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Ten years after graduating from BU, Kwilole Chisuse-van der Boom has made a global impact as the chair of a charity providing a home and education to orphaned children in Zambia.

Kwilole took over leadership of the Funsani charity immediately after completing her degree. She has since overseen its work to raise 18 children orphaned by HIV and to support a further 500 children at a local school. : L W K H W K D U L W W S K R I U W Q R Z I R U J L Q J W K H L U R Z O engineers, nurses and teachers, the Funsani Home has recently welcomed nine new children into its care.

The transformational power of education was impressed upon Kwilole from an early age. Having been adopted by her aunt and uncle, who are both doctors, the family moved from Zambia to Oxfordshire when Kwilole was aged 12. She recalls attending the local comprehensive and being the only black person in a school.