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The Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship Program in India Central Territory.



## MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

By Major Heather Matondo

The desire to care for children in all situations has always been the focus of the Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship Program. And for several years now we have been able to work alongside the India Central Territory in supporting two children's homes.

For many reasons, children find themselves in the care of The Salvation Army. When they arrive at the hostel they are provided with a warm welcome and embraced with love and care. Recognizing the profound impact of a caring and nurturing environment in a child's development, the hostels aim to ensure each child within their care is given the opportunity to grow and flourish into capable young men and women who will not only dream but achieve

their dreams and become an active and contributing member of their community.

Devesh\* is 14 years old and has been in the care of The Salvation Army Boys home. He comes from a family of four. Before coming to the hostel, Devesh and his family would often sleep on the streets because they did not have a home. Because of this he rarely attended school. Since arriving at the hostel, he has a place to sleep at night, is eating nutritious meals every day and is regularly attending school and getting extra help from a tutor.

Devesh says he is thankful for the opportunity to stay at the hostel and is, "especially thankful for a bed to sleep in and the opportunity to attend school."

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As the warmth of summer envelops us, let us take a moment to reflect on the incredible generosity that has touched lives around the world.

In Sri Lanka, the seniors home project continues to flourish, providing comfort and care to our beloved elders. Phyllis' sentiments stand as proof of the kindness shown by our donors, whose assistance guarantees dignity and companionship for those who have paved the path for future generations.

In Mozambique, the laughter of children echoes through the air as they play on their new structure, a symbol of joy and community. Thanks to the kindness of our donors, these children now have a safe space to explore, learn and grow.

And in Zambia, vital medical equipment is saving lives every day, bringing hope and healing to those in need. To our donors, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment to making a difference.

As we bask in the summer sun, let us remember the power of generosity to transform lives and spread joy. Together, we are creating a brighter, more compassionate world for all.

Sincerely,  
**Lt-Colonel Brenda Murray**  
*Director of International Development*

Devesh has big dreams for his life and one day would like to become a software engineer. But Devesh's dream goes far beyond himself. His dream also involves the ability to take care of his family.

With the support of sponsors through the Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship Program, we are investing in the lives of hundreds of children, just like Devesh, all around the world and helping to make dreams come true.

\*Name changed for privacy.



## SPREADING GOD'S LOVE IN SRI LANKA

By Jacqueline Tingle

The Rajagiriya Elders' Home in Sri Lanka is a living example of The Salvation Army's dedication to providing vital care and support in a country where vulnerable individuals frequently encounter adversity. Seniors residing at the home live in safety, receive medical attention and eat nutritious meals three times a day. While elders in Sri Lankan culture are often cared for by their families, there are instances in which this is not the case. In these situations, those seeking this type of help frequently use the home as a place of refuge since it offers an empowering atmosphere to those in need.

Thanks to the support of our generous donors, we can assist The Salvation Army in Sri Lanka in best demonstrating God's love. The 44 men and women who currently reside in the home would not have access to a secure environment or regular meals without our partnership.

One of those women living at the house is Kumari\* a Sri Lankan woman who has been a part of The Salvation Army her whole life. Her talent and expertise in needlework and sewing have made her an asset to The Salvation Army, and the life she leads at the home brings her great happiness and fulfilment.

We can give seniors in Sri Lanka a home that satisfies their physical, emotional and spiritual needs because of the generosity of our kind donors. Your continued support helps us to help the most vulnerable and make a difference.



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# ENHANCING HEALTH-CARE ACCESS IN RURAL ZAMBIA

By Jacqueline Tingle

Many people around the globe continue to struggle with accessing high-quality health care. Those who live in rural areas must travel long distances to reach health-care facilities, or if they can't, they may have to forgo medical attention altogether.

Nearly 13,000 residents of a rural Zambian village receive medical care from The Salvation Army's Chikankata Mission Hospital. In recent times, there have been significant difficulties at the hospital, especially in the maternity and maternal child health unit.

There aren't enough delivery bundles for expecting mothers, and the equipment is outdated and broken. There is no safe way to dispose of used equipment, which creates challenges in the process of providing proper and safe care. The Salvation Army in Canada and Bermuda has supported the hospital by donating hospital beds, an incinerator, neonatal scales, delivery and examination bundles, and other necessary medical equipment.

Dr. Misago, acting medical superintendent, is grateful for the advancements that the hospital has made since the donation was received. In the past, the hospital had to turn away people when there wasn't enough, or the equipment wasn't functioning properly. Usually, these people would have nowhere else to go and would suffer without receiving medical attention. Chikankata Mission Hospital can now treat more patients with greater quality because of the additional supplies.

We are grateful to our donors for their kind support in helping to improve access to quality health care in rural Zambia. The improvement of medical facilities and provision of essential equipment ensures people in need will receive the care they deserve. Thank you for making a difference!.





# REBUILDING DREAMS FOR XAI-XAI'S PRESCHOOLERS

By Robyn Goodyear

Amidst the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, the town of Xai-Xai in Mozambique was hit by a strong storm. This storm caused extensive damage to the play structure at the Salvation Army preschool. The structure provided essential protection from the sun and rain, especially during the rainy season.

Outdoor shelter is not only a legal requirement for preschools in Mozambique, but also essential for fostering children's physical, social and cognitive development. Recognizing the importance of outdoor play is important for the holistic development of children.

With funding from the Canada and Bermuda Territory's Gifts of Hope program, The Salvation Army in Mozambique was able to remove the damaged structure and construct a new outdoor play area at the preschool, complete with sand, a swing set, and a roof to protect the children from the elements.

Today, thanks to this initiative, the 300 children they serve in this community have a safe space to learn, play freely, use their imagination, build friendships and be kids.



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