



Golder Trust
for Orphans



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to The Golder Trust for Orphans Newsletter, where you'll find the latest information about where your contributions to the Trust are going and how you can get involved in helping us create sustainable solutions that make a difference!

News from Golder Trust Projects - Introducing our Two New Projects in Tanzania!

Tanzania is a country in central East Africa bordered by Kenya and Uganda to the north, Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the west, and Zambia, Malawi and Mozambique to the south. Tanzania has a total population of 35,000,000 people and is among the poorest countries in the world with a GNP per capita of \$280. About 10% of the population is affected by AIDS, with over 60% of these people being female. (Source: www.data.unaids.org)



"Gladi"ator Strength and Courage at Food Water Shelter

Vibrant Gladi, as her friends call her, is known for her wonderful warmth and her laughter which can be heard for miles around. She is described as a hardworking woman, a good friend and a loving 'mama' for the children she cares for at Food Water Shelter (FWS) in the Kesho Leo Village, Arusha, Tanzania.

Gladi and Karen, one month after surgery

As a 'mama', Gladi participates in the initiatives developed by FWS, which builds and manages sustainable and eco-friendly children's villages, providing education, social and health facilities for orphans, and vulnerable women and their children. With children of her own and the soon to be caretaker of three orphans, Gladi is appreciated for her warm-hearted mothering skills, positive nature and happy disposition for everyone in Kesho

Leo. Her strength and positivity comes from overcoming the challenges she has faced in her life; as a child she was involved in a fire accident which left her face, neck, arms and torso severely scarred. Conscious of her scarring, she believes that she won't marry because of it (although she is quick to add that she doesn't particularly want a husband either!) and instead, devotes her time and energy to caring for her children and those in

her 'village'. Gladi feels that her life has changed enormously since becoming involved with FWS - she never thought she would be in a position to save money or provide an education for her children.

Gladi has made some big decisions this year, and with the help of FWS, has been able to make a drastic improvement in her health. She has spent years with restricted movement
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and discomfort in her arms as a result of her childhood burns, but in May Gladi received burn scar release surgery on her arm. The surgery was conducted by a plastic surgeon visiting from the United States and in the short months since then, she has made great recovery. This process of treatment has taught Gladi how important health and safety are for the development of children; she is well in tune with her children's needs and listens eagerly during the FWS health classes.

Health classes aren't the only thing you'll find at FWS. Hard work is being done to ensure one day Kesho Leo will be a completely self-sufficient and sustainable village, and is already complete with an organic farm, life-skills education and community engagement programme, and environmental practices and

training programmes. The main aim of FWS is to promote and reproduce positive environmental and social practices by demonstrating how these systems can work, and there are plans afoot to do this even further. A mushroom farm, rabbits and pigs, a nursery, carpentry and a sewing business are all initiatives taking form in the village. There are even small rainwater tanks, aquaculture ponds, composting toilets and solar panels (provided by the Golder Trust for Orphans) to promote energy efficiency and sustainable systems.

The work done at FWS is remarkable and the positive effect can be seen in the smiling faces and sparkling eyes of the children. With the transformative power of strength and courage at FWS, the lives of so many needy people are being improved. And embraced in the tender

hug of Gladi's much improved arms, it is the children who receive the greatest gift of love, kindness and compassion.



Gladi proudly displaying the improved range of movement she has in her arm, three months after surgery

Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home



Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home is a project in the village of Rhotia Valley, Tanzania. Revenues generated from a tented lodge located on the edge of the Ngorongoro Crater are used to fund a children's home that is currently caring for over 30 orphans from the local community who would otherwise have nowhere else to live. All profits from the Tented Lodge go directly to the Children's Home, through which they can pay their daily costs, notably food, drinks, clothing and school fees.

Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home is the dream and achievement of Marise Koch, a Dutch doctor who has relocated to Tanzania and dedicated her life to developing the village of Rhotia Valley by building positive

futures for the village's children. Says Marise, "Because children are the future, we would like to help children aged between 6 and 16 from Rhotia village, in a way that the whole village is committed and the villagers themselves can embrace and feel part of the project. So that the project is carried by the community itself, with as less help as possible from outside."

Not only do all the children from the home come from Rhotia Valley, but all the people working at the lodge and caring for the children are also from the local community. The local village council is very supportive of the project, and Marise has developed outstanding relationships with local schools, churches and village elders.

The Rhotia Valley Children's Home consists of three houses, each containing room for twelve children, one house mother and one aunt, to create a family like atmosphere in each home. There are two maintenance staff who take care of the cleaning and daily repairs and maintenance of the homes, and who often play soccer with the children, and help them to

develop their creativity through arts and crafts activities. There is also a conference hall where community workshops and educational lessons about health, AIDS, nutrition, computers, sports, and arts and crafts are given.

A day at Rhotia Valley Children's Home starts with a long walk to school. After school in the afternoon they play soccer, frisbee or do arts and crafts, but they also clean and wash their clothes and participate in keeping their beds and rooms neat and tidy. These are activities that all the children in Tanzania need to learn very early and do themselves. The children also help with the preparation of food, to help them to learn basic skills that will serve them all their lives.

With financial support from the Golder Trust for Orphans, the Tented Lodge and Children's Home have been able to improve their water pumping and heating systems, ensuring clean, hot water for tented lodge guests and the children.

Visit www.rhotiavalley.com to learn more about this project.

Fundraising News from Golder Staff!



