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GIVING FROM A HAND THAT RECEIVETH

BY LWIINDI MACHINGURA

Simba reDzidzo beneficiaries are socially active individuals who serve the community in more ways than one. Through their individual community projects, each beneficiary impacts their communities in different ways. However, one beneficiary, Mufaro Shumbayaonda, a 3rd year Speech Therapy student at the University of Zimbabwe stands out. Mufaro had a vision to contribute to community in a bigger way. She saw the benefit in numbers, and how Simba reDzidzo scholarship beneficiaries could get together as a group to extend their receiving hands to others. The idea of a group community project was conceived and a team of beneficiaries was put in place to spearhead the project. The team, led by Mufaro and Simon Marumbe, a 4th year medical student, identified a community home, Tariro House of Hope, as needing assistance with basic food and household commodities to support orphans and vulnerable children living in the high-density and low socioeconomic area of Epworth in Harare. Tariro House of Hope, like Simba reDzidzo, are on a mission to alleviate poverty in low socioeconomic communities.



Simba reDzidzo scholarship beneficiaries with goods for donation to Tariro House of Hope

Mufaro and her team organised scholarship beneficiaries together and each made a small contribution to the project. To supplement the donations, a fundraising project, in the form of a Speech Contest was initiated. Participants to the speech contest were required to pay an entry fee to the competition. The speech contest had two levels of competition, with speech writing in the first round, and winners from that round proceeding to do an oral presentation of their speech in the final round. After committed advertising by each beneficiary we were proud to recruit forty-seven participants in the first round. 12 participants made it through to the final stage where the top 3 winners stood a chance to win admission into Simba reDzidzo Toastmasters Club. Runners-up would receive educational hampers.

The first ever Simba reDzidzo Speech Contest took place on the 29th of October 2022. The event was successful, with a great turn up from the contestants and the Simba reDzidzo family. Many thanks to the Community project committee and Simba reDzidzo family for contributing to the success of the speech contest. After the contest Mufaro remarked, "The excitement and anxiety coupled with the hard work my team and I put into the project gave us great satisfaction when the contest succeeded. On the day, we were coming from weeks of busy days and sleepless nights, cranking our heads to get ideas on what we could do or change for the event to be successful. I was relieved and happy that I had organized such a big and quality event, for the first time!". Simon added, "the whole process of organising the group Community Project and Speech Contest was a great learning experience. We learnt leadership, negotiating and organisational skills. I am grateful to Simba reDzidzo for giving us the opportunity to grow as individuals. I feel empowered!"

The culmination of these fundraising activities was a day spent by Simba reDzidzo scholarship beneficiaries interacting with vulnerable children who are under the care of Tariro House of Hope. The day was filled with festivities. We cooked, ate and played games. We shared our own stories of struggle with the children. Then Mufaro presented our group donation of groceries, stationery and sanitary pads to the children of Tariro House of Hope. Seeing the smiles on their faces was heart-warming. That we had given hope (*Tariro in Shona*) to these children was the most gratifying experience for each one of us.

GIVING HOPE TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN

BY MUFARO E. SHUMBAYAONDA, 3RD YEAR SPEECH THERAPY STUDENT

On Saturday 10 December 2022, Simba reDzidzo beneficiaries visited Tariro House of Hope to give a donation of basic goods. After the handover, I caught up with Rutendo Maswera, social worker and administrator of Tariro House of Hope.

Mufaro: Who is Tariro House of Hope?

Rutendo: Tariro House of Hope is an activity center in Epworth founded in 2007 by Mrs Regina Dururu-Okorafo a former Zimbabwean police officer. Its mission to alleviate poverty and suffering by providing relief and support to orphans and vulnerable children. Our infrastructure is not large enough to house children, so we assist them from their respective homes under four programs. Normally, the children report to THH daily, but during school terms, with the disparities in school timetables, they come only on Saturdays.

Mufaro: Who are your beneficiaries and how do you select them?

Rutendo: Orphaned children and any other vulnerable children. There isn't a specific selection of children, some just walk in the community center with their concerns and we follow up to check authenticity of their stories. Others are referred from the community, churches, schools and community clinics.

