



Can we inspire you this Rotary year?

First of all let me introduce myself. I am Cathy Booth, school teacher from Bundaberg in Queensland.

So many emails, so many people wanting money

I know you get hundreds of emails regularly and you are thinking “*Oh no, here is another one!*” But how do we let you know about us without contacting you? So please bear with me as I think you will be impressed at what we have achieved and that we can hopefully inspire you to be part of the big picture of Umoja Orphanage Kenya - A RAWCS project.

What does a RAWCS Project mean?

Often Rotary Clubs are not aware of grass roots international projects that have started from nothing to gain strength through persistence and dedication. Especially RAWCS projects (Rotary Australia World Community Service Projects) which give you the

security of knowing that the money you donate goes exactly where it should. Well *Umoja Orphanage Kenya* is a project of RAWCS.

[See where we began and where we are now 7 years later](#), having now been open for 2 years. As you can see we have continued to move forward, sometimes ever so slowly, but always forward.

[Read our information package](#)

Volunteers

Rotary has been the backbone of our project. To date we have brought 117 volunteers over the past 6 years to the project, mostly Rotarians. In fact we have 7 here now assisting at the children's home and assisting in the community.



On a mission

We are on a mission to complete our second children's home before the end of the year. There is a very personal reason for this which I can't divulge now, but will in the future, but time is of the essence to have the house

completed and named in honour of someone very special to us here at Umoja.



Incredible generosity

**We have been fortunate
several times over the last
couple of years to have
matching donors who
match dollar for dollar
which helps us immensely
with our continued**

infrastructure. We have been able to achieve the second children's 5 bedroom home $\frac{3}{4}$ complete from April to September which is all thanks to donations, matching dollars and fundraisers.

New sponsor

We have had a new sponsor offer us \$10,000 if we raise the AUD \$45,000 remaining to complete the second home by Xmas, which is another incredible gesture by someone we have inspired from our work with orphaned, neglected, and vulnerable children. In fact we couldn't imagine it would happen again so quickly.



Have we inspired you now you have read our information package?

- Please consider making a donation towards the AUD \$45,000 needed to complete this new children's accommodation which will hold 10 - 14 more children.
- Please have members share this email with members of your club. They may be interested in volunteering next year on one of our tours. (11 volunteer tours to Kenya to date.
- Please consider holding a fundraiser for us to assist us to complete the 2nd children's home.
- Are you interested in having myself come and guest speak in 2019 at your District Conference or Rotary Club? Register your interest via email as I will be on the road again guest speaking.
- Please follow us on [Facebook](#) - a small group of dedicated people with a passion for making a difference.



One last thing

We are a little fish in a big pond, trying our hardest to continue to create a sustainable project which we are very proud of. If you believe you can achieve.

**TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP ACHIEVING THE
EXTRAORDINARY.**

[Yes we want to help](#)



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