



TABORA LEAGUE FOR CHILDREN (TLC)

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TLC Newsletter: June 2026

Achievements



This is a very special story which illustrates how TLC has helped children to overcome serious issues and achieve success.

Ahamadi came to TLC as a 5-year-old with advanced kwashiorkor, unable to stand or even sit. With 2-hourly warm milk prescribed by Dr Jim, a UK volunteer, administered by Marg, and his grandmother, who was staying with him at Jim and Marg's house, he gradually began to eat. He then stayed with Emma, another volunteer, until he could start school. His family were unable to protect him and he has grown up living with Mama Agatha, his wonderful foster mother.

Congratulations to Ahamadi on graduating from Form 6. The picture shows George, TLC's representative, presenting Ahamadi with a celebratory cake. He hopes to go to university.

And thank you to our generous sponsors and donors.

Three Form 4 girls, from Isevya, have achieved Division 2 results from their government school – a great achievement. They can now go on to Forms 4 & 5 which will give them a possibility of going to university.

Congratulations girls!!!

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Richard and Yusufa have finished their apprenticeships and are now working independently.



In past years TLC alumni have gone on to:

Set up their own businesses,

study computing, (Joseph is on a Master's course),

work in pharmacy, agriculture, engineering, car and motor bike mechanics, tailoring and in nurseries.

Thank you for helping to make this possible.



Mussa came back to say thank you. He is a builder now and has a wife and child. Here he is with Jennipher, who was a TLC child with him in the early days.

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Following Through



Friends of TLC provide donations and support for Mwamvua, a TLC Young Adult, who is unable to leave her mattress. Robina, Paschal and Jennipher visited her at home whilst Robina was in Tabora on her Trustee visit.

Mwamvua lives with her mother and her sister, Johari, who is at Chem Chem. She is remarkably cheerful. Her mother is out at work all day and Johari, who is currently in Form 4, hopes to go to a boarding school next year so there will be issues of care for Mwamvua.

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News from the Centres



Beatrice Lewanga, who manages Ng'ambo centre, has worked with TLC for 16 years, starting out with HAPO, the forerunner of TLC. Her enjoyment in working with the children and their families stems from her early experiences as a child: her father died when she was two years old, leaving her mom to take care of the family so Beatrice understands the difficulties. "When my mom told me to work hard, study hard, I do that because I know one day I will be someone, so when I teach the children how to behave, how to help some people, it is because I know where I come from." Beatrice says that she enjoys when the children go to school, come back to the centre, playing, expressing their views and bringing her their problems. She enjoys seeing girls finish their studies, go to university or college, come back home and say, "I will do **that** for my parents, I will do **that** for the children." They have their dreams, not only to get a job to benefit themselves but also their families. They still call me if they need help, if they have challenges in work."

"Communication from senior students makes me feel proud and happy because I know that before, I was planting, now I am harvesting. I feel so proud and happy when they call me to tell me what they are doing. I enjoy the work."

Sometimes she must visit a guardian, a Bibi, who doesn't insist that their child goes to school or changes their behaviour. Beatrice emphasises the importance of 'education, education, education' and she helps them to get the child to change their behaviour, then the guardian is very proud of how the child is growing up and in full education and that guardian is an example to others in the community. It takes time to change people's attitudes to vulnerable orphan children.

She explains how vulnerable orphan children often are discouraged and don't feel that the future of their life will be good one day.

"If one or two of them can pass the exams and complete Form 4 in the area in which we work, it is like getting to university. It is very hard in these areas, and we are very proud of them."

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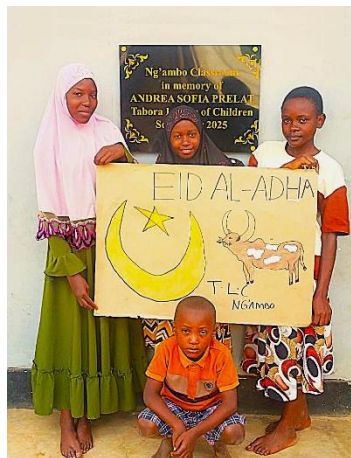
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EID Celebrations

Great Joy in the Eid Celebrations.

Especial thanks to Anisa, who fund-raises tirelessly to bring this joy to the children, and we wish her well for her wedding day and future married life.



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Sponsors Needed



This little girl's family came to TLC three years ago, needing help. The older children were supported in attending school and she ate at the Centre. She desperately needs a sponsor. She is now pre-school and will need £26 pcm.



This young man also needs help. His sponsor has had to stop payments due to a change of circumstances meaning he now needs full sponsorship for his attendance at Westlands School of £70pm



This young lady attends Ironjanda, costing £35. She is sponsored for £25. 20 so needs an extra £10 pm.

Can you help this little girl with sponsorship for £25 pcm?

Perhaps you could join with another sponsor to fund her?



A sponsor is needed for this Form 4 leaver who is going to study Accountancy at the Arusha Accountancy Institute.



