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Dear Friends,

I never cease to be amazed by the capacity of Kapnek staff in Zimbabwe to carry out enormously challenging work amid the political-economic instability that has become the norm in Zimbabwe. Over the past years we have played a key role in decreasing the incidence of pediatric HIV/AIDS and then expanding our model to provide care and treatment for adults and their affected families. This success has inspired us to continue that work and tackle additional challenges. Over the last two years we broadened the focus of our programming to address tuberculosis, cervical cancer and to expand our child health interventions.

With all this going on, it was a bit of a shock when Covid appeared on the scene. As if we did not have enough to deal with, now a novel virus which was wreaking havoc in Italy and quickly spreading around the globe started to appear in Zimbabwe. But knowing our team and the commitment of the nurses, community health workers and physicians in Zimbabwe, I knew there would be a response. Working with the Ministry of Health, we jumped in to training mode and quickly rolled out the materials required to educate the medical community and then the rural populations we serve. We simultaneously explored how to maintain high levels of compliance for patients on HIV medication regimens and implement new policies to control the growing threat of Covid 19.

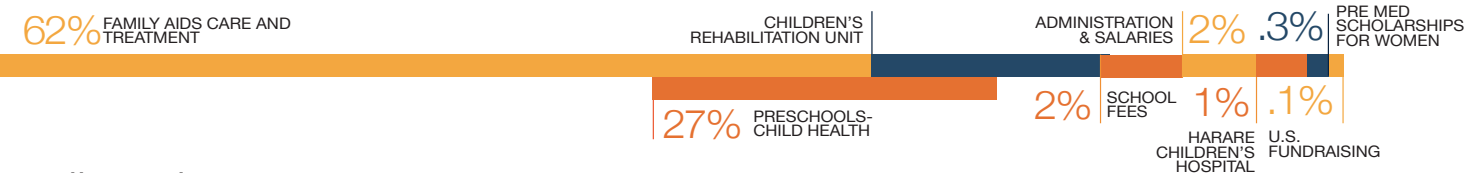
Your generous support filled numerous gaps, providing food and health screenings for rural children, medical supplies for patients and masks for medical staff and making much needed upgrades at Harare Children's Hospital. Many of you reached out to explore how to help as the Covid epidemic appeared on the scene, making additional contributions, which greatly enhanced our response.

As always, we have been able to leverage your generous contributions to further expand our grant support and our programming.

We wish you and your family a healthy and happy year.

Warm wishes,

Dan  
 Daniel Robbins, MD



allocation of funds 2020

responding to covid19 — building on success



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## you make the difference

With your support, the past 20 years have been filled with inspiration and great achievement. While Zimbabwe continues to struggle with a challenging political-economic situation, we are providing for the needs of thousands of young children with the enduring hope that things will improve over the years ahead. Meanwhile, your generous support will allow us to protect these vibrant young lives and help them onto a path toward a brighter future.

Over the next 20 years we hope to eliminate HIV/AIDS, help develop a national preschool- child health program and support the development of Harare Children's Hospital into the center of excellence it is destined to become.



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## rising to new challenges

While none of us saw Covid 19 coming until 2020, our years of health education and implementation of HIV prevention and treatment put us in an excellent position to respond quickly to the spread of novel coronavirus in Zimbabwe. We quickly hired additional staff and adapted our training materials to integrate Covid 19 prevention and control information for the physicians and nurses at the rural hospitals we support in Zimbabwe. When it became clear there were not adequate supplies of N95 masks for nurses and other frontline health care providers we were able to utilize your generous contributions to purchase thousands of masks and bridge the gap. Once again, your support made a huge difference for hundreds of healthcare providers and thousands of their patients.

Each of our programs had to make significant changes to adapt to the additional challenge of Covid 19.

## child health-preschools

Schools in Zimbabwe closed early in the pandemic with no clear plan for when or how they would reopen. Within weeks we adapted our program to continue to provide two of the three key pillars of the program – nutritional supplementation and regular health screenings and care. With your support, over 15,000 pre-schoolers continued to receive a regular supply of highly nutritious porridge. Health screenings were scheduled to align with the porridge distribution to ensure students continued to receive both of these critical interventions. While we were not able to continue support of the preschool pillar, we did manage to continue to prepare for the new school year, by training 47 new teachers over the summer. Teacher training has been expanded to include training in how to deal with COVID in the schools, which opened in November.

## childhood disabilities

Our Pathways Disabilities team has adapted well to the Covid situation, particularly by working through remote service delivery options (calls, texting, radio, etc), so that families of children with disabilities continue to receive much needed support.

## harare children's hospital

Our work at the Bulawayo and Harare Children's Rehab Units, is now only supported with minor salary stipends for key workers under the JFK USA grant budget. In addition, we have upgraded the facility and sourced large amounts of medical supplies through our partnerships with two US based organizations, VIDA USA and Direct Relief.

## family aids care and treatment

We are excited to report that we have been awarded a new five-year grant from USAID that will allow us to double our efforts to sustain quality care for HIV epidemic control. Although we refer to this as an HIV program, it now includes Tuberculosis and Cervical Cancer care and treatment, both of which are closely linked to HIV. This paves the way for a bright future. It has been a tough year with doctor's strikes and the Covid-19 pandemic, which kept many clients away from the health care system. Despite those challenges, we managed to provide services to 95% of those targeted in our service area. This phenomenal achievement is another testimony to the skill and effort the Trust staff continue to exhibit. We are also happy to report that no Kapnek Trust staff have tested positive for Covid-19, to date.