Mufaro: What programs do you offer to support your beneficiaries?

Rutendo: We offer four programs namely, Education, Feeding and Hamper, Free-to-Reign, and Sponsor-a-child program. We currently have 60 children under the education program where the children receive tuition fees, uniforms and stationery to attend local primary and secondary schools. The children also benefit from tutoring and mentorship provided by College Interns as well as volunteers who come on weekends. We also offer vocational skills training including Cosmetology, Driving and Interior designing, through our partners. The Feeding and Food hamper program provides one free meal daily for its 46 beneficiaries. In addition, food hampers are distributed to the most vulnerable children of THH families. The Free-to-reign program was started to empower girls with freedom to reign, free to live with dignity, free to live healthy lives and excel. We provide sanitary pads to 18 students enrolled under the program. The Sponsor a child program is an extension of the Education Program. About 18 children have external sponsors or co-sponsors. Sponsors are individuals or organizations who have applied to sponsor a child.

Mufaro: How do you think Simba reDzidzo and Tariro House of Hope can collaborate to reduce poverty in our communities?

Rutendo: What we did today is a great way for the two organisations to collaborate to raise awareness and reduce poverty in communities. Both organisations share similar vision and together we can educate, elevate and empower these young people to break cycles of poverty in their communities.



Pictures: Simba reDzidzo Beneficiaries presenting their donation (top), Preparing lunch (middle), THH children enjoying lunch (Bottom)

THE GOOD "DOCTOR"

BY BLESSING NHENGU, 2ND YEAR INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY STUDENT



Simon Marumbe

Simon describes his experience as civic learning, meaning that it's a process through which young people develop knowledge, skills and community commitments. "My experience with MCN is great. I enjoy sessions on how to interact with the community in a way that makes positive social impact. Interacting with world renowned leaders and influential people like Professor M. Yunus from Shanghai, who started the global club 3Zero, is amazing. In this journey I have opportunities to meet great people who are changing lives on a global scale, and that is the best experience for me".

Explaining how he became a Millennium Fellow, Simon said, "At Simba reDzidzo we are required to undertake community projects as a way of teaching us responsible citizenship. My involvement in the community enabled me to get into MCN".

Simon went on to describe how his community project ignited an interest in the specialty of public health medicine. "I ran a Hypertension Awareness Campaign in Zengeza where I live, and with mentorship from Dr Chitsunge I was able to convert this into a research project. These are the things that make me happy, I feel satisfied and I am grateful to Simba reDzidzo". He also highlighted that without Simba reDzidzo, his chances of getting into MCN were very slim and he applauded the organization for its mentorship program. His words of advice to other young people were, "If you identify a problem, don't start by tackling the big challenges, start by solving small problems. For example if you identify a drug abuse issue in your community, start small by talking directly to your peer about the hazards of drug abuse, your peer will hopefully educate the next person and so on. So basically, you can start with smallest problems and advance with time, definitely you'll make an impact in your community."

Simba reDzidzo is on a quest to groom young leaders who are passionate about bringing change in their communities. This year has been exceptionally great for Simon Marumbe, a 4th year medical student at the University of Zimbabwe who through his great leadership attributes, recently got accepted into the Millennium Fellowship program. Simon was appointed Campus Director for United Nations Academic Impact(UNAI) and Millennium Campus Network Fellowship for his university. Millennium Campus Network (MCN) is a global student network advancing the United Nations Sustainable Goals. "My role as the Campus Director entails facilitating learning sessions for my campus Fellows, as well as being their communication link with the UNAI and Millennium Fellowship coordinators", explains Simon. "I ensure that my campus fellows receive all the help they need in their journeys of making a social impact through the United Nations Sustainable development goals".



Simon and his health campaign team



Simon giving back to his former school sharing, "what I wish I had known before going to university"



SrD Group Community Organisers Mufaro (left) and Simon (right) with THH Administrator, Rutendo Maswera (middle)

INTERVIEW WITH THE SPEECH CONTEST WINNER, DALITSO NDLOVU

BY LIOSA HODZI, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING STUDENT

Congratulations on winning the speech contest. How does it feel?

