



## **ZimSEF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT 2015**

In reflecting over the past year it is pleasing to report that ZimSEF has continued to grow and develop into a well established organisation, with emphasis being placed on sustainable projects, good financial management, thorough reporting and accountability.

The committee has worked hard in conjunction with our partners, YASD to increase the number of children we support through our Education Fund and to expand our role in assisting the Hatcliffe community.

We are a small committee and rely very much on the personal time and effort of everyone involved. I would like to say thankyou to all committee members for their ongoing support.

Unfortunately Henry Tilly, who was appointed Secretary, resigned during the year. We are looking to appoint a new Secretary and increase our committee membership in 2016.

### **THE EDUCATION FUND**

We accepted 2 more students in Primary School this year. We now have a total of 17 children recipients of the Education Fund.

In 2016 we will have 7 Primary School students, 9 Secondary Boarding School students and 1 Secondary Day student.

We are very pleased to report on the excellent progress of some of our students. Tariro Mutanga has been elected a prefect at Mayua Adventist School and topped the Textiles Course for her year. Tabeth Filimon, in Form 3 came top in Maths. Yvonne Jangara gave a speech at Dendera High School's Speech Day and Lonica Kenneth was elected Monitor for her year. Our congratulations to these students on their success.

Due to the poor exchange rate between Australian and US Dollars we had to allow for the increase in costs from our 2015 budget. At this stage we do not plan to take on any more new students.

It is pleasing to see improved reporting systems have been put in place during the year and all the student's progress is now closely monitored. The aim is to continue to improve this in the future.

## **STUDENT SPONSORSHIP**

This has progressed well. We have 4 primary school sponsorships and 1 Senior School. Effort has been made to provide good liaison with our sponsors and opportunity for ongoing communication between sponsor and students.

Thankyou to Tempe for all the time and effort she has put into to co-ordinating this program.

We hope to expand this number in 2016.



Tairiro Mutanga

## **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

As a result of Tempe's many hours of hard work and the extra funding provided by a very generous donation, the Solar System has been installed. It was not fully functional at the time of Tempe's visit to Harare and we are awaiting photos of the working office with new lights. Once again due to the poor exchange rate additional funding was required in order to fully cover the cost.

We are looking towards developing more community projects as funding will allow. Tempe has discussed a project focussing on improving the affordability of uniforms. This is a major part of the Education Fund budget. We are awaiting a proposal from YASD. This could be of great assistance to the Hatcliffe community and reduce our costs.

There is still much work to be done and we rely on the commitment and hard work of our partner, YASD to fulfil the ZimSEF goals. We thank them sincerely for their efforts.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Our major fundraising event for 2015 was the mixed Mini Street Soccer Carnival held at Easts Rugby Union Club in November.

We were delighted that Angus Esslemont and Tempe McMinn agreed to organise this very successful day. Once again, it was wonderful to see so many young adults playing sport, having fun, at the same time raising funds for ZimSEF. Having mixed teams worked very well and they all made a great effort with costumes and themes for each team. Thank you to Angus and Tempe for all their hard work in making it a wonderful event.

We are very grateful to all the participants and our team of volunteers who assisted on the day. We also acknowledge all the family and friends of ZimSEF who generously donated items for our prizes, raffle and auction items.

The GoFundraise website was set up again, and allowed the team members to successfully raise over \$17,000.00 up to the day of the event. With the raffle, auction and other donations the event raised nearly \$27,000.00. Congratulations to everyone on a fantastic effort.

This year, the event was held on a Sunday, which appeared to affect the number of participants on the day. We had less teams than last year which affected the overall attendance.

The recommendation has been made to vary the type of fundraising events from year to year. Next year we plan to have another “cocktail” party with a view to targeting a wider demographic.

## **VISIT TO ZIMBABWE**

In September Tempe was able to visit Harare. She organised visits to both Senior Schools and the 2 Primary Schools where we have ZimSEF students enrolled. She was fortunate to be able to catch up with many of the children and their guardians and families.

She also held extensive and very productive meetings with YASD staff and the School Principals. The ongoing trips to Harare are considered very important and we will continue to try and visit every year.

Tempe’s report with more details from her visit is available.

As we enter ZimSEF’s 7<sup>th</sup> year of operation, we extend our sincere thanks to the committee, our partners at YASD and all our family and friends for their generosity and ongoing support. Without this, we would not be able to achieve our goals and continue to build a bright future for Zimbabwean children and the Hatcliffe community.

Amber Maiden  
President