



18th Annual Run for Zimbabwe
Orphans and Fair
Sunday March 26, 2017
St. Joseph School
Mountain View
Noon to 4 p.m.
www.ZimbabweParaguay.net

Calling all athletes, artists, dancers, musicians, and students! The children of Zimbabwe need your help!

My name is Hungwe, and I am an African Fish Eagle, a bird native to Zimbabwe. I am pleased to say that I am the mascot for this year's annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair, which will be held on Sunday, March 26th, at Saint Joseph School in Mountain View, from 12pm to 4pm. This incredible event is part cross country race, part cultural fair, and in *all*, a fun way to help the Makumbi Orphanage in Zimbabwe.

The Run for Zimbabwe Orphans features races for all age levels, from a 220 yard dash for preschool children to a ½ run for kindergarten kids to a one mile run for grade school kids, high schoolers, and adults. The running events are great ways to be active and to help support the orphans in Zimbabwe. There is also a cultural fair where kids can enter art projects in the African art contest, hear the music of Zimbabwe, and even try some traditional cuisine, SADZA! This will surely be a fun day for everyone.

Some of the great ways to support the orphanage also include a t-shirt sale and a shoe drive. The t-shirts always come with a fun, unique design, often with the mascot of the year on the front. This year's shirts will be especially fantastic because I, Hungwe the Fish Eagle, will be proudly depicted on the front! I surely hope that you will purchase a shirt!

All of the money we make from the Run for Zimbabwe Orphans goes directly to support the approximately one hundred orphans that live at the Makumbi Children's Home. Last year, we were able to raise \$35,000 to support these children, and we would love to match or exceed that amount in 2017!

Each year, the event focuses on a particular project to help support the orphanage in Zimbabwe. Last year, our goal was "Funding the Plumbing": to provide safe, effective plumbing for the orphans' school. This year, our project is titled "Tutors for Makumbi". The money we raise will allow the orphanage to test for gaps in the children's learning and will help them achieve grade level proficiency through a coordinated program of tutors, teachers, community volunteers, and care-givers. The goal for the director of the orphanage, Father Admire, is that by 2018, the students will be able to tremendously improve their performance in school and no longer have to repeat grades. This gift of an education is incredibly valuable for these orphans but it is only possible with your help! As I, Hungwe, always say: "Give a kid a fish, and you feed him for one day. Teach a kid to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime!"

If you have any questions about the Run for Zimbabwe, feel free to contact the Meet Director and President of the Sustainable Living Foundation, Ellen Clark, for more information at zpclarks@comcast.net or at (650)-941-9206. You can also visit our website at www.ZimbabweParaguay.net.

We would love to see you at the event, whether you want to come for the races, art contest, shoe drive, t-shirt sales, or even if you want to volunteer or make a donation. And for all you runners, know that I, Hungwe the African Fish Eagle, will look forward to soaring alongside you on March 26th!

Thanks,
Hungwe

Brought to you by Daniel Griffin, Zimbabwe Ambassador and Senior at St. Francis High School