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Tennis Star Creating Preschools in Africa

Roger Federer Serving To Young Fans

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USPA NEWS - Some of Roger Federer's biggest and youngest fans are probably too tiny to know about his victories on the tennis court, and too touched by poverty to care.

They just know he is the man behind the creation of preschools across southern Africa, where now they are learning and growing healthy, with a hearty meal every day. They were thrilled in 2015, when the tennis great came to visit them for the first time, in celebration of the tenth anniversary of his Roger Federer Foundation.

The 40 year-old Swiss athlete has funded the building of schools for years. He spent the day at the preschool visiting, sitting in classes, helping cook and serve lunch, and hanging out with the kids on their playground. The early childhood centers are scattered throughout six countries, with more than 50 preschools in Malawi alone. "I'm so happy and emotional that I can see a preschool of this quality here. It's quite extraordinary," said Federer during his visit. "The community is so committed to helping the kids. It's so important as a foundation for learning."

To date, the Roger Federer Foundation has spent \$73,066,000 million over the past 18 years, touching the lives of more than 1,980,000 children.

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