Dalitso Ndlovu: It feels good, but I also take it up as a challenge to put my skills to the test. Now that I've won, I'm sure people will be keeping an eye on me to see what moves I make next, so they better be good enough to justify my achievement. So a combination of excitement and pressure!

What was your strategy in winning this contest?

Dalitso Ndlovu: I always say "preparation is 70% of the task. Execution is 30%. Luck is simply a matter of when opportunity meets preparation." I constantly practiced the speech on my own as if I was already in the room, so when I was in the room it was simply a matter of going through the phases.

Did you learn anything about yourself during the whole process of the speech contest?

Dalitso Ndlovu: Yes, I learned that I may perhaps be more influential than I often give myself credit for. Naturally, I'm someone who prefers working from behind the scenes, but perhaps there is a leader in me that also needs to be more on the frontline moving forward.

Did the contest live up to your expectations? What was your best moment?

Dalitso Ndlovu: It did, and I am hoping that it was the beginning of a very prolific journey in Toastmasters for me and the rest of the team. My best moment was during my speech, when I glanced around the audience and suddenly noticed that everyone was keenly paying attention to what I was saying. Their facial expression represented deep focus to the extent that it almost frightened me a little.

Can you give us a brief background about yourself? What are you studying, what are your career plans?

Dalitso Ndlovu: I'm currently studying a degree in Information Systems, which is a field which looks into Software Engineering and Business Management. I hope to specialize in Data Analytics and Business Intelligence once I am done, and I am also an Online Forex Trader. So basically Tech and Finance/Investments.

How do you think being a member of Simba reDzidzo Toastmasters Club will impact you?

Dalitso Ndlovu: I think it will give me the platform to reach out to more people, and also enhance my leadership skills so that many of the ideas I have can be shared with people willing to cooperate in engineering success.

Any words of advice to those wishing to take part in next year's Simba reDzidzo's speech contest?

Dalitso Ndlovu: Practice now. Don't take any skill as a one time event, but rather a continuous process. It's not only about what you want to achieve, but rather about becoming the kind of person who achieves those kind of goals.



Speech Contest Winner, Dalitso Ndlovu with judges after winning the Inaugural Speech Contest



Speech Contest Organisers. Simon Marumbe (left), Mufaro Shumbayaonda (right)



Speech contestant, A Level student Tadiwa Magede



Munashe Mukombe, 2nd year Pharmacy Student, enjoying lunch at the Speech Contest

A TOAST TO SIMBA reDZIDZO TOASTMASTERS CLUB

BY LIOSA HODZI, 2ND YEAR CHEMICAL ENGINEERING
STUDENT



Our recently formed club is progressing very well. The beneficiaries are excited and putting so much energy in the club. They have all completed Level 1 of the Presentation Mastery path with Toastmaster Movan Mahanya, a 3rd year Geology student at the University of Zimbabwe, acknowledged for being the first member to complete. In an interview about his Toastmasters journey, Movan said, “ the journey is not easy but despite the challenges of power cuts and network connection, I am determined to enhance my leadership skills, and I find ways round the challenges. It is like going upstairs, you can only see the next step through stepping on one at a time. Each time I present a speech, or attend a meeting, I take onboard the feedback and apply it in my next project.”

We are indebted to Toastmasters Club Area Director Brenda Zimbwora for the support and helpful feedback she gives us. She recently visited our club and was very pleased with our well-set hybrid meeting and full attendance by club members. She was appreciative of Simba reDzidzo for sponsoring our Toastmasters Club, and challenged each one of us to fully utilise the opportunity afforded to us by Simba reDzidzo. “ Nothing beats enhancing leadership and communication to build self-confidence, “ said AD Brenda. She acknowledged the work done by the pilot of Simba reDzidzo Toastmasters Club, President Fadziso Mango, as well as all members in making the journey not so overwhelming. She said, “members have and are still showing growth and the quality of meetings have improved”. As a result of great teamwork, all members managed to complete level one on presentation mastery.

