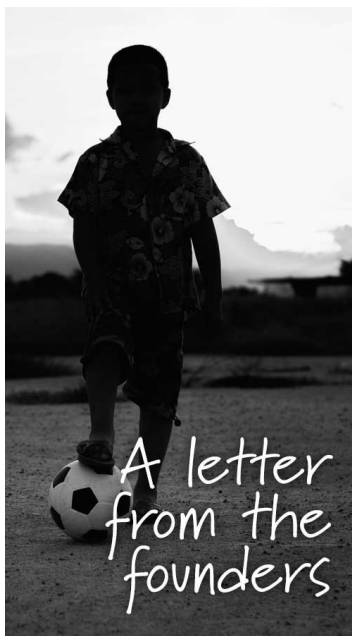


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When we created this idea of Dream Academy more than 9 years ago, our goal was simple: To create meaningful change in the country we deeply care about.

But we did not want to repeat what others were already doing, so we set out to go where other organizations weren't going. We focused on developing, mentoring and inspiring future leaders of Botswana. We wanted to have a unique impact, and to do that, we decided to invest in human potential – to pursue the overlooked corners and spot the unseen opportunities.

As a family, we believed in taking chances and creative thinking, supporting the unusual approaches and unproven ideas. By us providing underprivileged youth with quality education and infrastructure of organized youth sports in under-served communities, we further believed it would stimulate the mind, body and soul of our student athletes, which in turn enhances their quality of life.

To see the impact this program provides on a daily basis for the kids in our program we would not be any more proud of our Board Members, staff here and on the ground in Botswana, as they too

share our vision and passion for helping us make a difference while looking to "inspire a generation".

Breaking News

TRAILBLAZER GETS ANOTHER SCHOLARSHIP

As Dream Academy's slogan goes "Inspire a generation", well we are pleased to announce that Gofaone Phatsima has been awarded a scholarship to continue high school studies at St Paul American School Gezhi in Shanghai, China. As she embarks on this part of her journey in life, she leaves behind many young students that are part of Dream Academy wishing to have the same opportunities as her in the future.

Gofaone will return back to the school where she made a positive impression with outstanding results and her excellent personality. We are very proud and excited of her achievement as she departs end of August.



Program Progress

After many years of dreaming and planning, we are proud to announce that our Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Botswana Ministry of Basic Education. With this Dream Academy will collaborate and adopt Oodima Community Junior Secondary School (CJSS) and extend the academic/athletic program, focusing primarily on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) performance as well as sports codes - starting with soccer.

Dream Academy's mission is to Inspire a generation, creating a pathway to successful lives for youth, and bringing inspiration to communities, whilst tackling some of the biggest challenges in the world today.

Thanks to Our Sponsors!

As a nonprofit organization Dream Academy relies on donors, grants and sponsorship for us to function. As these donations, gifts and grants are awarded we are able to provide food, school supplies and clothing to the disadvantaged youth of Oodi. This summer Dream Academy was able to put on a STEM and Soccer camp for two weeks at Oodima CJSS with 160 kids. With the donations that were provided we were able to provide every kid with a soccer jersey, a shirt for the classroom, school supplies needed in the classrooms and two meals a day for the duration of camp. While on the soccer fields we had enough soccer equipment and a soccer ball for every kid in the session. Without these kind gifts we would not be able to put smiles on these kids faces, and make a difference on their lives.

Future Developments

With the Memorandum of Understanding and official adoption of Oodima CJSS taken care of, we are excited that starting September 4th Dream Academy will kick off its after school program, a day we have long envisioned! We will have 160 students enrolled into the program comprising of 80 girls, 80 boys, in the 5th and 6th grade classes. Students will participate in afternoon STEM classroom sessions and soccer sessions as an extension to their normal school days. Now the fun work begins!



Wrap Up

What an exciting summer we had? With many memories and inspiring opportunities ahead for Dream Academy, our kids, and the community. Each trip brings us back with more excitement and possibilities to develop the program further.

We are very grateful to our donors for the kind gifts received for us to put on a successful camp and going forward to run a successful after school program. We are excited to be on course to

complete other projects earmarked for 2017 like the building of the borehole (water well that will pump water from existing water table under the community of Oodi). The importance of this borehole is crucial, as it will be the catalyst of our many projects that will allow this program to be self-sustaining, and with this reliable long term supply of ground water will not only hydrate the children, but also nourish a vegetable garden, and an orchard that will adequately feed the students during the day. With the borehole constructed, the opportunity will also exist to construct bathrooms for the students within the school.

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