



The Beatrice Project: restoring dignity and opportunity

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS 2022 TO YOU ALL!

This time last year many of us were hoping for a year of greater stability and predictability: as we all know, 2022 proved to be anything but! However, here at the Beatrice Project, we are both humbled and delighted that, despite the challenges, around 300 vulnerable and marginalised girls in rural Zimbabwe have been able to continue in school this year because of your generosity and commitment.

Here are some of the significant steps forward in 2022:

- Ntombi Nto, funded by the Beatrice Project, are now supporting students in 12 schools, both primary and secondary
- Apart from the rare exception, all the girls are now using menstrual cups or washable pads
- The boys have begun to be actively involved in group workshops
- Invited by the community leaders, Joy successfully facilitated a day long community dialogue meeting

In October the ever-popular BP quiz, this time face to face, was a great success and raised over £1000, which was much needed. Thank you to all those who came and for your generosity on the night. We would also like to extend our thanks to ETCH for their continuing support of the Beatrice Project and to the Bright Future Trust for their very generous ongoing funding of the vehicle in Zimbabwe.

A fundraising push initiated by a friend who offered very generous match funding, has proved most encouraging and we are now confident of being able to continue supporting the work in Zimbabwe throughout 2023. We are very grateful for all the donations we receive, so please accept our thanks. We're also pleased to be developing links with a wider network of individuals and organisations and have some exciting ideas to work through in the coming year.

We're very mindful of the 'cost of living crisis', and aware that many of us may be struggling financially. In spite of this, and despite the recent boost to our funds, we really need to recruit more regular donors to provide a more stable financial basis from which to plan the future of BP. If this Christmas you were able to set up even a small regular monthly gift, we would be so grateful. You would be making a real difference in the lives of our young women in Zimbabwe and it would make a significant difference to the way we plan.



As we end this year, we say goodbye to Karen and Barry Trewinnard. They have both served the Beatrice Project faithfully for 6 years, Karen as a Trustee and Barry as our Treasurer. Their contribution has been huge but both are now retiring. We welcome Richard Mills as our new Treasurer and are looking to broaden our Trustee base in 2023.

Please accept our very best wishes for Christmas and the new year, and thank you again for your interest and support.

If you would like to give, please visit www.beatriceproject.org and follow the 'Donate' prompts.

Alternatively, go straight to www.give.net/20237532 or, if you prefer, you may give or post a cheque (to the Beatrice Project) to me, Sue Hutchinson, Tony Arthur or Roger Snowdon