew to the U.S. with Dr. Bethany Hodge where she lived in Louisville with Dr. and Mrs. Smock.



And though her time was spent in doctors' offices, her endless chatter about her life in America to her family on Skype told the story of a very happy girl. After 6 months in the U.S. Zulea returned home to Mufindi accompanied by the Smocks with a new, very effective treatment plan. Though her head wound remains a bit of an enigma, daily dressing changes with the supervision of "Team Zulea" has seen healing occur even in the short time since her arrival back in Tanzania. They will continue to coordinate with doctors in the U.S. to oversee her treatment plan. We are SO thankful for the Smocks, all of our friends in Louisville, Kentucky, Heal the Children, and every member of Team Zulea for their generosity, compassion, determination, and sheer will. Asanteni sana!

### **Dr. Bodil Leads New Partnership with Dentists Without Borders**



Dr. Bodil was hard at work for 2016 filling cavities, crafting dentures, and developing new partnerships! In November 2016, the Swedish Dentists Without Borders came to Mufindi for 10 days. During this time, the dentists accompanied Dr. Bodil to 8 different primary schools to perform examinations, teach about proper dental hygiene habits, and give referrals for students who needed further services at Dr. Bodil's dental clinic at Mdabulo Hospital. **In total, the dentists did 2,314**



**screenings and wrote 735 referrals to the clinic!** DWOB will be returning in February 2017 to continue their work in primary schools, providing education and screenings with coordination of our Home-based Care volunteers.

### **Caterpillars & Butterflies!**



The Nursery School has finally opened! The Caterpillars (ages 1 year to 2 years) and the Butterflies (2 years to 3 years) each have their own classroom space within the On-site Kindergarten Compound. The classrooms were painted with murals from local artist Chasaki, the floors covered in mats for crawling little ones, and the shelves stocked with donated toys and games. Monday through Saturday, all children 3 and under from the Children's Village attend school, eat nutritious meals, and nap peacefully in their cozy new classrooms. Definitely the cutest place in Mufindi!

### **Running Water a Reality in Mufindi!**



This year, huge strides have been made to connect every Children's Village House with full-time running water. A borehole (85+ meters deep!) was dug and piping was laid throughout the NGO to support a water



pump. This pump will work to move water from the borehole up to four 10,000 litre tanks above the Children's Village which will gravity feed down to all the houses. Any day now the pump is expected to pull its first litres of water!



## **Vocational Training Centre to Provide A New Alternative for At-risk Youth**

With the help of multiple international charities, the new Vocational Training Centre is set to wrap up construction in February 2017.





At the start of 2016, building began in earnest at the VTC site and has continued all year long, through the rainy season, dry season, and everything in between! The multiple classrooms will provide space for both long-courses and short-courses for a variety of vocational trades. The local community is as excited for the school's opening as we are!

### **How the Grinch Stole Christmas: An NGO Play**

Merry Christmas from the Children's Village! This year, as almost every child is enrolled in a local English-medium primary school, the staff and volunteers knew our kids were up to the challenge to performing an English Christmas story! A departure from the usual nativity play, the Children's Village presents "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6eBJ9yJlhE&sns=fb>

**To every donor, volunteer, and supporter, we thank you!**

Because of you, 2017 will undoubtedly be our best year! If you would like to be added to our Progress Report list, please contact us.  
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If you are interested, please do have a look through this website:

<http://www.mufindiorphans.org>.

Mufindi Orphans is a sister charity which does the same as us, but in the US. We both solely raise money for the Tanzania-based NGO which does the work - but as the OITW website is undergoing a big refurbishment right now, you are better off looking at the US site - ours has the same content!

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