Simba reDzidzo Toastmasters Club is growing from strength to strength. The level of commitment shown by members is unreal. The club Treasurer Stella Dzikiti, a 4th year medical student at the University of Zimbabwe, is loving the compliance of members when paying their dues. She said her greatest achievement was the endorsement of the subscription fee and the way club members complied with it. Vice-President Education, Cathrine Chitsunge, also a 4th year medical student at the University of Zimbabwe, was over the moon when the club was acknowledged for being amongst the clubs with the most emissaries in Division Z at the recent Toastmasters District Hall of Fame Awards. Simba reDzidzo Toastmasters Club also ranked highly in the Treasurers Excellence category. Simba reDzidzo Toastmasters Club, a new kid on the block, has arrived with a bang.

GRATITUDE MOMENT

BY ANESU CHATYOKA, 2ND YEAR CROP SCIENCE STUDENT

Simba reDzidzo was the answer to the prayers I have been praying since my mother died. After losing her, life became difficult and the dream of pursuing my education seemed impossible, especially being the first in my extended family to reach that far. Everyone said I was flying too close to the sun when I vowed I would go to university despite the financial hardships, and having to take care of my little brother. I worked hard and managed to enrol for Bachelor of Science (Crop Science and Technology) at Chinhoyi University of Technology, but things only got harder. I was starting to doubt myself because I didn't know how I was going to make it. I could not access educational material in this e-learning era because I did not have a laptop, and my phone had stopped working. I was on the verge of giving up, then a miracle happened, I was accepted into the Simba reDzidzo Scholarship program!



Anesu Chatyoka

Simba reDzidzo turned my life around in ways I could never imagine. All my fees are being paid and I received a brand-new laptop and mobile phone. Not only is it easier for me to do assignments, study and interact with others, I can now do research and always stay up to date with my school work and extra-curricular activities with ease. Sometimes I wake up in disbelief because I don't only see an educational breakthrough, but my hope for a better world for me and my community has been revived. Simba reDzidzo for me is family, in fellow beneficiaries I have found caring brothers and sisters, and mentors who are always available for me, in success and in failure. Words are not enough to express how grateful I am to Simba reDzidzo for the opportunity it has granted me to become the best version of myself, and for enabling me to realise my potential without the limitations of poverty. I am truly grateful.

A DAY WITH DR MARCIA KWARAMBA

BY EVIDENCE MATUTU, 3RD YEAR SOCIAL WORK STUDENT

We met Dr M Kwaramba when she visited Zimbabwe in August 2022. The meeting was captivating and a life changing experience. All the beneficiaries were excited to meet with the Vice-President of Simba reDzidzo Board. The level of excitement was so high that beneficiaries residing out of Harare travelled to town for this encounter. Of-course, there was also the food element to it! We were all looking forward to be in the presence of someone who has achieved so much in academia, and has travelled the world.



Dr Marcia, as we affectionately address her, explained how she started her journey at Africa University in Zimbabwe, where she completed her undergraduate degree in Agriculture. Upon graduation, she joined Agribank and worked in the Loan and Finance department for 3 years. A friend in Taiwan told her about scholarships for study at a Business School in Taiwan. “ I was young and adventurous, and my friend assured me that the Business School was on a drive to recruit international students as part of meeting their accreditation standards. So I applied and got a scholarship to study for Global Masters in Business Administration”, said Dr Marcia. After completing her MBA, Dr Marcia went to Australia to visit her uncle, and she bumped into Dr Chitsunge whom she knew from way back. Dr Chitsunge and Dr Mango encouraged her to pursue a PhD in Australia. Dr Marcia was fortunate to secure two scholarships but opted to study with Monash University in Melbourne. After completing her PhD she worked as a post-doctoral fellow with Swinburne University of Technology in Australia before moving to teach at the University of Colorado in the United States of America.



During the mentorship meeting, Dr Marcia highlighted the importance of not placing limitations on one's dreams and ambitions. This resonates with me, I believe that for one to succeed in life, one must think and act upon what they set to achieve, and not limit themselves. As she explained her academic journey we were all left puzzled that scholarship providers do not only consider one's academic grades, but also consider extra-curricular activities. We began to understand why Simba reDzidzo encourage us to be involved in leadership and community activities. Every scholarship beneficiary is required to have a community project that they undertake. Toastmasters is meant to teach us communication and leadership skills.

