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## NEWSLETTER

We are pleased to announce that on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> our ceremony to break ground took place. The construction of our new Children's Village Project has officially begun.

The celebration took place at the Boma site with over 100 people in attendance. Members of our school and religious communities were present alongside Monica and Pastor Tukai our Tanzanian Directors and all the staff of Tír na nÓg.

Our Guest of Honour was the District Executive Secretary, Mrs Upendo Uwera who supported the project since its early design stage back in 2019. She was warmly welcomed by a fantastic performance from our school Scout leaders and team.

The initial contract is for Phase 1, comprising 3x Cottages, the Dining Block (including library, laundry, kitchen, social room, etc), Guard's Post, water and solar supplies, wastewater filtration systems, and the boundary wall. The programme is to complete this in 12 months, at which point we hope to move straight into Phase 2.

When completed this facility will offer much needed accommodation, protection, and care to Tanzania's most disadvantaged children. The facility will also offer accommodation to children from poorer families who wish to attend our school Monday to Friday and return home again at the weekends. These children will never have an opportunity to be educated if facilities like this do not exist.

Thank you to everyone reading this for your support to help us get this far.

We are now dreaming even bigger and would love to hear from you if you can offer long term support for our future sustainable projects.

