

Mandi



Mandi is now studying for a 4-year Bachelor of Education Honors Degree at Great Zimbabwe University, thanks to the generous and ongoing gift from Holly Tomlin of [Holly Tomlin Photography](#) in New York City!

Thanks to Holly Tomlin for supporting Mandi's education as he pursues a 4-year Bachelor of Education Honors Degree at Great Zimbabwe University. Because of Holly's support, Mandi was part of the group of students who registered for their first year at Great Zimbabwe the week of August 15.

Mandi joined Munhu as a secondary-school student in 2011. He wrote and passed his Ordinary Level examinations in 2012 and his Advanced Level examinations in 2014. Mandi's father died a few years back, and his widowed mother struggles to feed and educate 5 orphaned grandchildren left in her care, with no prospects of earning an income outside of subsistence farming. Therefore paying tuition for Mandi to get a college education was out of the question. Mandi asked Munhu for an opportunity to obtain a teaching qualification so that he can help his family and also help the children in his community.



Mandi with his mother and the 5 grandchildren that his mother supports

Needless to say, we at Munhu are delighted at the positive turn of events for Mandi. He appealed for an opportunity to complete a teaching qualification so that he can help his family and also help the children in his community. And through Holly's generous gift, Mandi has been granted that wish. He has been given the opportunity to see his dream come true. He asked and he received!

Holly has been supporting Munhu's programs since 2008. She supported the education of Edson, a Munhu student who just completed a 3-year Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Zimbabwe and who will be graduating this coming October. We are very grateful for Holly's continued support and her generosity. Most of all, we are touched that she is continuing to join Munhu in our efforts to make a difference in the lives of those who need our support. About her commitment to helping these students, Holly simply says, "I'm just happy to be in a position to help young people realize their educational goals and desire to grow their own communities."

Thank You Holly! Tinotenda Holly (Shona)! Siyabonga Holly (Ndebele)!

Debra



Debra joined the Munhu family in January 2015. She comes from a poor family. Her parents struggled to pay tuition for her to complete high school. She passed her Advanced Level Examinations with good grades: B in Bible Studies, C in History, and C in Geography. Debra was recommended to Munhu by her high school teachers and Munhu is paying her tuition toward the teaching certificate. We are very grateful to the many Munhu donors for the gifts that make it possible for us to support the education of young people like Debra. We look forward to hearing Debra's experiences teaching students in rural areas of Zimbabwe, a dream that she has held for a long time and is witnessing coming to fruition. And we will share Debra's experiences with you, our donors and supporters.

Faith



Faith wrote O’Level exams in 2015 and passed 10 of the 11 subjects she wrote: Integrated Science (A), Geography (A), History (A), Mathematics (B), Physics (B), Shona (B), Fashion and Fabrics (B), Biology (C), Accounts (C), and English (C). The only subject she found challenging was Chemistry, in which she had a grade D.

We were delighted to share Faith’s results with Dr Lauren Willard and her family—her husband Chad, her son Henry, and her daughter Katie—who have been paying tuition to support Faith’s education. On hearing the news, Dr Willard’s response was, **“I’m so glad Faith is doing well. You can count on us to support her education for as long as she continues to be interested.”**



The Willard Family who support Faith’s education

As you may recall, students in Zimbabwe sit for O' Level exams after completing 4 years of secondary school—that is Form 1 to Form 4. Typically, each student sits for exams in nine or more subjects. Exam results are graded on an alphabetical scale with grades A, B, and C considered passes; and grades D, E, and U considered failures. To proceed to high school—ie, Form 5 and Form 6—a student must obtain a passing grade of C or better in 5 or more subjects. Faith passed 10!

Faith joined the Munhu family in 2012, after she was recommended to us by the teachers at the primary school that she had attended, located in Buhera District in Manicaland Province. At that time, Faith had just passed her Grade 7 examinations with flying colors, but had no money to continue on to a good secondary school. We at Munhu saw the potential in Faith and helped her to enroll at one of the boarding schools in the area. We shared Faith's story with some of our donors and we were delighted when the Willard family decided to sponsor Faith's education. Since 2013, Dr Willard and her family have been paying Faith's school tuition and giving her a little extra for pocket money. Faith keeps the Willards updated on her school progress through letters.

With continued support from the Willards, Faith started Form 5 in February 2016. She will sit for A'Level exams in 2017 and we look forward to her passing those exams and continuing on to university.

