



Sponsorship news

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Thank you!

"I am greatly inspired by the people I live with and I want to work hard so that I can also become a very good citizen and help the children living with disabilities in Zambia. I thank God for giving me this opportunity and I also thank CONTESA for sponsoring me"

Zebrone, who lives in the CONTESA Boys' House

Thank you for your support for the CONTESA sponsorship programme this year. Your support is transforming the life of a young person in Zambia by offering opportunities and hope which would otherwise have been denied them. We continue to offer a limited number of sponsorships to the highest performing students leaving Family Futures Community School in Kabwe enabling these students to complete their secondary schooling (grades 10 – 12) at local government schools where there are fees to be paid. We also provide skills training at the Family Pillar Vocational and Skills Training Centre where students gain a skills qualification and equip themselves to get a job, becoming not just financially independent but able to support other family members.

Highlights of 2016



- 30 students sponsored to Grades 10-12 in schools around Kabwe
- 9 students completed and "graduated " from grade 12
- Extracurricular tuitions provided for current sponsored students by previous sponsored students at Family Futures school
- Previously sponsored students have completed skills training and started paid work
- Individual sponsors supporting 5 former sponsored students in tertiary education
- 2 former students about to graduate as teachers and hoping to return to the staff of Family Futures school, where they have already completed teaching practice placements

I am very interested in school and I want to see myself through and graduate successfully. My vision for my future is to work for God and helping orphans, widows and widowers because I have seen to live without helper in life it is painful."

Rabson, double orphan grade 11

Student Stories

Thank you to trustee Rosemary Stanbury, who once again caught up with all the sponsored students when she visited this year. She visited their schools, reviewed their progress with them and held meetings for them and their guardians at Family Futures school.. Rosemary came back with photographs and letters from all of the students, a selection of which we share below.

Sylvester Grade 10

"I live with my mother, grandmother and sister in Nakoli compound. I started to be supported by Contesa in January 2016; the reason was that I was in the top ten and I am an orphan".

"My hope is that I want to be a doctor....I want to save people's lives and to support my family and community".

Stephano grade 11



"I live with my grandmother and we live six of us in the house."

"It would help if you could continue helping me with my studies so that I could one day help my family and others in need of my help".

Margaret grade 12



"I am a double orphan. My mother died when I was 2 years old and my father when I was 9 years old. I used to live with my grandmother, but now I live at the CONTESA girls' house because my grandmother was not affording for the seven of us."

" My hopes for the future are to become a nurse and improve the standard of living for my grandmother and cousins, cause they are the family that I have"

Lazarous, former sponsored student



"I completed grade 12 for CONTESA had sponsored me for 3 years and supplied all my needs at school. I passed with impressive results and I am now studying a course of ICT at Family Pillar Vocational Training Centre for 6 months. I am expecting to go to school next year and do Clinical Officer training. I am very thankful for the hands of help rendered to me by CONTESA."

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What next?

The school year starts in January; new students hope to join the programme and school fees for the year have to be paid. Funding remains a challenge and costs have risen over the last year, meaning that **it now costs £150 a year to sponsor a student**. We hope that you will feel able to continue to support us – and maybe encourage others to do so. If you would like to read more about our sponsorship and skills programmes please visit our website.

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Thank you for your support which will make a big difference to a young life in Zambia

