



**Cecily's
Fund**

**Summer
Newsletter
2018**

**Expanding
Horizons with
Music and
Football**

**Going for Goal:
The Zam
Challenge
Returns for 2018**

**Growing the
Future: How
DREAMS is
Changing Lives**

...and more!



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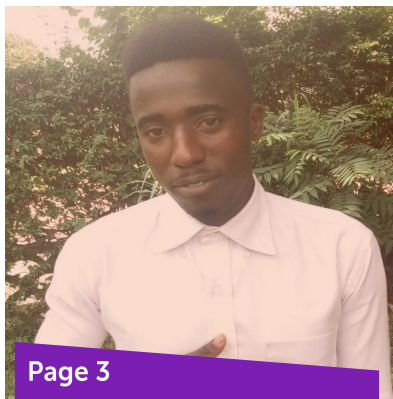
We're preparing for an exciting season of activities both in Zambia and in the UK, and our summer newsletter is the perfect way to learn all about them.

On page 3, you'll find two fascinating success stories about how we're using music and football to expand the horizons and opportunities for young Zambians. Aspiring **musician Zacharia** and the **unique football club Sunshine F.C.** are fantastic examples of the change taking place outside the classroom that your support of Cecily's Fund makes possible.

Also changing lives for the better is our **DREAMS Innovation Challenge programme**, which is truly bearing fruit. On page 6, you can meet Felistus, an inspiring farmer who has had her business, and the future of her daughter, transformed by our support.

Here in the UK, we're looking forward to the second annual **Zam Challenge** (pages 4-5) and two **running events** later in the year (page 7). We hope you will be able to support these exciting events, and our ongoing work in Zambia.

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

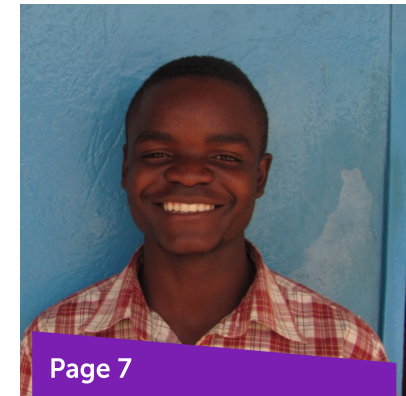
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Changing tunes and scoring goals: success stories in Zambia

We know that education can break the cycle of poverty - but there's so much more to our work than what goes on in the classroom. Read these stories to learn about how our programmes are using the universal power of music and sport to empower young people and change their lives for the better.

Zacharia's new groove



Read more: <http://bit.ly/cfzambiastories>

Zacharia believes strongly without the support of Cecily's Fund, he could very easily have gone down a dangerous path. "I would have joined any of the many local gangs", he says "My dreams would have been completely shattered."

While his dreams are not yet fulfilled, Zacharia's life has taken a different and better direction. He was identified as needing support in 2008, when he was helped with the school fees payable at grade 8. He attended anti-AIDS clubs organised by our partners CHEP, and was eventually trained as a Peer Educator himself.

Now, Zacharia is once more planning his own future. By attending a Sunshine Club, organised through our Connecting Communities programme, he was able to meet Zambian music producer Tonny Breezy. This inspirational meeting reignited Zacharia's passion for music: he is now registered as an artist with Zambia's National Arts Council and plans to release an album this summer.

Introducing Sunshine F.C.



Read more: <http://bit.ly/cfzambiastories>

With the 2018 World Cup close at hand, football fever is about to sweep the world once more. In Zambia, the beautiful game is helping Cecily's Fund to give young people in Kitwe the chance to gain skills, opportunities, and a better future.

Kitwe, in Copperbelt Province, is a hotbed of football talent. Two of its elite clubs, Power Dynamos and Nkana, regularly feature in the top flight of Zambian football. Sunshine F.C. is a very different kind of team, however.

The team was set up by Kwacha Sunshine Club, funded by Comic Relief as part of our Connecting Communities programme. The club recruits children in the area who are out of school. In the words of Sunshine Leader Michael, it "we use football as a tool to communicate many issues affecting youths in our community such as early pregnancies, drug and alcohol abuse, crime in the community and sexual and reproductive health."

Players from Sunshine F.C. have even been picked up by bigger teams, which brings crucial income into their families and gives children the chance to return to and remain in school.



Going for Goal!

The Zam Challenge Returns to Burford School, June 29

In 2017 it raised a fantastic £740 - enough to help us keep 14 children in school for a year. In 2018, we aim to raise an even better total, as the Zam Challenge returns for its second annual instalment!

The 5-a-side football tournament will once again be hosted by Burford School, and is due to be held on June 29. In last year's intense competition, a formidable team of the school's staff edged out the alumni squad and took the trophy. This year, the number of teams has grown from four to six and the matches are sure to be even more exciting than before.

The Zam Challenge will be a great end to the school year for Burford's Sixth Form, but the total it raises for Cecily's Fund will help make education a reality for Zambia's orphans. That's why we need your help to beat our 2017 total - every £50 we raise is enough to help us keep a child in school for a year, while £75 can train a Peer Educator.

Be sure to visit our JustGiving campaign page at <http://bit.ly/zamchallenge18>, where you can post messages of support and make a life-changing donation to our work.

May the best team win!



Last year, **Burford Staff** chalked up a famous victory in the Zam Challenge, with wins over Cecily's Fund (5-3) and Year 12 (2-0).

Follow the Action

We'll be offering lots more updates in June as the tournament draws nearer, as well as on the day itself.