Many questions were asked on this day. We were keen to know about scholarship opportunities, life in the diaspora, how to navigate cultural and language differences and many other questions. Dr Marcia emphasised the need for us to be bold and grab the many opportunities available for young people. Later that day each one of us got the chance to meet individually with Dr Marcia. We took pictures, there was joy and laughter everywhere. And then pizza was delivered for lunch. I didn't realise there were many different types of pizza! We devoured the pizza till nothing was left. What a day we had with Dr Marcia Kwaramba! Simba reDzidzo beneficiaries are privileged to have people who can give us such valuable information for free.



Pictures Top Right: Dr Marcia with SrD Beneficiaries

Top Left: Dr Marcia with her mentees Anesu Chatyoka (left) and Fadziso Mango (Right)

Bottom: Simba reDzidzo scholarship beneficiaries enjoying pizza lunch

FRESHER SHARES HER STORY

BY BLESSING NHENGU, 2ND YEAR INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY STUDENT

Trish Tanaka Macharavanda known amongst scholarship beneficiaries as an inspirational speaker, is a 1st year pharmacy student at the University of Zimbabwe. In this article, Trish tells how her life transformed because of Simba reDzidzo. "Here I am!", she begins. "I was humbled from the day I entered into this world. I was not born in a hospital or a clinic like most of you did, I had to be taken to a clinic after my birth. Being born into a poor rural background gave me motivation to become someone recognizable in the community. Growing up I was only concerned about my health but with time, I realised that I needed to expand my thinking. I became concerned about the health of everyone around me. I realised that there was no pharmacy in my village, and people travelled long distances to buy medicines. That's when I decided to become a pharmacist. Yes, this was a dream and it's still a dream but I can feel that there is light at the end of the tunnel".



Trish Macharavanda in the laboratory

"Although I was raised from a poor rural background, I never doubted my abilities. I am grateful that I was able to go to school despite the struggle that my family had in raising my tuition fees. I chose to study sciences in line with my goal of being a pharmacist. With so much hard work and determination I passed my Ordinary Level with flying colours. This gave me some confidence to pursue my dream. Although I knew that raising tuition fees was a huge burden to my parents, I proceeded to apply to study pharmacy at the University of Zimbabwe. I also applied for many University scholarships and luck was on my side. I was accepted into Simba reDzidzo Scholarship program."

"It's now almost 3 months since I became a beneficiary of Simba reDzidzo Scholarship but it seems like I have been for a decade. Transition from high school to university has not been hard because of the mentorship program. I was registered into Simba reDzidzo Toastmasters Club where I am gaining communication and life skills. I receive a monthly stipend to cater for my communication and data needs. I had no learning device and Simba reDzidzo provided me with a laptop which has made my academic life easier. Simba reDzidzo is like my family, I will forever be grateful for their commitment to break the cycle of poverty and empower young people".

MORE THAN A MENTOR

BY MURIEL CHITEHWE, 3RD YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

As part of the Simba reDzidzo mentorship program each beneficiary is assigned a mentor to guide them through their tertiary studies. Liosa Hodzi, a 2nd year Chemical Engineering student at the Harare Institute of Technology could not hide the joy and satisfaction of the mentorship she is receiving from Miss Tatenda Chitsunge. "She is more than mentor!" exclaimed Liosa. "Miss Tatenda is like a big sister to me. I can share with her things I would not be comfortable discussing with other people. She is a great listener, empathetic and non-judgemental in her approach to me. She inspires me and pushes me to break barriers," added Liosa. I caught up with Tatenda to find out more about her. Below is an excerpt from the interview:

Muriel: Please tell us about your background. How and where do you find the inspiration to do what you do?

Tatenda: I was born in Zimbabwe in Nyanga. We later relocated to Chimanimani. I did my primary and high school education in Zimbabwe. I attended university in the United Kingdom where I am currently based. I studied Business Studies at undergraduate level and then proceeded to become a chartered accountant. I chose to work in finance as my dream has always been of bringing numbers to life.

