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# Donate 2 Educate AGM 2022 Chairman's Report

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### Mission

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### **Vision**

A learning community in which children and educators have access to educational resources necessary to support teaching aided by an environmentally proactive recycle system.

### **Summary Report**

This section highlights the main accomplishments achieved over the first 12 months of the charity's operation.

Donate 2 Educate charity members have worked to the best of their ability to collect and distribute donated resources, participate in fundraising events and develop partnerships with other like minded initiatives. At the beginning of 2022, members collaborated to review and accept the Risk Methodology & Risk management action plan form as part of Donate 2 Educate's Policy & Process document. Publications in local newspapers continue to promote the mission of Donate 2 Educate, actions achieved and donations received. Established fundraising events continued and include a monthly stall at the Dayboro Markets, monthly performance by locally sourced musicians at Music Under the Stars, Containers for change and child centred activities at St Francis Xavier Sunday school.

Due to the success of these fundraising events there is a healthy fund base available to send resources to communities in need. Additionally, success from the distribution of Donate 2 Educate Flyers has seen an increase in donations from education communities that include Dayboro Community Kindy, Grace Lutheran Junior & Living Faith Lutheran Primary. Finally, a collaboration with Boomerang Bags Dayboro whose members generously donated 38 sanity care bags to send to young girls in Masaka, Uganda community through Women Reliance Foundation.

With many charities trying to support an increasing demand for assistance, creating greater competition in the fundraising sphere, Donate 2 Educate members have continued in their efforts with diligence and vigour. I sincerely thank the board members and members of Donate 2 Educate charity for their continued efforts and support during these challenging times.

# **Practical Highlights**

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Continued consolidation of the foundational goals

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Increase in donations sent to overseas communities in need 03

Increase in donations from individuals, schools & local business 04

Fundraising initiatives & events coordinated and managed



# What we have done well

- Team work: collaboration and feedback e.g. policy documentation, meeting attendance of members, digital platforms participation and managing events
- Persistence: members commitment and efforts to assist communities in need
- Recycle: coordinate and extend an upcycle system for collection and distribution of education resources



# What we are working on

- Establishing partnerships with education organisations and businesses
- Promoting and maintaining wider community support
- Seeking sponsorship from businesses with like-minded concerns or applying for grants

## **Next Steps**

- Increase promotion and advertising of Donate 2 Educate goals and priorities
- Organise events to provide additional funds (both independently and as a collaboration with other local organisations)
- Increase charity membership

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### Accomplishments

2021/2022 continued to be interrupted with medical instability and environmental challenges. These factors have bought uncertainty and instability to the community and added further complexity to the processes of being a charity. That said the members of Donate 2 Educate charity have worked to the best of their ability to collect and distribute donated resources, participate in fundraising events and develop partnerships with other like minded initiatives. At the beginning of 2022, members collaborated to review and accept the Risk Methodology & Risk management action plan form as part of Donate 2 Educate's Policy & Process document. Publications in local newspapers continue to promote the mission of Donate 2 Educate, actions achieved and donations received.

Established fundraising events continued and include a monthly stall at the Dayboro Markets, monthly performance by locally sourced musicians at Music Under the Stars, Containers for change and child centred activities at St Francis Xavier Sunday school. Unfortunately, unseasonal weather conditions caused the cancelation of some of these planned events. Music Under the Star: Rock & Roll & Christmas in July special and Bubbles & Bouquets fundraising events were very successful. New venues at Dayboro Community Hall & Silverwood Café and local businesses including Ocean View Estates, Wattle & Daisy, Variety Store Samford, Dan Murphy's The Gap, Strathpine & Albany Creek and community individuals saw an increase in participation for these events. Catering for a private function was very successful and I would like to thank all our members for their generosity and efforts.

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The funds raised from these activities enabled:

- 9 boxes to be posted to St Joseph's Primary, Ssaza Uganda <u>Uganda Kids</u>. 11/02/202. We thank you so much for always put my school first. Things are going well. We thank you for always being there for us. May the good Lord bless you all. Mukasa K. Mathias, messenger post [photos & videos] received.
- ♦ 6 boxes to be posted to <u>Women Reliance Foundation Ltd</u>, Masaka, Uganda. 2/08/2022. Thank you so much and team for sending over the items to helps us be able to reachout. If possible we would organise different camps in schools and communities and train girls how to make sanitary items. All our blessings to you and your team and their amazing work. Stella Ssemakula. Photos posted on FaceBook page.

Furthermore donated resources were collected by other community organisations and sent to child centred communities overseas, in need, including:

<u>books4pngkids</u>, PNG regional schools and libraries, (228 boxes of books & education resources received) between Sep 2021 & Aug 2022. FaceBook post (10/06/2022) Education is a powerful tool that can transform a country from the community up, as this substantial Books 4 PNG Kids delivery bound for Bougainville attests in photos sent by Gibson Sosanika. The 360 cartons of reading books were shipped from Brisbane. Heather Doonan.







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### What we are working on

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- Increase fund raising opportunities to cover the cost of freight and administration costs
- Seeking sponsorship from like minded businesses concerns and application for grants

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