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To Carlton Rotary Club  
**RE: Rotary Club of Carlton - Swimming Lessons**

Dear Melissa

Drummond street identified children from the Carlton estate has been impacted by their life experience and the restriction of Covid19 last year, Most / all these children did not have access to swimming lessons due to their financial hardship. Some of them are a bit older than expected ( age 5- 13years old) but the fact that they have never been to swimming pool before.

your collaboration with Drummond Street, thank you for your support and collaboration. This project showed the importance of the involvement of an organization like yours. You Provided us with the amount of \$875, which made a huge difference on 6 children for life.

This program was very successful as 6 children had lessons for 8 weeks and showed great improvement as well as really enjoying the experience.

2 children had only recently arrived from Sudan and they were delighted and most enthusiastic about this chance to have swimming lessons.

One Saturday the pool was closed because of a lack of heating and those 3 children will be given another lesson on April 10<sup>th</sup> to make it up.  
The program went form the 6<sup>th</sup> of February to 10<sup>th</sup> of April

**Details & Backkroung :**

Because of the COVID 19 restrictions the children had to be split into 2 groups.

One group attended after school on Wednesdays and the other on Saturday mornings.

Sarah Nega Our Family support worker attended these lessons with the parents and the children who were able to enjoy extra play and practice time after each lesson.

All 6 children were from African backgrounds and their families would not have been able to pay for these lessons.

The project was worthwhile, and the children wish that they were able to continue their lessons. The 2 Eritrean refugee girls from Sudan had never been in the water before and the experience was important for them, they were keen on the lessons and made the most progress. It would be good if they could have a few more

lessons as they do not have housing yet and are staying on a temporary basis with different members of their community.

These lessons were important for their social integration and a bright spot in their difficult lives. Their mother made a great effort so that they could come to the lessons from where they were staying on a that day.

The parents of all the children want to thank the Rotary members most sincerely as it was a wonderful experience after so long in lockdown. They were happy to come even when it was raining.

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