

## The Chakula Challenge

**Background:** Project Zawadi makes a promise to each of our students when they enter into sponsorship that, as long as they put forth their best efforts, Project Zawadi will support them in their education for as far as their studies take them. For over half of Project Zawadi students, this ultimately means a vocational training program. In 2011, due to the poor options available for high-quality and affordable vocational training in the area, Zinduka Development Initiatives Forum (Project Zawadi's local community partner) opened a vocational training centre (VTC) in Nyamuswa village with Project Zawadi support. The VTC currently offers programs in carpentry, needlework, welding and computers. In 2012, Project Zawadi funded the construction of girls' and boys' dormitories for the facility so that sponsored students from outlying villages would have a safe and supervised place to live while pursuing their vocational training.

**Need**: For the 2015 school year, it is estimated that 46 Project Zawadi students will be studying at the VTC and living in the dormitories. Currently, the facility has no kitchen or dining room to serve these students and students have been cooking individually outside in all types of weather. In 2014, a generous donor funded a water catchment and storage system which was installed at the boys' dormitory. It was known at the time that this would not meet the entire water needs for the dormitory campus. Zinduka has therefore been paying to have



PZ students cooking outside together at VTC dormitory during rainy season.

supplementary water hauled to the VTC for drinking, washing and laundry .



**Project Description**: To address these needs at the VTC, Project Zawadi is underataking a special fundraising initiative dubbed the *Chakula Challenge* (chakula means food in Swahili).

The *Chakula Challenge* will fund the construction of an instructional kitchen, dining room, food storage rooms and rainwater collection and storage system.

1. Instructional kitchen and food storage: This will be used not only to prepare daily meals for the students, but will also create an opportunity to expand the VTC course offerings to include food preparation and cookery.

2. **Dining Hall**: In addition to providing a yearround location for taking meals, the dining hall will also be able to be used as a study hall and gathering space for students. 3. **Rainwater collection system**: The rainwater collection system will collect rainwater from the facilities roofs during the rainy season and store it in underground tanks for use the rest of the year, providing a reliable source of water on-site at the VTC.

**Budget:** Below are the general budget details for the *Chakula Challenge*. Line item details are available upon request.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Kitchen, Dining, and Food Storage Complex	
Foundation	\$2,600
Walling	\$3,500
Roofing	\$5,000
Door and Windows	\$2,100
Plaster and Painting	\$2,500
Electrification	\$1,500
Cooking and Dining Utensils	\$4,000
Transport and Labor	\$4,300
SUBTOTAL	\$25,500
Water Catchment and Storage System	
Sand and Gravel	\$700
Cement and Plaster	\$1,900
Rebar and Welded Mesh	\$500
Gutters	\$450
Transport and Labor	\$950
SUBTOTAL	\$4,500
TOTAL	\$30,000

**Fundraising:** The *Chakula Challenge* will be launched in conjunction with the Project Zawadi Annual Appeal period in November and December, 2014. Project Zawadi is actively seeking individuals and groups who are willing to lead off this initiative. The *Chakula Challenge* already has \$9,000 in commitments and we are seeking an additional \$16,000 in commitments before we launch our annual appeal. Please consider joining us at one of the following levels.

Platinum level	-	\$10,000*
Gold level	-	\$5,000
Silver level	-	\$2,500
Bronze	-	\$1,000
*Naming level		

Lead donors will be honored in the annual Project Zawadi newsletter and their names will appear on a plaque near the entrance to the kitchen/dining hall building.

These lead donations are crucial to the project's success as they demonstrate significant progress towards the fundraising goal and act to incentivize subsequent donors to make a donation to top off the effort. Please see attached pledge form. Pledges can be fulfilled up until June 30, 2015.



## CHAKULA CHALLENGE PLEDGE FORM

Name:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Phone:			
Email:			
PLEDGE			
I pledge \$toward PROJECT <b>ZAWADI</b> 's C	hakula Challenge	2.	
I would like to pay my pledge in: (check one of below)			
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We request that you fulfill your pledge by June 30, 2015.			
EMPLOYER MATCH			
O My employerwill match m	ıy gift.		
METHODS OF DONATION			
<ul> <li>O Check(s) made payable to Project Zawadi Inc. and mailed to 253 Duke Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102</li> <li>O Credit Card (see authorization form below) – for one time payments only.</li> </ul>			
Please return this form to: Shannon Skally, Treasurer Mail: 235 Duke Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102 Fax: 866-855-0434 Email: donate@projectzawadi.org			
AUTHORIZATION FOR ONE TIME CREDIT CARD DONATION			
Amount \$	OVisa	OMaster Card	

Card #

Exp. Date

CSC (3 digit security #)

Signature