



Newsletter #3, July – September 2018

Over the break Chance4all Volunteers have kept the show running.....

A fantastic team of volunteers have continued to look after the Chance4all sponsored children over the August school break. They kept the tradition of meeting the Chance4all sponsored children every Wednesday in the Bauleni Special Needs School. This location is generously offered to Chance4all by the Bauleni Special Needs School managers and has been a wonderful platform of support for our sponsored children.



Every week the children come to the centre, either before or after their school shift, and are offered tutorial assistance for homework, reading support, learning through play activities, and receive nutritional snacks.

A huge thank you to all Chance4all volunteers who have given so much of their time and have contributed with snacks, toys, books and, most important, your time & **love!**

Your support has made a huge difference in the progress of sponsored children,

THANK YOU Senior and Junior VOLUNTEERS, you are STARS!



10th of September, Chance4all is back to school...

Exciting Monday in Bauleni! This marked the first week back to school for our children. It was wonderful to see our little ones proudly wearing their clean, crispy uniforms, shining shoes, their hair neatly combed and their smiles wider than ever.

That Wednesday there was a lot of excitement in the room!

We had a playful morning where the children revealed all their creativity by building amazing structures with KAPLA building toys. And then dancing around them!



What a beautiful sight to behold!



And...the end of the school year is approaching fast!



We are entering the 3rd School term, and the end of the academic year is fast approaching given that in Zambia the school year coincides with the calendar year. Students, especially older ones, are getting busier and busier. And more anxious too... Final tests and exams are taking place very soon and, with the exams comes, the feared end-of-year verdict:

Pass or No Pass.

Chance4all volunteers have done their utmost to support these students to succeed and pass their exams. We know that most of them will pass and be accepted to the next grade, but some may not. Some students have been reinserted into the schooling system after a few gap years, some do not have the

best conditions to concentrate at home and others have not had any support in their learning until now.

Chance4all will assess every student's progress individually, not against the marks obtained in the school tests, but against their starting point. And, additionally, we will assess their attitude and commitment to learn, more than the marks obtained. For each child we will prepare and share a personalized report with their sponsors, with our recommendations.

BEST OF LUCK TO EVERYONE!

A day off to clear the minds....



Just before the start of the school, Chance4all took all the students for a treat: a day off to the movies! Children appreciated the movies a lot, but when asked what they liked the most the younger ones replied: "the popcorn and the mechanical stairs"! LOL!

And guess what? Our team bumped into a group of Bauleni teachers. Look at what they posted:

Bauleni Special Needs Project

25 August

CHANCE4ALL CONTINUES TO SUPPORT

We caught up with Chance4all as they took some of our kids for a movie at Manda Hill. This time our pupils are on holiday, they are faced with numerous temptations and boredom. Such extra curricular activities refresh their mind and motivate them to do better in class.

Thank you so much for the sacrifices you're making as a team of volunteers, we truly appreciate.

"Mens sana in corpore sano"

Chance4all Co-Directors, Jane and Anna, received the proceedings of a Cross-Fit fundraiser event which took place on the 1st September (after an intense but reinvigorating training at the gym :-).

The funds raised will go to cover the transport of Bauleni young boys and girls, who will also be offered free Cross Fit lessons .

Chance4all team thanks CrossFit Amaka management, Kim in particular, and its wonderful clients, for the fund-raising activity which will allow our young children to benefit from the fitness programs.

We will post more about how this programme is implemented.

Stay tuned... and FIT...!



CHANCE4ALL HOUSE-KEEPING MATTERS

Moving but not leaving...

Our beloved Co-Director *Veronique Catany-Baldini* has moved to Washington DC, where she and her husband will continue their professional careers. We were extremely sad to see her moving back to the USA, while at the same time we were truly impressed by how much she had done and how many hearts she had touched during her two years in Zambia.

But... moving is NOT leaving. NOT AT ALL. Veronique will remain as an active Chance4all Co-Director, involved in every decision, and will be our best advocate at the other side of the Atlantic. So, in a way, Chance4all has expanded and has now an Overseas Department!

Over the next month(s) we will be busy.....

→ **Reporting:**

We are preparing progress reports for each of the 18 children sponsored, to be sent to their sponsors. We want to provide our sponsors with a snapshot of their personal and academic progress over these months, since they were awarded Chance4all sponsorship. We strive to share with the sponsors as honestly as we can the gaps and difficulties encountered by some children and to propose solutions.

→ **Enrolling and Financial Planning:**

The last term of the school year is also the time when we have to secure enrolment for the following year for our students, as well as financial coverage for school fees. We are confident that most of our current sponsors will continue to trust us for the coming year and will continue fund the sponsored students. We remain committed to taking each child to the end of the education cycle they are in (end of Primary or end of Secondary). Our ambition would be to see all the children through to the end of Secondary, but that is a long-term plan.

→ **Fund-raising:**

Over the next months we will begin the planning of the Chance4all fund-raising event for 2019. In February 2018 we were able to raise a considerable amount of funds at the 'Carnival for a Cause' party. We will 'fish' for new ideas and initiatives, and invite any volunteers interested in supporting us with this activity. Please come along and support us with our next fund-raising event!

Chance4all is a Registered Non-Profit Entity under Zambian law. Our mission is to bring out-of-school children back to the educational system, and to make sure they can fully exercise their basic right to Education. With that purpose in mind we have set up a simple framework to identify genuine cases of children with educational needs, we match them with sponsors in Zambia and abroad willing to help, and make sure funds are properly utilized.

If you would like to know more, or become involved, either as a sponsor or as a volunteer, please send us a message to chance4allzambia@gmail.com or follow us on Facebook - **chance4all** or at

www.chance4all.org