



ANNUAL REPORT

2025

“With man this is impossible,
but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26



Shelton Taguma

Executive Director, Kuda Vana Partnership International

Dear Friends and Partners,

It is my privilege to share this year's annual report and reflect on the meaningful progress we have made together over the past year. We are grateful for the opportunity to share God's love and hope with vulnerable children and families in Zimbabwe.

This has been a year marked by both challenge and opportunity, and through it all, your partnership has helped transform lives. Because of your support, we have strengthened families, expanded access to care and protection, and walked alongside children and young people as they moved toward stability, dignity, and hope. What once felt out of reach for many is now becoming reality: safe homes, supportive communities, and pathways to a thriving future.

We have seen tangible impact in the lives of those we serve. Children are being reunited with their families, and families are being equipped to stay together. Young people aging out of care are finding support systems that empower them toward independence. Local leaders and partners are embracing their roles as drivers of sustainable change in their communities. These are more than program outcomes, they are stories of resilience, restoration, and long-term transformation.

We are encouraged by the growing momentum behind this work. Stronger partnerships, deeper local ownership, and a clearer path to scalable impact show meaningful progress. The organization continues to refine its strategy, invest in leadership, and strengthen systems for accountability and long-term sustainability. This gives us confidence in both what has been accomplished and what lies ahead.

We believe deeply that every child belongs in a safe, loving family and that communities are strongest when they are equipped to care for their most vulnerable. This is what drives us forward, and it is why we are excited about the future. There is still much work to be done, but the progress we are seeing reminds us that lasting change is possible.

Join us in this journey and make a difference. Whether through partnership, advocacy, or financial support, you can help expand our impact, reach more children and families, and build lasting systems that endure for generations to come.

Thank you for standing with us, believing in this mission, and helping make this work possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelton Taguma", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Shelton Taguma

Tami Denney

Board Chair, Kuda Vana Partnership International

Dear Kuda Vana Partnership International Supporters,

I want to start by saying thank you. Not as a formality at the top of a report, but because this work simply does not exist without you.

Every child Kuda Vana walked alongside this year, every family that stayed together, every young person who found someone in their corner — none of it happened in a vacuum. It happened because someone, somewhere, decided to give. Often quietly. Often consistently. Often without ever meeting the children whose lives they changed. That someone is you.

As Board Chair, one of my responsibilities is to make sure your trust is well-placed, and I take that seriously. Your gifts are not absorbed into a budget — they are deployed against a strategy, tracked against outcomes, and protected by people who are accountable for the result.

This year the board worked closely with Shelton and the leadership team to make sure every dollar you entrust to us strengthens the systems, the people, and the families that will make this mission durable.

Giving in a building year takes a particular kind of faith. It is easier to fund a finished thing than a foundation. But the foundations are what will hold up everything that comes next — the children we have not yet reached, the families we have not yet served, the communities still waiting for what is possible.

So, I am writing to ask you to stay with us.

If you give monthly, please consider continuing — your steady support is what allows us to plan with confidence. If you give annually, please consider giving again, and at a level that reflects how much you want this work to grow. And if you have prayed for us, advocated for us, or carried this mission in conversation, that matters too, and we are grateful.

Whatever you give, give it knowing this: you are not a transaction. You are part of how change happens here.

Thank you for staying with us. We could not do this without you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tami Denney", with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Tami Denney

How We Work

OUR MISSION

We partner with local organizations that are empowering their communities to support vulnerable children, families, and youth transitioning from care.

OUR VISION

To see every child thrive in loving families and communities, living with courage, confidence, and hope in God.



Kuda Vana means “Loving Children” in Shona

Who We Are

OUR CORE VALUES



LOVE



PARTNERSHIP



GRACE



INTEGRITY



DISCIPLESHIP



EMPOWERMENT

Need that Demands Action

153M

ORPHANED CHILDREN
WORLDWIDE

49.4M

LIVE IN
SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

650K

CHILDREN IN
INSTITUTIONAL CARE

Source: UNICEF 2025; Desmond et al., 2020

In Zimbabwe, 26.6% of children under 18 are not living with either parent. Without the developmental, social, and economic scaffolding that family and community provide, vulnerable children face compounding disadvantages that perpetuate intergenerational poverty.

We believe that children thrive best in families, not institutions.



Research shows that 80% of children in orphanages have at least one living parent.

This gives hope that most children can return to family with the right support!

Infographic from: Faith to Action Initiative

Highlights of 2025

In 2025, **your support** directly reached **111+** vulnerable children, **21** families, and **25** young adults transitioning out of residential care. Through broader community engagement, **your generosity** helped impact **650+** youth and **1,259+** families.

