

Visit to Home of Hope August 2023

After many months of preparation and planning, Friends of Home of Hope's team of 11 adults from London, Bedford and Poland, including 4 MOF Trustees, set off from Heathrow to visit Home of Hope, with the aim to experience the warm welcome of all who live there and to enable the renovation of the Primary School classrooms. Having received a generous donation from supporter SheffMed, this work was able to expand to replace windows, fix and weatherproof roofs and fit fascia boards for protection from weather, as well as paint the inside of the classrooms and blackboards. Having fundraised individually, the team was also able to take out school supplies requested by Secondary and the Vocational Training Centre, as well as donated phones and laptops for 10 students heading off to University. Team members were able to share their talents, energy and skills: contributing to the building work; giving laptop and art lessons; explaining how to use scientific equipment and playing games and entertaining the children who are at the Home of Hope during school holidays. While they were there, trustees Ruth, Gillian and Alex were able to meet with the staff team and discuss current issues faced by Home of Hope to inform the work we do to support them.



Home of Hope said about the renovation of the schools: *"The students are back for a brand new term, and they're absolutely loving the fresh, vibrant look of their school. A huge shoutout and heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this possible! Together, we're creating a brighter future for these young minds"*



Fundraising

We have had a variety of fun and successful fundraising initiatives over the spring/summer including coffee mornings, cake sales and a sponsored run. Would you consider a fundraising event in your community? We're always delighted to hear from our supporters about your own fundraising ideas and here to support you if you would like some help to make this happen (email gillian@malawiorphanfund.uk!).

One of our supporters is great at communicating and inviting others to fundraising events. She also asked her contacts to donate items which could be taken out with the team and came on packing day to help fill the 22 suitcases the team was able to take.

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Infancy to Independence

Home of Hope recently shared a very exciting update about two Home of Hope graduates, showing how successful they are in their own mission of supporting vulnerable children from ‘infancy to independence’.

“From little babies to compassionate nursing and midwifery interns!

Meet Jack and Audrey, two incredible girls who grew up at Home of Hope Children's Home. Now they are making a difference at Thyolo District Hospital, thanks to their studies at Trinity College of Medicine.

We are immensely proud to see them thriving and giving back to their community. Home of Hope is more than just an educational institution; it's a place that nurtures dreams and creates futures for orphans and vulnerable children. Let's continue supporting these bright stars and spreading hope to many more!”



Protection for Education

Thank you to the many who add a pack of underwear to their supermarket shop and donate this to our sister charity Protection for Education. A case was sent out with the recent visit containing a year's supply of underwear, poppers, scissors and thread to continue this essential work. The team were also able to purchase bobbins and oil whilst in Malawi to maintain the hard-working sewing machines. Work continues all term, making washable sanitary pads and supporting the teenage girls at Home of Hope to remain in education.



Sponsorship

Thank you for all who contribute regularly through the sponsorship programme, which allows MOF to provide much needed funds to the Home of Hope. This is usually sent to Home of Hope in quarterly payments. However, following conversations during the adult's trip with staff at Home of Hope, this will now be sent as a monthly payment as this will be more helpful for the team on the ground. Don't forget you can claim Gift Aid on your donation if you are a UK taxpayer!

If you would like to sponsor a child, you can visit our website <https://malawiorphanfund.uk/how-to-help/#sponsor> and either complete a Google Form expressing interest or print and post a physical form to 4 Tamworth Road, Bedford, England, MK41 8QY.



Visit from state president

In June 2023, Home of Hope was visited by the state president of Malawi, Lazarus Chawkwera! This is truly testament to the high regard given to Home of Hope and their work throughout Malawi and beyond.

Remembering Richard Walker

It is with sadness that we learnt of the death of Richard Walker, who with his wife Ursula, was a long-time supporter of Home of Hope and MOF. MOF sends our condolences to Ursula and to Richard's family and friends. We are so grateful for all Richard did in promoting the wonderful work of Home of Hope.

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