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RAWCS Humanitarian Service Award Winner

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RAWCS Humanitarian Service Award

This award recognises extraordinary commitment and service to a RAWCS project. This award has been granted seventeen times since 1987.

We are so proud to announce that our founder and director Alison Ray has been granted one such award.

Rotarian Terry Daley explains

"The Humanitarian Award is to Alison Ray for her vision and dedication to furthering the ideals of Rotary through peace and goodwill. I nominated her for this award because I felt her efforts have and will continue changing the lives of underprivileged people.

As a past RAWCS Project Manager where I oversaw about 60 projects in 22 countries for many years, I came to know 2 or 3 projects that were sustainable and extremely well managed by the Project Manager of the project, as is Our Rainbow House".

Alison, from each of us goes our congratulations and gratitude for leading us on this amazing venture that is providing an education to children otherwise denied access to schooling. You are indeed a worthy recipient of this highly respected humanitarian service award.
Tag ball
Attacking players attempt to dodge and weave, evading the opposition and passing the ball.

Defending players try to prevent the opposition from scoring by pulling the velcro tag from the ball carrier.

Netball
Netball training continues and both fitness and netball skills are practiced under the direction of coach Catherine. Training games, played in our tiny outdoor play space are noisy, exciting affairs. Some students get to play, while others wait for their turn.
back to school means..

Returning to a school that has been scrubbed from top to toe.

Breakfast and books

Classmates and schoolwork

Adult literacy classes

Religious education

Return to boarding school
Wonderful Soccer news

We have three soccer teams, trained by coach Terence. What a thrill for everyone to learn that one of our students, left, has been selected to trial for the Zambian league under 17 girls soccer team. Congratulations and best wishes to this student as she embarks on the exciting opportunity.

Five of our soccer boys were selected to trial for the Zambian league but found to be too young. Hopefully, their turn will come in the next year or two.

In and out of the classroom

New text books

A textbook for every student is not possible in many Zambian schools and until recently our students shared new text books purchased in March. However, thanks to a recent donation from Roslyn Core, our text book supply has been supplemented by 109 new books to ensure there is a text book for every student in every subject. Thank you Roslyn. Our students are so fortunate and so appreciative.

How did Roslyn raise the text book funds? Roslyn and her friends are Fangirl Stitches, selling cross-stitch kits. This year they have joined up with Handmade With Love to create geeky project bags. The profits from each bag sold are being donated to Our Rainbow House to purchase much needed school supplies for the students.
Congratulations Evelyn
Teacher Evelyn commenced at our school as a volunteer before starting her training in early childhood teaching. She has now continued her study and has gained her diploma in primary teaching. Her study has been done externally and she has balanced a full time teaching position with study and family commitments. We would like to acknowledge the sponsors of teacher Evelyn as well as those generous supporters who have provided the funds for the college fees for Evelyn.

I am very thankful to all the board members. I finished my primary diploma in December last year and the results will be ready any time soon. My graduation will be on 30th August, 2019. Thank you so much. Evelyn.

GFS
Girls and Boys Friendly Society (GFS)

Project supervisor Mary and teachers Susan, Dean and Evelyn, along with our GFS members, enjoyed the opportunity to attend a workshop in Chipata compound, situated about an hours drive from our school. Six other clubs were in attendance with the pupils participating in poems, songs, a Bible quiz and educational talks.

Mary tells “It was very interesting and well prepared. This was spearheaded by the Lusaka Region Leadership. It was a long but fruitful day”. Teacher Evelyn is the leader of our school GFS group and we appreciate her enthusiasm and commitment to this activity.

No music teacher but..

For 2019, we have been without a music teacher to date. However, a music extravaganza is soon to explode at school!!! Read about it on page 11
Members of the Maluba Rotary Club of Lusaka have provided invaluable support to our school and the families of our students on a number of occasions and again we are grateful to this club. Project supervisor Mary attended a recent meeting and received the donation of 120 litres of cooking oil.

The cooking oil was great news for our cook Mable, as was the purchase of a new kettle.

Interschool athletics.
Thursday afternoons are devoted to training for the upcoming interschool athletic carnival. This year there will be six schools competing - the biggest carnival ever.

Teacher Dean reports "We had serious preparations for the incoming inter-school sports competition. The pupils are on the right track as they gave some glimpses of some good skills and determination during the training session".

Tailoring course
Our high school student Julius and netball coach Catherine attend a tailoring course at a nearby skills centre. They are always keen to bring along their latest creations to show Mary.
To make a tax deductible purchase of a mattress and pillow:

Visit www.ourrainbowhouse.org.au

Click on "Donate" and follow the prompts. Notate "mattress and pillow" in the request box.

Can you help the mercury rise?

A donation of $55 will purchase these for a student.

We support 68 students and would love to provide 68 mattresses and pillows.

Each of our students is in dire need of a new mattress and pillow.
Special mention to those generous artists who donated works for our auction, those who sang as well as everyone who helped at the party. It was a great team effort and our charity is the beneficiary.

Retro party

This fundraiser was plenty of fun and we thank Alison and Terry Ray for opening their Yeppoon home for this party.

Cara Chugg, above, was at our Retro Party to entertain our guests with beautiful singing. Thank you Cara for your ongoing support of our charity.

Originally from Arizona, Cara has lived in Emerald since 2008 and, as a member of Rotary Emerald Sunrise Club, learnt about our charity.

'Ve have donated my time to Our Rainbow House via performing at charity events, helping fundraise, and supporting through financial donations. More recently, I attended a wonderful art auction Our Rainbow House had organized in Yeppoon and our family acquired two magnificent pieces of artwork that bring much color and joy to our home'.

Handmade with love

The HWL Rockhampton members will be at the "Handmade Expo Market Rockhampton" on June 22nd. They will be selling lovely handmade things to tempt the shoppers.

