



FALCON COLLEGE OVERSEAS TRUST

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Dear Falcon Old Boys,

FALCON COLLEGE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE CENTRE

Over the years many Old Boys ask what and where funds collected by the Falcon College Overseas Trust go; you can rest assured all funds are used after careful consideration between the Falcon Board and the Old Boys' committee. The FOBs have supported the annual subscription for the Times magazine for some years, and more recently have assisted with the purchase of a large walk in refrigeration unit, and more recently have contributed to the build of the new Falcon gymnasium.

The Falcon College Overseas Trust is a registered Welfare Organization (Reg. UK Charity no 294169) formed specifically to provide financial support to Falcon College, a secondary boarding school for boys situated in rural Zimbabwe.

Falcon now enrolls approximately 400 pupils between ages of 12 and 18. Cambridge examinations (IGCSE at O, AS and A level) are written.

In view of its rural setting, all staff live on campus, the result of which is that the College administration has accepted responsibility for the welfare of all its workers and their dependents.

With the collapse of the Government Health Systems throughout Zimbabwe, progressive employers of labour such as Falcon College, have accepted responsibility for providing primary health care not only for their employees and dependents, but also for the inhabitants of surrounding areas where no health care of any description remains.

The nearest alternative facility is almost ten miles distant, too far for local subsistence farmers and their families to walk (in the absence of any public transport).

Falcon College therefore proposes to construct a small clinic in the workers village, which will be open to local inhabitants as well as College employees. This clinic will be staffed by a trained nurse whose responsibilities will/ include primary healthy care, health education, maternity care and supplementary feeding of babies and children.

Ambulance facilities for transfer of serious cases to the nearest city hospital (in Bulawayo, 40 miles distant) will be provided by Falcon College.

The estimated cost of construction of this clinic is US\$25,000. In addition, US\$20,000 will be required to equip the centre, funding will be raised through local fund-raising efforts in Zimbabwe and overseas (co-ordinated by FCOT).

Running costs including staffing costs thereafter will be the responsibility of Falcon College.

Registered Charity No: 294169

Trustees: John Laing, Colin Bewes, David Jamieson, Jonathan Howat, Mike Potts



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Falcon College needs our support!! The Old Boys' committee have set up a number of fund raising events this year that you can support or you can make a donation, events include:

- FalPet Cup – 17th May 2008
- FalPara 2008 – 21st June 2008
- Clay pigeon Shoot – August 2008
- 2008 GolFOBopen – 4th September 2008
- 1968 reunion – November 2008

If you did not already know the www.falconoldboys.co.uk web page provides all the latest information available to FOBs so please keep referring to it.

Sponsoring is easy.

1. Simply go to the [CAFonline](#) secure website on the link below
2. Search on the word 'Falcon'; your search results should include **Falcon College Overseas Trust**. Click on that result.
3. Click on the **Donate** button and you will be taken through a secure credit/debit card payment process.
4. **IMPORTANT:** when giving, please type '**FALCON HEALTH CENTRE**' in the 'Additional Instructions' box.

The link is <http://www.cafonline.org/Default.aspx?page=7593>

The Old Boys' committee Hope to see all the UK-based FOBs at, at least one of the events! If you need any further information please would you let me now.

Yours Sincerely,

John Laing