Muriel: What personal values have guided you to get where you are?

Tatenda: In life you have to work hard, be willing to learn and also be comfortable with change.

Muriel: How did you become a mentor for Simba reDzidzo?

Tatenda: I have always known Dr Chitsunge to be a man with people at heart and who gives back to others. When he approached me, I accepted happily. I have always wanted to provide mentorship to someone.

Muriel: What is the most important life lesson that you can share with Simba reDzidzo beneficiaries?

Tatenda: Sometimes you are not in control, accept that sometimes things don't go the way you wish them to. Be open minded. Trust God to lead the way.

Muriel: How has been your journey in mentoring Simba reDzidzo beneficiaries? Have you faced any challenges so far in mentoring them?

Tatenda: My journey has been amazing. The feeling of seeing change in someone's life is amazing. I am grateful for the opportunity because as I am providing mentorship I am also learning. The only challenge I have with my mentee is the issue of time differences. At the moment I am mentoring only one beneficiary.

Muriel: What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

Tatenda: I enjoy playing netball and watching documentaries.

2022 RUNDOWN

BY LWIINDI MACHINGURA, 2ND YEAR SOCIAL WORK STUDENT

We look back to the first day of 2022 and we're still standing strong. All I can say is that it has been a great year. Each month represented growth, empowerment, leadership, and networking. This was achieved through commitment, hard work and feedback from our mentors. Simba reDzidzo Scholarship program seeks to boost personal, emotional, professional and intellectual competencies of its beneficiaries through mentorship programs and community involvement. Highlights of 2022 include

- The group mentorship of May 2022 at Lake Chivero was the highlight of the year. The team building activities were amazing and the icing to the cake was meeting the Founder of Simba reDzidzo, Dr Chitsunge for the first time face-to-face. We had a great weekend of life changing experiences with him.
- 16 June 2022, Simba reDzidzo Toastmasters club was launched. This was part of an ongoing process of creating confident, charismatic leaders with great public speaking skills. Toastmasters has helped beneficiaries to grow confidence in themselves and their presentation skills.
- The month of July also saw Simba reDzidzo recruiting five new scholarship beneficiaries out of sixteen candidates who made it to the final round. Existing beneficiaries also went through scholarship renewal interviews to determine if they had fulfilled the conditions for scholarship to deserve ongoing sponsorship. To say the least July was a grilling month!
- August came with a pomp as we met Dr Marcia Kwaramba, Simba reDzidzo's very own Vice President of the Board. Dr Marcia shared her academic journey and experiences of travelling around the world. It is said the greatest knowledge of all is that passed on by word of the mouth from the great.
- In October, the first ever Simba reDzidzo Speech Contest was held, This was proudly organised by scholarship beneficiaries with guidance from Simba reDzidzo mentors.
- December saw Simba reDzidzo beneficiaries visit Tariro House of Hope to extend a hand from one that's receiving. This, truly, was a fitting epilogue to the Simba reDzidzo calendar of activities of 2022.



Morning exercises at Lake Chivero Camp



Simba reDzidzo Toastmasters Club Meeting



Lunch with Dr Marcia



Cathrine, Forgive and Stella at Tariro House of Hope



Speech Contest Judges, Tinashe Simudzirai (left), Emmanuel Spandla (centre), Fadziso Mango (right)



Muriel Chitehwe

WHAT IS SUCCESS AFTER-ALL?

BY MURIEL CHITEHWE, 3RD YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

Two years ago, if I were to be asked what the ingredients for success were, I would answer like this, " Education, because it is the key to freedom, the passport to success, the inheritance of no stress, the pillar of a kingdom, an assurance of a better future and something to make me relevant in life". But is it enough? Are we taught the right principles of success in school? Does it mean that because I have a degree, I am successful? I think for you to understand my point of view, you need to read through and understand me more.