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Children Reunited
with Family

35

Children Receiving
Care at KV Children's Home

3

Children Receiving
Medical/Disability Care

1

Child in Foster Care in
the Process of Adoption

9

Young Adults in University
or Vocational Training

10+

Communities
Reached

Kudavana Children's Home

Kuda Vana began as a children's home, and a life calling for John and Colleen Ordelleide. A calling to create a safe, loving place where children could learn and grow in Mutare, Zimbabwe.

Today, Kuda Vana is more than a children's home! While the children's home remains a safe placement option for children in Zimbabwe, we are working to expand services **centered around a family-based care approach** that equips and strengthens families with the support they need to stay together.

Our goal is for more children to grow up in safe, loving homes with families, rather than in residential care. Together, we are advancing this holistic approach that keeps children within families and facilitates reintegration of children in institutional care back into family settings.

SUPPORTING RESEARCH

Dozier et al. Institutional Care For Young Children

UNICEF Guidelines on Alternative Care For Children

Chernego et al. Effects of Institutional Rearing



Focus on Family-Based Care

Evidence and experience shows that the best-run children's home cannot replace a family. Research consistently finds that family-based-care is the best option for children who would otherwise be placed in institutional care.

We believe children thrive best in families, not institutions.

Studies show that living in an orphanage, especially at a young age or for extended periods, can negatively impact a child's development, limit healthy social relationships, and increase vulnerability to long-term emotional, behavioral, and relational challenges.

A family-based care model prioritizes placing children in safe, nurturing family environments, whether with relatives (kinship care), foster families, or adoptive parents. Beyond meeting physical needs, it emphasizes stability.

Within a supportive family and community, children are more likely to form secure attachments, thrive emotionally and socially, and develop a strong sense of belonging that builds confidence.



Family Reunification



“Reunification is a gradual process. Children can find it difficult to adapt to their new environment. We provide training and teach families how to build a relationship and connection with the child.”

– **Jotinah Vambire**

Social Worker at Kudavana Children's Home
(pictured above)

“Family provides stability. It provides love and the support that is essential for the child's well-being and future success.”

– **Knowledge Manyere**

Assistant Administrator of Kudavana Children's Home

Every reunification begins with careful, intentional work. Social workers identify safe family placements, always guided by the child's best interest, and walk alongside both the child and family throughout the transition.

Support does not end at placement. Families receive trauma-informed guidance to help them understand and respond to a child's emotional needs as trust is rebuilt over time.

Practical support, including school supplies, food, and clothing, helps remove barriers so families can focus on healing, stability, and connection.

Academic Excellence

Kudavana's on-campus primary school offers personalized education alongside intentional emotional development — tailoring support to each child's individual level of learning.

In Zimbabwe, there is no public education system as in the United States. Schooling carries real costs including tuition fees, uniforms, and school supplies — costs that present significant barriers for many families.

Kudavana Children's Home is bridging the gap for children in its care, ensuring children don't just access education but thrive within it.

"The environment at Kudavana motivates me. Working with my colleague and the "mothers" who serve as caregivers, we communicate often in case of any challenges at school. And there is nothing we lack educationally, we have everything at our fingertips."

— Madame Dorcas
(Teacher at Kudavana School)



Kudavana On-Site School



Madame Dorcas



Madame Rachel

Navigating Change

In 2025, Zimbabwe's PVO Amendment Act brought significant regulatory changes — requiring strengthened in-country governance and accountability.

A key step in this process was forming a local Zimbabwean board aligned with KVPI's mission and values. With these changes in place, we are now fully compliant with Zimbabwean law and more **firmly rooted in local leadership** than ever before.

This transition has opened the door to expand KVPI's mission and deepen its impact. We **walk alongside our community partners** — investing in local programs that promote family-based care, empower young adults to live independently, and care for vulnerable children.

This approach not only enhances the authenticity of our work but **also allows us to partner more broadly**, helping more children and families not just survive, but thrive.

20 YEARS OF PURPOSEFUL CHANGE

Local Leadership

Zimbabwean board members now direct, shape, and carry out programs.

Deeper Roots

We partner alongside communities — equipping and resourcing local work.

Expanding Reach

Our mission continues to grow: more children, more families, more communities.

Stewardship of Your Gifts



This year, your generosity made it possible to continue caring for children, strengthening families, and equipping local teams to serve without interruption.

We also navigated unexpected circumstances beyond our control, and our reserves served their intended purpose — allowing the mission to continue without interruption. **Sustaining that mission moving forward depends on the continued generosity of partners like you.**

Every gift makes a difference — meeting daily needs, supporting families, and strengthening the teams doing this work on the ground.