As we often tell most of our donors who choose to sponsor a child, the impact of that decision goes beyond the gift of the donation. This was beautifully illustrated by Faith's response when she, as a 13-year old girl with limited prospects for a bright future, received the good news that an America family had offered to pay her tuition to continue with her education. She had said, **“Even though they never met me, my American family has trusted me and I will not let them down.”** And she is living up to her promise.

We thank Lauren, Chad, Henry, and Katie Willard for believing in Faith and for giving her the opportunity to follow her dreams! And we thank our many Munhu donors who are sponsoring many of our students, enabling each of them to receive a good education and to strive for a better future. We want you to know that your donations change the course of these students' lives for the better. Your donations allow them to dream big dreams, as all children should.

Thank You! Tintenda (Shona)! Siyabonga (Ndebele)!

Tapiwanashe



Tapiwanashe was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Zimbabwe on Friday, October 2, 2015.

Tapiwanashe sent her appreciation by saying, “Thank you Munhu and my special sponsor for making my dream a reality. My passion is to help others like what you did for me. My zeal is to further my studies and continue to yield fruitful results. Thank you for your donations. God bless you!” *Tapiwanashe*

Congratulations Tapiwanashe! Makorokoto Tapiwanashe! Amphlope Tapiwanashe!

Edson



Edson graduated in 2016 with a BA Degree from the University of Zimbabwe. We thank Holly Tomlin of Holly Tomlin Photography who helped Edson by paying his tuition over the 3 years of his study at the university. We wish Edson all the best and continued success as he pursues the next steps in his career.

Congratulations! Makorokoto (Shona)! Amhlope (Ndebele)!

Nkosilathi



Nkosilathi graduated in 2012 with a BA Honors Degree in Language and Communication from Lupane University.

Nkosilathi send his appreciation to Munhu by saying, “I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Munhu Friends of Orphans for the financial assistance they handed down to me. God bless”

Congratulations Nkosilathi! Makorokoto Nkosilathi (Shona)!
Amphlope Nkosilathi (Ndebele)!

Mthokozisi



Mthokozisi graduated in 2013 with a BA Honors Degree in Language and Communication from Lupane University.

Mthokozisi sent his appreciation to Munhu by saying the following:

“My dream is to develop as a communication specialist and also excel as an academic. I owe all this to your selfless deeds and your commitment to empowering the disadvantaged in the communities. The experiences I have gone through have also made me resolve that I will make it my primary objective to also help the disadvantaged in the same way which I was assisted by you guys. May the living God almighty bless you abundantly as you work towards enlightening the world by helping educate the vulnerable members of the society.” *Mthokozisi*

***Congratulations Mthokozisi! Makorokoto Mthokozisi (Shona)!
Amphlope Mthokozisi (Ndebele)!***

Rudo



Rudo is one of the most successful students sponsored by Munhu. She shows commitment and dedication to her studies and she is doing very well at school.

SCHOOL

DOROWA

24 September 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: RECOMMENDATION FOR A SCHOLARSHIP: RUDO: FORM 7, 2010

This services to confirm that Rudo is in Form Two. She is doing very well at that level. She managed to pass all of the nine subjects. She sat for during the March – April end of term examinations and the July – August mid – year examination this year. The school progress reports are attached herewith.

She has shown commitment and dedication despite the meager resources at her disposal. She has the potential to do much better if she receives moral and financial support in her education for any assistance offer.

Please do not hesitate to assist her.

Yours faithfully

Signed:.....
(M. Hembester)

Daisylyn M

Daisylyn, 19 years old, comes from a poor family and is being raised by a single mother. She is in Form 6 at a local boarding school. She wrote Ordinary Level Examinations in 2014 and passed 8 of the 9 subjects that she sat for: 1 A, 5 Bs, 2 Cs, and 1D.

Munhu has been supporting Daisylyn's education since 2011. Her primary school teachers recommended that Munhu send her to boarding school based on her high academic achievements and potential for success. She has continued to do well in school and is one of our promising students. Her dream is to go to university and study medicine to become a doctor.

Elizabeth B



Elizabeth is now 15 years old and is in Form 3.

She lives with her widowed mother and grandmother. Her father died when she was young.

Munhu has been supporting Elizabeth's education since 2011. Elizabeth will be sitting for Ordinary Level Examinations in 2016.

She enjoys school and is one of the top 5 students in her class. Her favorite subjects are English and Science. Elizabeth hopes to go to nursing school. Her dream is to return to her village as a skilled nurse and work at the local clinic taking care of sick people.

Elizabeth is interested in visiting the US, and she is learning about life in US from her pen pal Victoria who lives in Ventura County.