



**Christmas
Newsletter
2018**



**Keep
DREAMS
Alive This
Christmas**



**Find out
about our
Christmas
appeal to
keep 900
girls in school**



Winter is coming, and it's time for our fourth and final newsletter of a busy 2018. The focus of this issue is The Cecily's Fund Christmas Appeal 2018. We urgently need your help to continue to keep 900 vulnerable girls in school as funding for this project draws to a close during 2019.

We've supported these inspiring girls since 2016, and with your help we can make sure that the impact is a lasting one. You can find out how to get involved and support the campaign on pages 4 and 5.

On page 6, we hear from supporter **Hal Moggridge** who in the summer was able to see the life-changing effects of the DREAMS programme first-hand. His recollections are a powerful reminder of how important it is to continue this work.

If you're looking for a way to support our appeal this year, you might be inspired to read about Bedales School on page 6. By taking on the **Great South Run** for the second time, they've raised over £4,200 for Cecily's Fund and the John Badley Foundation.

Finally, on page 8 you will see that we are seeking 2 new trustees to join the Cecily's Fund Board. If you are interested and would like to know more please download an information pack from our website.

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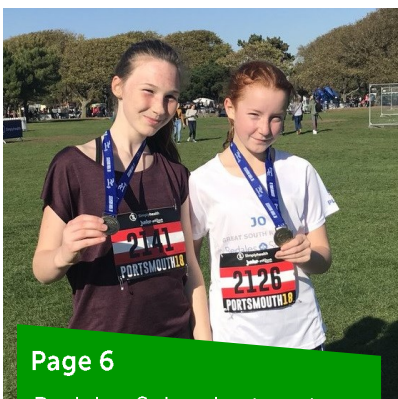
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Cecily's Fund is registered charity **1071660**. Our work makes education possible for orphaned and vulnerable children in Zambia.

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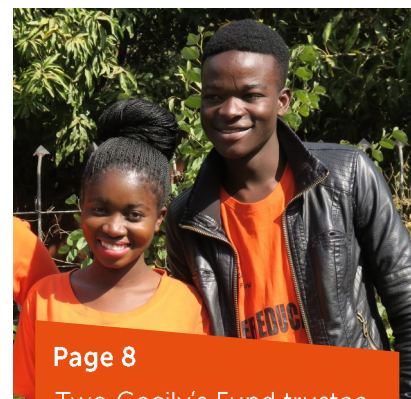
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Two Cecily's Fund trustee vacancies



Help us keep DREAMS alive this Christmas



With your help this Christmas, we are aiming to raise the £36,000 we need to keep 900 girls in school so they can complete their education and have a greater chance of improving their lives

In Chingola, the DREAMS Innovation Challenge programme funded by the US Department of State / PEPFAR has enabled Cecily's Fund to keep 900 vulnerable adolescent girls in school. Once at risk of dropping out of school altogether, we've helped them to transition to secondary school where they have been able to continue learning and can now develop the skills, self-belief and resilience they'll need to excel.

As funding draws to a close, there is an urgent need to secure their future and continue their education. Our Christmas Appeal this year aims to raise **£36,000** - enough to continue their schooling into 2020.

Our programme *Keeping Girls in School: Learning for Life* has informed not only girls, but also their mothers, about their rights and has given them the knowledge to avoid HIV and stay healthy. We've brought mothers and daughters together to learn business skills, so that they can be independent and earn income that pays for school fees on their own terms. Now, girls are seeing the true value of education and are empowered to build better futures for themselves.

How you can help!

Make a single or regular payment online by visiting our website:
cecilysfund.org

Donate to our JustGiving page:
justgiving.com/campaign/cfappeal2018

Send a **cheque** made payable to Cecily's Fund to:

Cecily's Fund
Ground Floor, 6 Church Green
Witney, Oxon

What ever you are able to give no matter how small will help change lives. Thank you!



"I will remember you for the rest of my life, when I look at my successful daughter."

We know that our DREAMS programme is having a powerful, positive impact on the 900 vulnerable girls we are supporting into school - and on their families.

