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## Christmas greetings to our KAITE Verein Family and friends

### Introduction

2021 came with a massive blow for the centre with the death of our centre mother Orpah Chiwashira. Adjusting to our new normal has not been easy but the smiles on the children's faces and the joy they bring to us does keep us going. As we try and fit the big gap she has left, we are encouraged by the Kambuzuma friends to continue touching and transforming the lives of children in Zimbabwe.

### Centre Updates

The year has been going well. We are still dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic and as we write, Zimbabwe has just announced the fourth wave. With losses of jobs and the after effects of the pandemic, we have seen increased activities at the drop in centre with more children coming through seeking assistance and relief. We currently cater for 85 children on a daily basis providing food, psychosocial support, school fees and gardening lessons. Our water supply in Kambuzuma have been very poor but with your assistance we have been able to buy water which keeps the centre running over and the garden flourishing.



*Garden preps for new vegetables*



*Compost lessons*

*Composting exercise*

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## Education in a time of crisis

Due to the pandemic, we have a crisis where education is concerned. This year we introduced lessons at the centre. Children are divided by grade and teachers come into the centre to provide the children with extra lessons. We have lost the majority of the academic year as schools were closed. These extra lessons provide the children with an opportunity to learn and compete with “well to do” children in the country. We have also have nurses and social workers who come in to conduct health lessons and reproductive health lessons so that our children are educated and can take care of themselves and protect themselves when they are not at the premises.



*Grade five class extra lessons*



*Reproductive health lessons and sanitary care lessons from social workers*

## Play time

The centre is the only place that our children can escape from the Kambuzuma community and the burdens that come with staying with living with extended families so we allow them a lot of time of free play time and for them to bond and socialise with children their age so that they are well rounded adults in the future.



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*Children playing dunhu*



*Children playing nhodo*

## Meals and food

We have continued to provide two meals a day for the children and also provide food packs for the most vulnerable families so that they also have food at the homes that they stay. This has kept the children healthy and happy and reduced stress and pressure to provide food for their extended families who are usually struggling with food.



*Meal times*



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### Home visits and liaison with extended family

Kambuzuma drop in centre prides itself as being the surrogate parent that bridges communication as well as assists with relationships between the our children and their legal guardians. To effectively do this, we periodically conduct meetings with the guardians as well as conduct home visits at the house for the children under our care. The home visits allows us to understand the back ground of our children better so that we can better serve them and also allows us to address problems at home as quickly as possible.



*Home visit*

**NOTE\*\*\*\*\*** the small house on the left is the house that two of our children live with their guardians. The house to the right is the neighbor's house.

### Little kisses from the universe

A school from Zimbabwe (Westridge Primary) donated shoes to all our children at the centre. This was a pleasant surprise and had the children in good morals. Such gifts not only warm our hearts but strengthen us to continue doing our work.



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*Christmas came early*

## Christmas party



Annually we enjoy a mid year break with our annual excursion where we take the children on holiday, however in 2021 we erred on the side of caution choosing not to have a holiday due to the Covid-19 pandemic and choosing to have a just our annual Christmas party to close the year. This Christmas was different, almost bitter sweet as we had to experience our first Christmas without our beloved mother Orpah. I believe that in the 5 months that we have run the centre without her, we have done her proud.

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Thank you for always supporting us and taking our cause to your heart.



Wishing you a merry Christmas and a prosperous 2022 filled with wealth health and good laugh.

With warm regards,

Shamiso Mungwashu