When I got a place to study Medicine and Surgery, I could see that my parents were relieved. They were so confident that my future was bright and I was hopefully, going to break the cycle of poverty in our family. The excitement increased when I got a scholarship, such that the whole community was told. I didn't want to disappoint anyone, so I committed to my academics. During my studies, I was able to see how some doctors lived after university. To my surprise, not all of them were successful the way I thought they would be. One of the doctors, who later passed on, was a drug addict. I was shocked, and confused at the same time. I was in confusion because I did not know what my fate was going to be like. But during the course of my studies, I came across two medical doctors who have made a positive impact to my life. They are not only educated, but they are amongst men and women of character, matchless integrity, dogged determination and believers and doers of welfare works. These medical doctors founded Simba reDzidzo (The Power of Education). They gave me hope and lessons, that intelligence is not enough, and that there was more to it than just being educated.

Simba reDzidzo has taken a number of mentorship initiatives including team building activities, formation of a Toastmasters Club, as well as the privilege of access to powerful mentors, all in an effort to empower us. We got the opportunity to have our tertiary education funded among other privileges. We are not an ordinary group. They say, "if you want to lift yourself up, lift someone else". Simba reDzidzo has taught us to uplift those around us through community projects. We now know that we don't have to be rich in order to make a difference in other people's lives. It's a great lesson we all couldn't have known if we were not part of this great team. Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "we cannot always build the future for our youth but we can build our youth for the future". This is what Simba reDzidzo is doing, building us for the future. There are a lot of educated people worldwide, individuals with many academic degrees but are close minded, irrational and consumed with immoral behaviour. So is intelligence enough? Fortunately Simba reDzidzo came to our rescue, we are going to be a different group among other intelligent people. Simba reDzidzo has given us an opportunity to be successful. We will not disappoint. Thank you Simba reDzidzo



Simba reDzidzo Beneficiaries at Tariro House of Hope



Simba reDzidzo Christmas Lunch



Simba reDzidzo Toastmasters Club Meeting

Christmas Message



*Forgive Mutende
2nd Year Medical Analytics and Informatics*

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I WISH TO EXPRESS MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR YOUR ABUNDANT GENEROSITY. WHAT GREATER GIFT CAN THERE BE THAN A SMILE EVERY MORNING WHEN YOU WAKE UP? SIMBA REDZIDZO, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE HALF A WORLD APART, THE GIFTS OF LOVE AND CARE YOU BROUGHT OUR WAY, ARE ALWAYS FELT.

"LET'S EDUCATE THE YOUTHS AND BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY," YOU SAID AT THE BEGINNING. OUR DONORS SAW THE GOOD IN THIS COMMITMENT AND RESPONDED, "YES, LET US SUPPORT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE." I WAS CHOSEN AMONG MANY APPLICANTS, AND I AM SO GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF THIS BEAUTIFUL FAMILY. BECAUSE OF SIMBA REDZIDZO, I NOW UNDERSTAND THE TRUE MEANING OF HAPPINESS, THE GENUINE SMILE. NOT ONLY DID YOU HELP ME BECOME A BETTER COLLEGE STUDENT, BUT I ALSO GREW INTO A BETTER PERSON. THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME TO RESTORE MY TRUST IN HUMANITY. THE GIFTS OF LOVE, PEACE AND HAPPINESS, MAY ALL THESE BE YOURS THIS CHRISTMAS.

TO OUR MENTORS AND ALL VOLUNTEERS, WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR LOVE AND PATIENCE IN EDUCATING US, EVEN WHEN WE MAKE MISTAKES. THANK YOU FOR IGNITING THAT FLAME IN US AND FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN KEEPING IT ALIGHT. FAR APART DURING THIS HOLIDAY, BUT TOGETHER IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS. MERRY CHRISTMAS. MAY THIS FESTIVE HOLIDAY BRING ONLY HAPPINESS AND JOY TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

TO MY LOVING BENEFICIARIES, REMEMBER THAT "MASTER" WILL RETURN AND ASK, "WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THE BLESSING?" GO THERE AND SHINE, MAKE THINE BLESSINGS MULTIPLY INTO BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS AND FRUITS EVENTUALLY. MAY ALL THAT IS BEAUTIFUL, MEANINGFUL AND BRINGS YOU JOY BE YOURS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON MY FRIENDS, AND THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR!

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