When Felistus says that she will remember us for the rest of her life, it's a reflection of the transformative impact that access to education, knowledge about basic rights, and business skills can have. Ours is a lasting impact, which keeps girls and their families healthy and secure for the long term.

As Rebecca, a grandmother who has been a part of the programme says, "I wish this programme a long life so that its intended purpose can be realised fully." By supporting our appeal, you can help us make that happen.

The **DREAMS Innovations Challenge** is an \$85 million HIV prevention initiative led by PEPFAR, Janssen Pharmaceutica NV (a Johnson & Johnson company), and ViiV Healthcare. The initiative aims to accelerate progress toward achieving a 40 percent reduction in new HIV infections among adolescent girls and young women in the highest-burden areas of 10 sub-Saharan African countries.

How our project is giving Fanny and Linda more hope for the future



"I had an opportunity to learn how to run a business", says **Fanny** (pictured with her grand-daughter Linda). "I never realised I had the potential to run a business, but after going through the training I am now confident that I can make a profit and sustain the wellbeing of my family."

Determined

Resilient

Empowered

AIDS-Free

Mentored

Safe





DREAMS: A Great Success

Supporter Hal Moggridge shares his impressions of our work in Chingola - and the need for it to continue



In July, Hal Moggridge was part of a small group of supporters who visited Zambia to see our work and visit the children we support first-hand. In this extract from his diary of the visit, Hal explores the powerful impact of our DREAMS programme.

The programme in Chingola is proving a great success. We are told that the girls have come to love school – indeed, of the 900 girls on the programme only five have dropped out.

Most of the 900 girls are expected to progress to the next grade. Parent groups are being set up, though resources are few. In the remoter schools the children are wearing shoes and smart uniforms for the first time, and other children in the schools are being helped by the borrowed enthusiasm.

I was with those who travelled out of town to rural schools. We stopped off at Muchinshi Primary, where 80 of the school's 210 grade nine children are a part of the programme and are doing well. 78% had passed the end of term test and wish to proceed to grade 10 at secondary school, but very few could pay the fee or afford the other costs. Again and again we are told that the girls love school, but they need further support to continue with their education.

Hal Moggridge is a landscape architect who was introduced to Cecily's Fund by our co-founder Basil Eastwood.

Next we visited Mutenda Combined School, a school in a very deprived place, where the families have scarcely any resources. Here there are 62 supported girls who would otherwise not be in education. Some walk in from a long way off, in one case rising at 4am to help in the house and then walk 6 kilometres to school. We were welcomed by the supported girls with a speech in excellent English, from a primarily Bemba-speaking community. The school has a typically liberal policy towards girls who fall pregnant - they are allowed to stay at school or take maternity leave and return later.

At a meeting, community members expressed a sincere hope that support for the girls would continue after the end of the two-year project period.

To donate to our Christmas Appeal 2018, visit www.cecilysfund.org or our JustGiving page: justgiving.com/campaign/cfappeal2018



Back to the Great South Run

Bedales School have returned to the Great South Run in Portsmouth after their success in 2017 - so far, they've raised over £4,200

On the weekend of October 20/21, a team of 32 runners from Bedales School in Hampshire took on the Great South Run. So far, their efforts have raised over £4,200 - to be split equally between Cecily's Fund and the John Badley Foundation.

Cecily's Fund has close links with Bedales School, because Cecily was a pupil there from 1991 to 1996. Cecily's father and our co-founder, Basil Eastwood, described the event as a "wonderful effort by the Bedales community, supporting two charities which in their different ways are totally dedicated to the proposition that, especially for the disadvantaged, education changes lives."

Cecily's Fund is very grateful to all the 32 runners, who are a varied group - their youngest participants being just eight years old - and to everyone who has donated so far. We're also grateful to the **Country House Company** and **Pledgit**, which have both sponsored the team. There's still time to donate via <https://pledgit.net/campaign/ad4485/>

If you're inspired by what Bedales School have done, why not do some fundraising of your own, from a simple coffee morning to your own run? Using our JustGiving link below, you can create your own page that will feed into our Christmas Appeal 2018.

