

The Beatrice Project: Zimbabwe

restoring dignity and opportunity



Some of the girls with Sue



Joy with Karen

Spring is on its way and we are beginning to plan for our next trip to Zimbabwe later this year.

Through your support we have made some significant progress since the last newsletter in October and also have some exciting plans to share. We recently received this message for you from Joy:



'Thank you. I couldn't have done half of this work without your support'

We would like to echo her words wholeheartedly!

- Your giving has meant Joy has been able to register The Beatrice Project as a Trust, which means it is formally recognised by the authorities in Zimbabwe.
- Here in UK we have gained Charitable Status and means the value of the donations we receive, as long as you are a tax payer, may be increased by use of Gift Aid, worth 25%
- We are now registered recipients with Stewardship who have set up a support fund for us. Confident this will be the final change in our giving arrangements, we would like to thank you all, particularly the regular donors, for your long-suffering in this! Details of how to give to the project from now on are at the end of this newsletter.
- Earlier this year I was invited to give another presentation to the Fashion Course students at Solent University who then, under the expert guidance of my good friend Lou Sanders, devoted their time and energies to producing another batch of lovingly made panties for our girls in Zimbabwe.



Panty production and one of the grateful recipients!

- Following the success of the quiz we held in Oliver's Battery last year, we are holding another. This will be on:

Friday March 16th 7.0-9.30pm in The Small Hall
 (part of Central Hall, home of New Community Church)
 St Mary Street, Southampton SO14 1NF

Tickets for the event (from me, Sue Hutchinson, Karen Trewinnard at karentrewinnard@doctors.org.uk or Jane Bates on 07979806628) cost £10, to include a light buffet supper and soft drinks. Feel free to bring your own wine etc. and some cash for the raffle.

Last year we raised over £1100 – let's aim to beat that!

- For those of you who enjoy a more active evening of fun and fundraising, another Line Dancing event is being planned for later in the spring: more details to follow.
- I have been thrilled to hear from some friends that they are in training to run their way to supporting the work of the project. Two plan to run the Southampton 10k and one is taking part in the Brighton Marathon, both in April. What amazing friends and what a brilliant way to help us. Look out for their appeals on Facebook, or email for details of how you could sponsor them (unless you'd like to join them, that is!?!....)



How to give: for one off gifts (including by card) or to give on a regular basis, please go to www.give.net/20237532

Your gift may also be given personally to one of the Trustees who will process it for you.

A Support Form document in pdf format is attached to the email, should you prefer to use that.

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