

## TOUCH Ireland Education scheme Report 2016

TOUCH Ireland's third level Education programme is now in its 8th year.

In 2015 our education group, with the assistance of Camara the computer company were able to give two laptops to two of the students being sponsored by TOUCH Ireland's education grant scheme. This is a great help to the students involved as it can be very difficult in Zambia to do research and access information required. Unfortunately we were not in a position to help all the students that need a laptop.

### The Bronagh Coffey Trust:

#### **On-going sponsorship: Coffey Trust; Zambia**

- **Simon Phiri:** Has finished his 3rd year in his Diploma in Aeronautical Electronic Engineering in Lusaka. He is now waiting for his exam results and will graduate this year 2016.

### Tony Roma's Bursary

The Tony Roma's Education Bursary Fund is in aid of Children at our Zambian. It is intended to send youths to college/Skills Training.

These are the students that TOUCH agreed to be recipients of the Tony Roma's Bursary.

- **Mascusto Mwanza;** Completed his Grade 12 through TOUCH Ireland child sponsorship from Mapepe. He passed with average grades and applied to do a Catering course in a Skills Training Centre that has an association with TOUCH Ireland. He was accepted to do the course and TOUCH Ireland will sponsor his two years with The Tony Roma's bursary. He commenced in May 2015. He is doing well and is getting good reports. We will see him this year on our trip for an update.
- **Diane Mweemba;** applied to TOUCH Ireland through our TOUCH Lusaka volunteers to be assisted with funds for the 1<sup>st</sup> level Diploma in Developmental studies which is for 1 year 6 months. She has since changed her course to a BA in Education to do Teaching. TOUCH Ireland agreed to sponsor Diane with €1000 per year and she will start her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in August. Diane is doing well and is happier with her choice.
- **Mercy Ndichu; Kenya:** Mercy has been a TOUCH Ireland Face book member for the last 3 years now and had requested help with her studies. She is doing a Diploma in Information Technology. TOUCH Ireland agreed to assist and helped her finish her 1<sup>st</sup> year and has paid for her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in January.

### Monty's Bursary:

Monty's Restaurant (Nepalese) in Temple Bar, Dublin. This will support children at our projects in Kathmandu, Nepal, who will soon be finishing school or in a position to start a course to secure their future.

### TOUCH House Kathmandu:

- **Narendra Bohara:** is doing Chartered Accountancy. TOUCH Ireland Education is to sponsor his training with €1000 per year for 4 years. Training commenced in 2014. He is now in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year and doing well. Narendra passed his first year exams.
- **Surgu BK:** is in her last year in equivalent secondary school and specialising in rural development study which includes mass communication and journalism. She will hopefully be accepted to 3<sup>rd</sup> level this year.
- **Esther Sunar:** is in her 1st year in equivalent secondary school and specialising in Business Management. She will go into her 2<sup>nd</sup> year in April. She will hopefully be accepted to 3<sup>rd</sup> level in 2017.

### **TOUCH Ireland Grant Scheme: Zambia**

- **Humphrey Musonda:** has completed his Distance Secondary Teacher Training. His exam results will be out in April and he will graduate in June/ July 2016.
- **Sansele Mukumbuta:** has completed his BA Degree. He will graduate 2016.
- **Handsen Phiri:** started a BA in Humanities and Social Science in 2014 and TOUCH Ireland has been supplementing his course with €500 annually which is for 3 years. Handsen excelled in his exams and was granted a Scholarship to continue his studies in UK.
- **Matilda Daka:** Matilda is continuing a 3 year Diploma in Human Resource Business studies, she will complete in January 2017 and with the help of her sponsor TOUCH Ireland will also assist.
- **Judy Kakoma:** Judy is continuing her Clinical Officer training in Lusaka started in January 2015. This is a 3 year Diploma Course.
- **Sheri Sibeso: Kaoma:** Sheri is continuing her Secondary education and doing well, TOUCH Ireland is assisting with her fees. Sheri will be sitting her Grade 12 in August and she hopes to do Nursing depending on her results.

### **Child sponsorship up to Grade 9**

**Last year on our visit we also had requests from some of the Schools where our child sponsorship schemes are running, in relation to some exceptional children moving onto Higher Level Secondary school.**

We agreed to sponsor through our education grant scheme children in Lusaka;

1. One child for Grade 10 in St. Patrick's School Mapepe
2. One Child for Grade 10 and one for Grade 12 in Guardian Angels School

We also agreed to sponsor through our education grant scheme children in Mangango; Two children for Grade 8 in Namalazi and Kalundu Schools.

We also agreed to pay for extra lessons for Violet Kapimwa in Kitwe to re sit her Grade 12 exams so that she could apply for Nursing.

### **TOUCH Ireland Sports Initiative**

**Sports Grant:** Our on going commitment to vulnerable children of an annual Sports Grant of €1000 is helping disadvantaged children in schools in the Kaoma district, Western Province, Zambia.