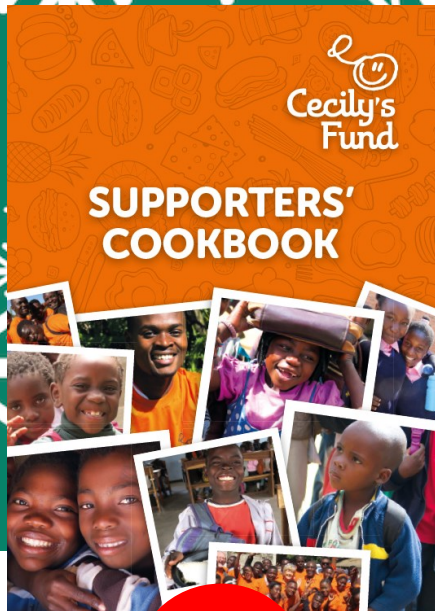
With EasyFundraising and Amazon Smile, you can give an extra special gift this Christmas - at no extra cost

This year, you can do your online Christmas shopping in the knowledge that you're helping us change lives - just by using **EasyFundraising**.

By registering with this free site, you can help Cecily's Fund raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping with over 3,300 big name retailers like Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, and M&S. The donations we'll receive vary, but they're all at no extra cost to you. To sign up and start supporting us, visit easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cecilyfund today.

We've also registered with **Amazon Smile**, which also helps you raise donations for us as you shop. Visit smile.amazon.com and be sure to search for our full legal name, "The Cecily Eastwood Zambian AIDS Orphans Appeal".

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£5
FOR SIXFROM
£5

Our online shop has a Christmas gift for everyone

Our brand-new 2018 Christmas card, supporters' cookbooks and Gifts of Hope are all available now

For Gifts that keep on giving, we've got you covered this Christmas.

Even friends and relatives who can be hardest to please would be happy to receive a gift bought from our online shop this year. In 2018, we have the widest range yet of notelets, life-changing charity gifts, and Christmas cards - not forgetting our very popular supporters' cookbook. Better still, you can shop in the knowledge that you're helping us to tackle poverty in Zambia.

To tie in with our Christmas Appeal, our brand-new **Christmas card** features a festive tree of names, representing the 900 girls we're working to keep in school for another crucial year. The cards are printed in the UK and are great value at just £5 for a pack of six.

Launched last year, our **supporters' cookbook** contains over 90 delicious recipes submitted by our donors. Priced at just £10, it's an excellent gift for the foodies among your friends and family. As our supporter Bruce Dinwiddy put it, "it's beautifully produced, with some mouth-watering recipes!"

Gifts of Hope are another perfect Christmas present. With six variants that start from just £5, they're a great way to show a loved one that you've made a life-changing donation in their name. If you'd like, we're also able to personalise them for you. For a Christmas shopping option that will help us break the cycle of poverty, be sure to visit our online shop.

To browse our selection of items and to place an order, visit cecilysfund.org today.



Trustee Vacancies

Cecily's Fund is recruiting two new board members

Cecily's Fund wishes to recruit 2 trustees to support its ambition to be at the cutting edge of education best practice and, indeed, defining it. Cecily's Fund is an international development charity with a concentrated area of impact in Zambia, and benefits from strong, well established relationships with partners and local government. With the right trustee support, it is well placed to innovate to improve education and resilience outcomes for vulnerable young people. We are looking for 2 individuals with:

Expertise in at least one of the following:

Education policy in developing countries

- Programme delivery in Zambia
- Marketing & Communications in the international development sector
- Fundraising with high net worth individuals.
- Corporate fundraising

Relevant Networks to CF's work, including at least one of the following:

- Zambian education sector
- Zambian private sector
- Zambian government
- Global education networks
- Education related academia

For further information please visit www.cecilysfund.org and download an information pack.

Closing Date for Applications: 3rd December 2018