Milligan Mile Event

On September 4th the 2009 Milligan Mile Run was held at the 1912 Stockholm Olympic Stadium in memory of Vic Milligan and for benefit of the Golder Trust for Orphans. Brian and Monica Conlin as well as Roberto Mezzalama participated in the various competitions together with some 100 colleagues, husbands, wives and children from Stockholm, Uppsala and Gothenburg. An additional 20 clients with families were also present. Kids races were mixed with a Golder Trust for Orphans relay between the Swedish offices. A handicap by shorter running distance were given to the most generous beneficiary to the Trust in advance of the relay which turned

out to be enough for the Uppsala office to take an overwhelming win.

In weather according to the season (rain), Brian and Monica Conlin took part in the time management walk together with kids and parents to hit the magical 4 min over 400 m. The afternoon ended with the Milligan Mile run which summoned more than 30 colleagues and clients including the European President Roberto Mezzalama and Jan Hermanson, the MD in Sweden. The fastest time recorded (Henrik Eriksson 5.05) made us all think of the fantastic feat done by Vic Milligan back in 1954 which was a whole minute faster!

Golder donated 5€ per participant and including this event the Swedish operation has donated 5k€ during 2009.

Many thanks to the organisers and Swedish employees for your support.



2009 City to Surf Marathon

Matt Goode, a surface water hydrologist from the Perth office of Golder, recently ran his first marathon during the 2009 City to Surf event in Perth. Matt decided to hold a sweepstake to raise money for the Golder Trust for Orphans with prizes for the closest guess to his race time. Prizes were donated by local drilling company Barber Drilling. After just three month's training, Matt's time was an amazing 3 hours, 58 minutes and 25 seconds. He raised a fantastic total of AUD\$600 for the Trust. The winner of the sweepstake was Sarah Taylor, who just happens to be an Office Champion for the Trust in Perth. Congratulations and thank you Matt!

Sydney Trivia Night

The challenge was issued to the Sydney Environmental and Geotechnical teams (respectively) to hold a fundraiser each for the Orphans Trust! The Environmental Team came through with flying colours by holding a trivia night on Friday 21st August - raising AUD \$500 and hosting a fun event, enjoyed by the 22 attendees. Stay tuned for how the Sydney Geo-techs will rise to the challenge in Q4 with their fundraiser!

Easter Raffle

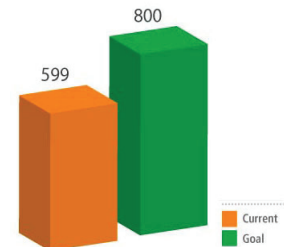
Earlier in the year the Perth Office Champions organised an Easter raffle, with prizes donated by several Perth businesses. The raffle raised AUD\$556.95 for the Trust and was drawn at a hot cross bun morning tea.



General Information

The Trust is currently supporting eleven projects with a vision to expand this number as our financial resources grow.

1. Bulembu Ministries (Bulembu, Swaziland)
2. Hamba Ekukanyeni (Pietermaritzburg, South Africa)
3. Lewa Children's Home, Kip Keino School and Baraka Farm (Eldoret, Kenya)
4. St. Joseph's Care Centre (Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa)
5. Thembisa Embo Community Project (Durban, South Africa)
6. ABC Ministry (Bulembu, Swaziland)
7. Mission Station of Carlos Vilanculos (Mozambique)
8. Hands of Mercy (Harare, Zimbabwe)
9. KwaSizabantu Schulzental (South Africa)
10. Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home (Tanzania)
11. Food Water Shelter (Tanzania)



Almost 600 Golder Staff are Donating to the Trust!

Many thanks to all Golder staff around the world who are contributing monthly to the Trust for Orphans. We are getting even closer to our goal of having 800 staff donating monthly! Speak to your Office Champion if you are interested in donating or send an email to GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com!

What is the Golder Trust for Orphans?

As part of our commitment to sustainability, Golder Associates formed the Golder Trust for Orphans in 2003 to provide support to children and families in Africa who have been orphaned or displaced by the AIDS pandemic.

The Trust, which is funded mainly by contributions from Golder's operating companies and Golder staff, provides financial support to NGO's caring for and counselling families and dependents of people living with HIV/AIDS. To date our efforts are supporting over 1000 children in Africa.

What projects are we currently supporting?

The Trust is currently supporting the efforts of eleven projects in Africa:

- › Thembisa –Embo Community Project (South Africa)
- › Hamba Ekukanyeni (South Africa)
- › St. Joseph's Care Centre (South Africa)
- › Lewa Children's Home, School and Farm (Kenya)
- › Bulembu Ministries (Swaziland)
- › Hands of Mercy (Zimbabwe)
- › Mission Station of Carlos Vilanculos (Mozambique)
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- › Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home (Tanzania)
- › Food Water Shelter (Tanzania)

Where can you find more information about the Trust?

The Golder Trust for Orphans has a site on GoldNet! Go to [Corporate Services / Enterra Holdings Ltd. / Golder Trust for Orphans](#) to:

- › Learn more about the projects we're supporting
- › Visit other AIDS related web sites
- › Download Contribution forms
- › Read articles of interest
- › See current presentations about the Trust!

You can also visit the Trust web site at www.goldertrust.org!

Your feedback about this newsletter is welcomed! Please send your comments to GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com.

How can you get involved?

- › Become an Office Champion for your office!
- › Promote the Trust in your workplace
- › Organise a fundraiser in your office
- › Encourage other staff members to contribute

Donate monthly through:

- › Payroll deduction
 - › GivenGain online payments
 - › Bank draft
- Get involved in fundraising events in your office, operating region, or globally!

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