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We've Come a Long Way



Tabora
2008



Marg Paton (Trustee, Founder member)

After graduating from university in 1968 Marg took up a 2-year VSO posting to Tabora Girls School. She was happy there and she returned in 2008, after retiring from her career in education. Her 3-month stint at the Day Centre there, along with her husband Jim (a retired doctor), who worked at a nearby clinic, was so enjoyable they decided to return later.

But by their next trip the Day Centre had run into difficulties as its only donor would be pulling out at the end of 2009. By then Marg had written to previous volunteers and, with family and friends, felt they could get enough income to run a simpler version of the project. This offer was made to the project leader and he accepted. They could only pay two people, the cook and the English-speaking administrator.

Some volunteers were prepared to stay on, including Siobhan and a Scots lass, Emma. Marg returned to the UK to ensure that they could and did raise money. Friends and family became and remain champion fundraisers, and they brought in their friends and families. A group of trustees emerged from these people. The next step was to register with the UK Charities Commission in 2010 and to establish effective methods for running the charity and raising money. One young trustee suggested that every child had a sponsor. Another friend took over the group of sponsors and has cherished them ever since, also using Facebook to find new sponsors. A young trustee created a very clever IT system for the budget and a shared space for all our communications. The number of children grew.

Now, in 2026, TLC caters for 133 children.

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2026 Trustee Meeting

The 2026 Trustee Meeting took place in Oxford 28th March. Pippa Rollins was approved as a new Trustee. The resignation of Siobhan Collins was regretfully accepted by the meeting.

Amongst other business Robina, Miranda and Terry provided a photo report of their visit. They spent a considerable amount of time with the children and staff in Tabora and the trustees/volunteers valued seeing the lovely photos they took of happy children. They had a very busy time there and were thanked for their achievements.

Thank You Siobhan



Siobhan Collins retired from being a TLC Trustee 16 years after becoming registered in UK in 20011 as one of the inaugural Trustees. She had already been working with the children since 2007.

She came to Tabora in from Northern Ireland with another Irish lass and an English volunteer 6 weeks into the volunteer ship of Marg, Sarah, who gave TLC its logo, Mandy and Lisa who are sponsors still. Siobhan's own children were just grown up and she stayed over a year in Tabora providing a very stable link between the children and the UK, she knew all the children and brought another 12 very needy children into the programme after some harrowing home visits. Siobhan has always had time for the people of Tabora also giving her efforts to the settlement of those who had suffered with leprosy as well as socialising with the businessmen and women who ran the shops and schools. She was the Trustee who knew the family background detail about all the children and even sometimes stayed in their homes with them when the children's care givers were sick.

She would come over from Ireland for the Trustee meetings after she returned to her working life, and she visited Tabora as often as she could. The sickness of her parents began to take a great deal of her time, and she eventually decided to stop being a Trustee but only on the proviso that she could go back to visit whenever she had time! She knew the huge welcome that awaited her there.

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Remembering Paul Maganga

The UK Tabora League for Children Board of UK Trustees heard, with great sadness, of the passing of our dear friend and colleague Paul Maganga. He worked for Tabora League for Children over a period of 10 Years. He was a wonderful teacher, a very kind person as well as an extremely valued colleague and supporter of TLC.

His contribution was significant especially because of his love of the children at the centres and determination for them to achieve well in their school exams. We were so sad that as his sight deteriorated, he became unable to work for us.

TLC was honoured when he agreed to officially open the new classroom at Isevyva. His name is written on the plaque on the wall of the new classroom. Whenever we see the plaque we are reminded of him.

May Blessings be upon you all.

Robina Richter, Chairman

(Written on behalf of Tabora League for Children: UK Trustees and Volunteers)

Volunteers

Robina put out a call for volunteers in a special flyer and was heartened by the response.

Our thanks and welcome to the following:

Catharine Yates is helping with Chem Chem sponsorship and is slowly taking over the reins on that.

Julia Grant will be visiting TLC in August for a few weeks to share her considerable experience with Paschal Matondo in areas of leadership and governance.

It would be great to have someone who could help with the media aspects – keeping the website and Facebook regularly updated, helping with the newsletter etc. (This could look good on the CV of a young person looking for work...)

We haven't had enough people to keep Facebook regularly updated recently but we are going to try to post more of the news and pictures to keep you updated on the children and activities at the centres.

Please take a few minutes to help us on this – head over to [Facebook](#) and have a quick look then (hopefully) *LIKE* us and even send a link to a friend. That all helps enormously.

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TLC – Giving a better start in life to
vulnerable children in Tabora, Tanzania

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Robina has organised a fund-raising coffee morning for 4th July. Please support if you can.

GRAND COFFEE MORNING

July 4th



Cakes, Plants, Art, Raffle, Bring & Buy

Pound Cottage
White Chimney Row
Westbourne
PO10 8RS

Phone Numbers

Sometimes we think that the children's 'thank-you' letters don't get through – even though the newsletter does. Maybe you could check in your Junk mail...

We would love to be able to phone you to thank you for your sponsorship and donations and sometimes to give you news about the child you support. Contact Pippa Rollins pippa.rollins@tlctanzania.org to let her have your phone number if you would like us to keep in touch that way.

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity

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