It will be the last chance to purchase tickets in the raffle of the quilt. The lucky winner will be drawn later that day.
The Emerald Ambulance Service recently achieved fifty years of service to Emerald and Central Highlands communities and Our Rainbow House hosted a morning tea for the many guests who were in Emerald to mark this milestone.

Enjoying our hospitality were Heather Crawford who lived in Emerald for many years when her husband Phil was the ambulance superintendent, Alison and Rhonda Canton who travelled from North Queensland for this celebration.

The current provision of road and aerial ambulance services available to those in Emerald is in stark contrast to that which is available for residents in our village in Zambia. Without any ambulance service, those who need to be transported to the local clinic are placed on the back of bikes or carried.

Our board member and wonderful supporter Marion went along to the Rockhampton Probus Club meeting and as guest speaker was able to tell about our charity. Marion volunteered at our school last year and was able to give a first hand account of it all.

Marion talks to Probus

Mother's Day raffle

....and the winner was Michelle Jackson.
Congratulations Michelle.
Unbeknown to Michelle, the winning ticket was purchased by her husband. This lovely prize was a great surprise for Michelle and she was thrilled. No doubt Michelle had a wonderful Mother's Day this year.
Looking ahead

HOT SOUP and COOL JAZZ
to support Our Rainbow House

PLEASE COME ALONG AND ENJOY A ROCKHAMPTON WINTER EVENING ON THE VERANDAH OF "QUARRY COTTAGE,"
148 QUARRY ST

Time: 6.00pm
Date: 27th July
Cost: $25.00
Dress: warmly

Please phone Marion for details and to make your booking
0427279401

Batten down the hatches!

Everything is in readiness at our school for a much anticipated visit by Matt, Kasey and their families. Guitarist Brandon is visiting also. The sounds of music, laughter and fun will ring through the the school. The visiting children will enjoy sharing classroom and play time with our students.

What a treat for students and staff. We are so grateful to Matt, Kasey and Brandon for their commitment to our charity.
STOP PRESS! Time to buy a ticket and check your passports.

This major Our Rainbow House raffle will be drawn on June 20th and the winner is off to Ireland to enjoy:

- 15 day tour of Ireland for two adults with return economy airfares to Dublin from Sydney, Brisbane or Melbourne.

Country music legend Graeme Connors will be there to entertain you while Matt Collins from Tourica Tours will be your guide.

Tour departs Dublin on September 10th 2019

We would love your support

For tour details and ticket purchase: https://www.trybooking.com/bajcm
Multicultural celebration August 24th 2019

This is a major fund raising event for our charity and we are working hard to shine a light on many cultures across the world, right here in the Central Highlands.

Celebrate with Matt Golinski

Celebrity chef Matt Golinski is coming. Matt will be onstage in the VIP tent. What's more, you could be one of the lucky ones sharing an exclusive 3 hour cooking class with Matt. To win this opportunity, visit www.trybooking.com/ZMEE

Contribute with your culture

If you think you can contribute by sharing YOUR culture with us, conduct a food stall or lend a hand at the Celebrations on the 24th August, please let Kirsten know - publicity@ourrainbowhouse.org.au or Alison - alisonjray@ourrainbowhouse.org.au

Join the volunteer team

Do you feel like giving us a hand? This is a major undertaking by our charity and we would love your help.
Jan and Denise volunteer at our school regularly, sharing their educational expertise with our students and teachers. Here they are in Cambodia recently, training teachers in rural areas in conversational English. As in our village, they found essential requirements sadly lacking.

Trish and Mark Daunt and children are the sponsors of our year seven student Ivy. The Daunt family lives in Victoria, where Mark manages a tomato greenhouse. The crop is grown in near perfect conditions with vines able to grow and produce for 9 months of the year. The computer controlled greenhouse roof is retractable and responds to the inbuilt weather sensors. This is a far cry from tomato production in our Zambian village but both meet the needs of the respective communities.

Meanwhile, artist and generous supporter of our charity Catherine was teaching an art class in Greece. Our students still talk about Aunty Cathy teaching them art. Please visit our school again one day soon Cathy. Thank you for the beautiful art that you donated for sale at our Retro Party.
Where was board member and tour director Matt Collins last week? In this castle in Ireland, ensuring that it will be the perfect setting for a music gig with Graeme Connors during the Ireland tour in September. Have you got your ticket yet? https://www.trybooking.com/bajcm

This student dreams of becoming a pilot and is working particularly hard to achieve good academic results. To further assist his dream, his sponsors Jane and Ron Hale along with several other supporters have pooled funds to pay for him to commence as a boarding student at Chalo Trust School this year. His recent school report was excellent and we know that he is not wasting the educational opportunity afforded to him.

Meanwhile Anthony, co-sponsor of our year three student Anastasia was last week 36,000 feet above Adelaide.

Our director Alison is heading off to Africa in mid June. She will enjoy some African sights, some music with Kasey and a wonderful reunion with everyone at our school. Safe travel Alison and have a wonderful time in Africa.
Lizzy and Anna Mabin are co-sponsors of our year seven student Shilah.

What was Lizzy doing recently? Getting married in London to her fiancé Richard. Congratulations and best wishes Lizzy and Richard from us all.

Anna meanwhile was in Western Queensland, involved in Health and Wellbeing Month. Anna has worked with the charity Drought Angels for the past three years and she enjoyed her visit to meet some of her associates.

Wherever you are across the world, your support for our students and their families in a tiny, crowded village in Zambia, is truly appreciated.

Our Rainbow House

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We have an active facebook page and instagram account and we encourage you to visit these sites. Here you can read up-to-date information about charity happenings both in Zambia and Australia.