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Newsletter

NEW YEAR 2011

Daily breakfast for 500 at St. David's

Diary dates

Watch this space for details of opening of iVana Boutique on line & pop-up shop & early summer fun at Vana Trust Farm

Latest updates

- Daily 'Breakfast Club' celebrates 1 year success feeding meals to 500 children at St. David's School in Zimbabwe
- Eco icon donates dresses
- Vana Trust Farm looking forward to spring
- Want lovely fresh eggs? Call Sharon

We now finance the education of over 100 children whose lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS and poverty at St. David's School, Nyandoro, Zimbabwe. We also support the school by supplying equipment, services, books, water and building work.

Vana Trust's daily hot breakfast, cooked fresh each day by local volunteers, has been feeding 500+ children since January 2010. This programme has been a tremendous success.

When our founder, Nyasha Gwatidzo, was visiting in November, mothers and grandmothers walked miles to personally thank her for providing this vital meal for the children. Teachers report that the children are more alert at their lessons and have also gained weight.

We at **Vana Trust** are so thankful for our amazing volunteers in Zimbabwe who help with this project. Lucy Gwatidzo makes the arduous trip from Harare to Nyandoro several times a month with supplies and to facilitate our programme there. Other village women come each morning to prepare and serve the hot meal. It takes three hours to serve the 500+ children. The dedication of these amazing women inspires us all. The school has organized a system of staggered school breaks to facilitate the breakfast service. We would like to give a special thank you to Henry Pitman who funded the set-up and entire first year of the school breakfast project.



Dance of Thanks

During her visit, the girls at St. David's School performed a wonderful dance to thank Nyasha for all the work of **Vana Trust**.





Eco Icon Donates Dresses

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Orsola de Castro, winner of the Observer Ethical Award 2010, is the founder of **From Somewhere**, which makes clothes from the recycled off cuts of luxury materials. She calls it "up-cycling." Orsola also curates Estethica, an initiative that showcases eco-fashion brands. Her designs are loved by A-listers including Livia Firth (Mrs. Colin) who wore one of Orsola's designs on the Red Carpet. Orsola is the perfect embodiment of fashion and green ethics. We are thrilled that she has donated dresses to **Vana Trust**.

<http://fromsomewhere.co.uk>

iVana Boutique will soon have a beautiful new website and pop-up shops. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the projects of **Vana Trust**. Some truly wonderful designers such as Orsola de Castro, Ralph Lauren and Tommy Hilfiger have promised donations but we do need lots more. If you know of anyone who would like to donate to this fundraising effort, please contact us.



Looking forward to spring at the farm

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We are seeing the first signs of spring at Vana Trust Farm. The organic seeds have arrived and the beds are ready for planting.

The farm is the perfect place for happy animals. Alpaca and goats will soon be added to our menagerie. Our wonderful volunteers have worked through the winter and the alpaca fencing is now complete. We now need to raise funds to make a field shelter. We have moved the chickens to a bigger patch and they also need a new larger coop. If you have any timber to donate please contact Sharon, the farm manager, on 01844 237146.