Be sure to follow Cecily's Fund and Burford School on social media, and keep an eye on the **#zamchallenge18** hashtag!

Zam Challenge: Meet the Teams

Cecily's Fund

Captain:
Simon
Isherwood



Cecily's Fund were joint third in 2017, but also top scorers. Simon's new squad boasts a mixture of youth and experience. "Chances are good."

Burford School Staff

Captain: Bill
Williams



The staff team triumphed in 2017 and Bill is confident that his team can retain the title: "I rate our chances very high. Underestimate us at your peril!"

Burford Year 12

Captain: Jack
Allen



A change of school year means the current student team is all-new to 2018. Last year's team netted just six goals - many more will be needed!

The Original Alumni

Captain: Adam
Nobbs



Only goal difference denied the alumni a trophy in 2017. Returning captain Adam and his team will look to turn the tables on the staff team this time.

The New Alumni

Captain:
Haydn Parker



Haydn Parker has a tongue-in-cheek appraisal of his own team. "If you're looking for our weakness, it's Johnny Morrison."

Wenn Townsend F.C.

Captain:
Jonathan Best



Sponsors last year, Wenn Townsend Chartered Accountants have entered a team. Their plea: "it's a charity tournament so try to keep it clean!"

Make a Donation

In order to beat last year's Zam Challenge fundraising total of £740, we need your help!

Visit our JustGiving campaign page today to make a donation - and be sure to post a message of support to the team you'd like to see walk away with the trophy!

Visit and donate today: <http://bit.ly/zamchallenge18>



Growing the Future

We're changing the lives of 900 girls and their families in Chingola

How our DREAMS programme has given **Felistus** a new confidence and security

"I will always be with the DREAMS project and Cecily's fund in my heart even after the project ends. I will remember you for the rest of my life when I look at my successful daughter that you helped me educate and the flourishing businesses you helped me establish and grow."

- Felistus, a beneficiary of our DREAMS Innovation Challenge project in Chingola

In Zambia, for a child to be educated beyond grade 8 requires the payment of costly school fees. That's why Cecily's Fund is committed to expanding the incomes of Zambian families - so that they can afford to secure for their children the better life that education can make possible.

Felistus lives near Chingola, with her husband and children. Like over half of Zambians, the family's income is based on agriculture. Her village has ideal conditions for growing maize, and Felistus believed that by working hard she could provide education and a better life for her daughter, Linda. However, it proved difficult to secure the finance needed to grow the farm business. It seemed that Linda might end up marrying early, like other girls in the village.

A new chance came when Linda was chosen to be supported by Cecily's Fund through our DREAMS Innovation Challenge project. She is one of 900 girls in the Chingola area being kept in school with our help. In addition to providing school fees, the project has also transformed the future of Felistus' business. By joining the GROW savings group set up by the project, she has borrowed the money she needs for improvements to her farm - finance she would not have been able to access before.

Felistus has also received financial literacy training, helping her to plan effectively for the future. She has even been elected Chair of a second savings group.

Now, Felistus and the other villagers have a clear vision for the future. By working in solidarity through the savings groups, they can grow their businesses and incomes so that their children can be educated and look forward to a brighter future. In this way, a targeted and sustainable investment of funds through the DREAMS project has begun to transform Felistus' community.

Determined

Resilient

Empowered

AIDS-Free

Mentored

Safe



Teachers Hit the Road

Southborough High School and Bedales School look to raise big totals at classic runs this year - and they need your help

Southborough High School to take on **London 10K** with their biggest team yet

On Sunday July 15th, over 10,000 runners will complete the 2018 London 10K - and amongst them will be the biggest team yet from our faithful supporters at Southborough High School. Over 15 staff from the school from Surbiton, along with three other runners, will complete the event - which has long been a Cecily's Fund tradition. We will share their fundraising pages in due course, and would love for you to help our runners raise a fantastic total!



COMMUNITY

Bedales School will return to the **Great South Run** this October after a fantastic first effort in 2017

Bedales School - where Cecily studied - entered a huge team of over 40 runners into the 2017 Great South Run. Their tremendous efforts ultimately raised a total of **£3,970** for Cecily's Fund, enough for us to help keep over 70 children in school for a year.

Stephen Walls, a Bedales parent who ran last year says "I am delighted that we are going to organise a repeat once again this year". We'll be sharing the fundraising link when it becomes available - we hope you can support this inspiring team.



Don't Lose Touch

Make sure you keep up to date with Cecily's Fund, as new privacy rules come into effect

The General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") is now in effect across Europe. It gives all of us more control over who holds our data, and what they use it for.

We've recently created a new privacy policy, explaining the ways we collect and use essential data on our supporters. We're also asking all of our supporters who would like to receive newsletters or other updates to opt-in online.

How to make sure you're on our mailing list

If you've received an email from Cecily's Fund about GDPR, simply follow the instructions.

Alternatively, visit our website to find the form. Enter your name and email address, and choose which mailings you'd like to receive. You'll need to confirm, by clicking a link in a final email.

Complete the form at: <http://bit.ly/cfmailsub>

Your chance to help out

Donate today and help us change lives in Zambia

Whatever amount you can give, whether regular or as a one-time donation, can help Cecily's Fund build brighter futures for Zambia's orphaned and vulnerable children. Just **£5** supports our feeding programme, while **£50** can help us keep a child in school for a year.

Please return this form to:

Cecily's Fund
Ground Floor, 6 Church Green
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Single and regular donations can also be made online at www.cecilyfund.org. Thank you for your support!

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