

JUST CHILDREN FOUNDATION IN THE UK

Just Children Foundation (UK) is based in England and supports the work of the centres in Zimbabwe. We raise funds for special projects, day to day expenses of the centres and staff training and work closely with the team on the ground in Zimbabwe.

We also run a 'Friends of JCF scheme' and raise awareness of the plight of the children by providing resources, literature and speakers for groups who are interested in the work.

Revd Mike Keirle, Chairman of JCF (UK) writes: "We are passionately committed to supporting the work in Zimbabwe. It is important to remember that these are children, just like ours, who are experiencing the trauma of homelessness, abuse, poverty or the death of their parents. JCF provides a home and a family where children experience security and love, often for the first time in their lives. We need your help to continue the work! For details on how you can do that, please see overleaf:

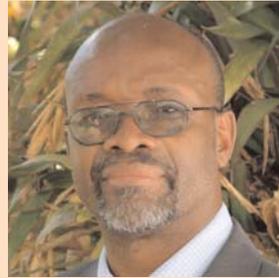
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The Just Children Foundation

was founded in 1996 by Moosa Kasimonje, a Zimbabwean Christian who lives and works in Harare, Zimbabwe.



*Mr Moosa Kasimonje
 Executive Director of
 Just Children Foundation*

Moosa gave up a thriving business in order to dedicate his life to the increasing number of children he was seeing abandoned on the streets of Harare.

In 1998, he opened the first drop in shelter in Harare and 'The Just Children Foundation' was born.

Since then, the work of JCF has expanded enormously in response to the increasingly desperate situation in Zimbabwe. Over 40 staff now care for children in five centres around Zimbabwe. Some of the team are former children from the streets who have returned as qualified social workers to help a new generation. JCF provides accommodation, food, medical care, education and life skills. Crucially, JCF is a place to belong - a family in which children can feel safe and secure and in which they can grow and develop.

With the continuing AIDS pandemic, the current economic crisis, unemployment and political uncertainty, the number of children needing support rises daily. Children on the streets suffer abuse and degradation. JCF provides a vital sanctuary and a source of hope.

We need your help to enable 'The Just Children Foundation' to continue its work with vulnerable children, to help them escape a life of neglect, abuse and poverty. Please will you join us in partnership and give whatever you can. They are just children and need your support. Help us to take them off the streets and on to a better future!

A PLACE OF HEALING AND HOPE

George is a nine year old boy who was brought to JCF when he was six. When he was two his parents separated and he was sent to live with his paternal grandparents. His father later remarried.

George's health was poor and when he started deteriorating his grandparents took him back to his father for help. The stepmother refused to help George and insisted that her husband get rid of him. George's father waited until dark, took him to the river, tied a large stone around his neck and threw him in the water, leaving him for dead.

A passerby heard the boy crying and rescued him. She took George to her home to warm him up and reported the case to the police and he was referred to The Just Children Foundation.

George stayed at a JCF centre for a while but, with the information he was able to give them about his family, JCF were able to locate George's mother and reunite them, much to the delight of them both.

George is now happily settled into his new home and he is visited by the JCF team regularly!

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Working with children on the streets of Zimbabwe



The Just Children Foundation

Off the streets and on to a better future

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Zimbabwe is a country in crisis! Economic and political instability has left what was once a thriving nation with the highest inflation rate in the world and the lowest life expectancy. 80% of the population are unemployed! The AIDS pandemic has left thousands of children without parents, having to fend for themselves or rely on older siblings or grandparents to care for them.

Together these factors have led to the breakdown of traditional extended family networks that would normally care for those at risk. As a result, many of the most needy and vulnerable children find themselves on the street, either abandoned or having run away from abusive circumstances.

The Just Children Foundation is a Christian organisation that works with children. It takes them off the streets and gives them a place to stay, a family to which to belong and a future to which to look forward.

JCF looks after up to 400 children at any one time at its five centres around the country, caring for



children between the ages of one day and 18 years. A dedicated team of staff, led by founder Moosa Kasimonje, provide accommodation, run drop in centres, education, food and foster programmes and, where appropriate, re-unite children with families.

In addition JCF also supports many families who are at risk of losing their home or where parents have died, leaving grandparents to be the primary carers.



A new child, abandoned on the streets, arrives at the shelter of joy

Just Children Foundation Aims and Objectives

- To provide care and shelter where possible to children with a compelling need.
- To offer counselling and teaching to children within a Christian context.
- To be advocates for the rights of children and to change social attitudes towards children in need.
- To address the social and family problems which force children on to the streets.
- To promote and develop cooperation in matters concerning the rights and welfare of children

CENTRES IN ZIMBABWE

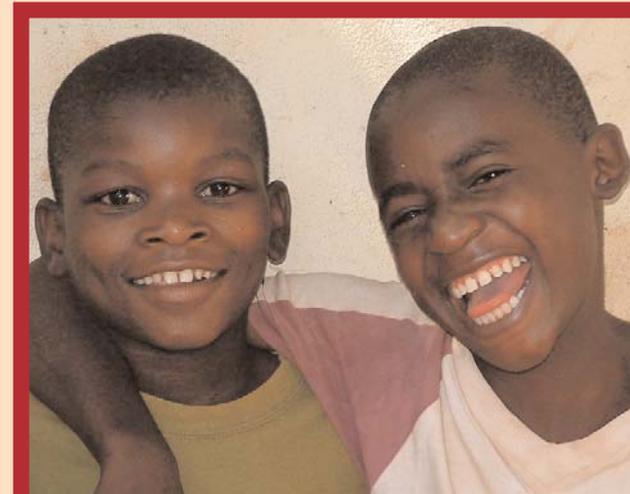
Shelter of Joy: The first drop in shelter in the heart of downtown Harare.

Faith and Hope: A farm on the outskirts of Harare. It is here that we hope to build more accommodation units to house children and to give them opportunities to train in life skills. Children here mostly attend local schools with fees paid by JCF. They also help produce some of the food for the other centres.

Come Unto Me: An orphanage and day centre in Karoi 200km north east of Harare where approximately 100 children are cared for.

Chivhu: JCF provides support for over 100 children in this rural area, assisting child headed families with food and clothing programmes and funding school fees.

Rudo House. Based in a large urban area 25km from Harare, it provides support for abandoned babies and teenage mothers.



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JCF will send you occasional newsletters to keep you informed of our work. If you would prefer not to receive them, please tick the box. Thank you for your gift, helping us to take children off the streets and on to a better future.