Thank you for your continued partnership!

Stewardship of Your Gifts

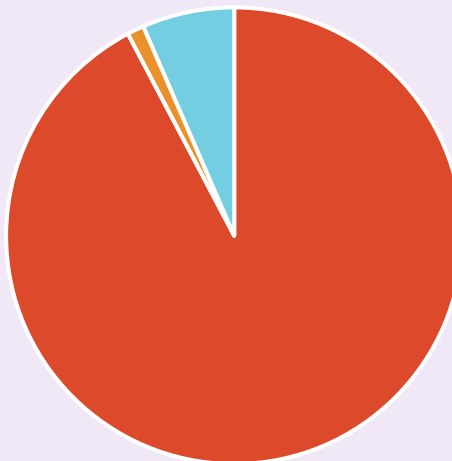
REVENUE

Individuals	\$511,141
Faith Community (Churches)	\$44,913
Foundations	\$66,334
Corporate	\$12,884
In-Kind	\$7,896
Interest / Savings	\$49
TOTAL REVENUE	\$643,217

EXPENSES

Programs	\$659,145
General & Admin	\$7,832
Fundraising	\$42,820
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$709,797

2025 OPERATING EXPENSES



Programs 93%



Administration 1%



Fundraising 6%





Supported Programs & Looking Ahead

A Vision for Greater Impact

Your partnership is turning vision into action
through our partners in Zimbabwe.



1

Care Leavers Program



Tinashe



Emmanuel



Vongai

Your Support is Building Futures

As children in residential care grow into young adults, we are investing in programs that support their transition to independence.

The Care Leavers Program serves young adults transitioning out of residential care at Kuda Vana Children's Home. Available through age 24, the program gives young adults the time and **support needed to build community outside of care**, pursue vocational training or university degrees, secure stable housing, and establish consistent income.

Alongside practical support, each participant receives mentorship that offers guidance, encouragement, and practical life skills for adulthood.

Currently, **25 young adults** are enrolled in the Care Leavers Program: 9 are pursuing university or vocational training (6 in university and 3 in vocational programs), and 6 program graduates are now fully employed and financially independent.

2 Family Care Program

Your Support is Building Up Families

Family-based care provides children with the opportunity to grow up in a stable home environment with families willing to provide care, support and belonging.

This model helps children develop essential emotional, social, and practical foundations needed to grow, form healthy attachments, and transition more successfully into long-term family placements.

Our goal is to build a network of local families equipped to welcome children into their homes. This program offers education and training while offsetting the financial responsibility of caring for another child by providing support for essential needs such as food, clothing, and education fees.

At the same time, we are strengthening families through vocational training, sustainable agriculture, and livelihood development — equipping caregivers with practical tools for long-term stability so children can remain in safe, nurturing homes supported by strong, self-sufficient families.



“Local communities are the solution to the global orphan crisis.”

– KVPI Leadership

3 Community Advocacy Program



“I’m so excited about telling other people about the importance [of adoption]. Everyone wants to belong. It’s such a gift to bring a child into a space that is safe and pouring all the love that you can into that child and embracing that child.”

– Thursbe & Tendayi

Adoption Advocates and Family-Based Care Educators
(pictured above)

Your Support is Engaging Community

Community engagement, and specifically church engagement, is a vital part of expanding family-based care in Zimbabwe — helping to address cultural stigmas surrounding family-based care while building a growing network of safe, loving family homes.

Cultural beliefs and superstitions can create hesitation around caring for children outside of one’s immediate family. Advocates work within communities to encourage understanding, trust, and acceptance of family-based care and adoption.

In addition, **Advocates offer trauma-informed training and support that equips families to care for children** who may carry the effects of loss, past trauma, or attachment challenges.

Through education, mentorship, and ongoing support, Advocates are helping build long-term, community-centered alternatives to residential care.

Partner With Us

If you are interested in partnering with us, we would love to connect with you!

Please email us at admin@kudavana.org, and we will be happy to provide you with a partnership resource guide and ways to get involved.

Individual Partners

Pray, share this mission, and advocate for vulnerable children and families in your community. Your one-time or monthly gift directly provides care and ignites generational change.

Church Partners

Invite us to your church to educate, inspire, and mobilize your congregation toward family-based care support and initiatives.

Local Groups

Host your own educational session with your youth organization, small group, or community club to get involved locally for a global mission.

Corporate Partners

Engage your company in meaningful impact through corporate giving, payroll contributions, in-kind support, or fundraising events.

Be Part of the Story

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