

The Zimbabwe Network for Health (ZimHealth) continues, with your help, to contribute towards improving health services in Zimbabwe by equipping maternity hospitals, primary health-care clinics and hospitals that serve low-income communities. To all our members, friends and supporters, thank you!

Congratulations everyone!



Above: Tanaka Ndowa, at the finishing line after running the Geneva Escalade in support of ZimHealth, with supporters, from left, Shiva Murugasampillay, Francis Ndowa, Liz Mason and Maggie Ndowa. Top: Dorcas Mapondera, after her race in support of ZimHealth, with Tanaka Ndowa who was at that time still waiting for his race to start.

We have some great news which we would like to share with everyone who is associated with ZimHealth.

As everyone who has ever chased a fundraising target will know, there's a good chance of encountering hurdles en route and the finishing line can sometimes seem impossibly far away. So, to cross the line, in a worthwhile cause, is reason to celebrate.

It was for this reason that ZimHealth members were in celebratory mood when they turned out to support the final fundraising event of the year. It took place on Saturday, December 3, when Dorcas Mapondera and Tanaka Ndowa were sponsored, in support of ZimHealth, to race in the Escalade, a Geneva road race which is part of commemorations of the successful defence of the city of Geneva against neighbouring Savoy in December 1602. The sense of achievement that Dorcas and Tanaka felt when they crossed the finishing line can be shared by everyone who has contributed to ZimHealth's fundraising

this year. Dorcas's sponsored run raised CHF 780 and Tanaka's raised CHF 1,345.

Many people, in many different ways, have played a part in ZimHealth's efforts to raise funds. This year, our total has exceeded the amount raised last year. Sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed. Special thanks to the Oak Foundation for their US\$ 50,000 donation, to the City of Geneva for their CHF 40,000 support, to the International Olympic Committee which donated US\$ 20,000 and to ZimHealth members whose monthly contributions plus support of our fundraising efforts have raised nearly CHF 25,000. Those who attended our ZimHealth end-of-summer party and fundraiser at the Holy Trinity Church Hall on October 22 boosted our coffers by nearly CHF 8,300. More precise amounts will be made available in the end-of-year Treasurer's report.

We are very grateful for every donation. No amount is too small to make a difference.

The ZimHealth raffle draw



Top Left: ZimHealth's Marlon Zakeyo (left) congratulates Dr Rogate Mshana, a Director at the World Council of Churches, on winning a fruit and wine mega-hamper in the ZimHealth raffle. **Middle Left:** Director at the Lutheran World Federation Dr Musa Filibus displays his raffle prize. **Bottom Left:** A duck, created by Harare-based craftsmen from scrap metal, was won by Calson Mbegabolawe. **Bottom Right:** First prize in the ZimHealth raffle, a sculpture by Colleen Madamombe, was won by Lauri Jalanti, (left), who is a musician and a colleague at the World Health Organisation of ZimHealth secretary general Francis Ndowa. **Top Middle:** Marlon Zakeyo of ZimHealth congratulates prize-winner, Monica Rawcliffe, an administrator at the World Student Christian Federation. **Top Right:** Technical editor Elena Volet, from Switzerland, is delighted with her raffle prize, a handcrafted Zimbabwe handbag.

For at least two people who won a ZimHealth raffle prize, it was a first. Neither had ever won anything before, ever! The winner of first prize, a stone sculpture by Colleen Madamombe, hasn't won anything in years. Another winner remembers that it was 1973 when he last won something. Expressing delight at their wins, all our prize winners also said how happy they were to have contributed to ZimHealth. The raffle raised nearly CHF3,630 for ZimHealth and was kindly drawn by Rev Dr Ishmael Noko and his wife, Mrs Gladys Noko, at an end-of-year celebration in Versoix on Saturday, November 26.

Here is the full list of prize-winners: handcrafted African handbags were won by Dr Musa Filibus, Ms Elena Volet and Ms Monika Rawcliffe; a fruit and wine mega-hamper was won by Dr Rogate Mshana; a ZimBird metal sculpture of a duck was won by Mr Calson Mbegabolawe; a cocktails-and-dinner voucher at the five star luxury hotel Le Richmond was won by Ms Maureen Tagi (who plans to use it to celebrate her birthday); and the first prize of the stone sculpture was won by Mr Lauri Jalanti.