



SOA (Serenje Orphans Appeal)

Goals

SOA ('Serenje Orphans Appeal') is registered as a UK Charity (Number: 1127234). We support an orphanage in Zambia known as the 'Serenje Orphans Childrens Home' (SOCH). This orphanage has a capacity of 44 children. Each year, we raise 60% of the total running costs of approximately CHF32,000, with the remainder being raised by another international school, St George's British International School in Rome.

Activities

SOA offers a range of fun activities for students, parents and staff right across our school. The 'Middle School SOA Lock-in' involves Middle School students (under the leadership of the High School SOA Committee) raising funds by spending a night at the school to experience a taste of what life could be like without their usual luxuries of tasty food, a soft bed, and electronics. The 'SOA Rocks Concert' is a charity event in which students, staff and parents perform on stage in front of an appreciative and diverse audience. The staff (including parents and friends) events involve a 2 day bike ride around the lake ('SOA Tour du Lac') and a 2 day hike in the Jura ('SOA Reach for the Stars').

Accountabilities

Every two years, there is a CDL High School trip (with up to 14 students) to the Zambian orphanage. The students participate in various projects when at the orphanage and get to know the children and the staff.

History

SOA was established at CDL in 2009 by Mr K. Gilbert, who also founded the SOCH orphanage in 2004 whilst working as a volunteer teacher in Zambia. By the end of 2016, there will have been four CDL trips to the orphanage (2010, 2012, 2014, 2016). Over the years, SOA has been awarded many ECIS and USTINOV Outreach grants for various diverse projects at the orphanage, from the funding of a fish-farm to support for the construction of a guest-house which will build some self-sustainability into the project.

Website: <http://www.serenjeorphansappeal.com>