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Student Profile

Name: **Lukonde Kachamulandu**

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: 6th January, 1994

Place of Birth: Lusaka, Zambia

Mother's name: Charity Chanda

Profession: Housewife

Father's name: Davies Kachamulandu

Profession: Clerical Officer

Primary School: Simon Mwansa
Kapwepwe Basic School

Secondary School: **Pestalozzi Education Centre**

2012 Level: **Grade 12**



Family Background:

Lukonde comes from a household with both parents. He is the second born of the three children. Despite of having both parents, the father is the sole provider and his salary can barely meet household expenses. His father only reached grade 7, while his mother only reached grade 5. Lukonde has two brothers, one who is 18 and just completed grade 12, and one who is 13 and just completed grade 8. Mr. Kachamulandu mentioned that KF's sponsorship of Lukonde has led to some remarkable improvements in the condition of the family. Though they still struggle, Lukonde's father has been able to send the other two sons to school. It is also a lot easier for the family to afford food and water.

Lukonde's Education:

At Simon Mwansa Kapwepwe Basic

Lukonde was very intelligent, obedient and very honest boy. He had an overwhelming dedication to school as evident from his former head teacher's remarks. His academic performance at primary school was often rated as good.

At Ibex Hill Secondary School

Grade 8

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In grade 8, Lukonde especially enjoyed the sciences because of the practical things he was discovering about his surroundings. He also loved English because he was able to extend his vocabulary and his grammar began to improve. Lukonde made also some improvements in mathematics.

Grade 9

Lukonde continued to focus on his English, and by doing so he was able to improve his vocabulary and become more comfortable speaking in front of groups. He also continued to improve in mathematics by reaching out to his teachers and friends for extra help when he struggled. He said that being at Ibex “taught me the importance of competition in class” and pushed him to be a better student. Lukonde also began to take advantage of the computers and library whenever he could, checking out novels and reading them during his free time.

Grade 10

Lukonde has continued to progress in grade 10. He jumped from 10th position in term one to 2nd position in term two, improving his marks in most of his eight subjects. At the end of term three, Lukonde finished in 4th position. He continues to improve in his subjects, and has further developed his writing and communication skills.

Grade 11

This year has been a challenge for Lukonde. He has struggled to maintain the high marks that he is capable of. Wavering focus and discipline seem to be what is holding him back. After underperforming in both Terms 1 and 2, he has refocused his energies on school and plans to bring up his results and finish the year strong.

Interests and Hobbies:

Because of his love for English, Lukonde joined the Ibex Hill scrabble club which helped him with his vocabulary and word construction. In grade 9, Lukonde joined in the drama club at Ibex Hill School. He said that acting has also helped improve his self-confidence and public speaking skills that he hopes will help him as he seeks to become an actor. Lukonde is also an athlete, and plays on the school’s volley ball team. He is a talented runner, and recently came out third in the 200 meter run during the 2010 Interhouse Athletics Day.

Lukonde also recently had the opportunity to complete a work experience week with the Law Association of Zambia. At LAZ, Lukonde visited the courts and the Attorney General’s office, shadowed lawyers, and learned more about what the legal profession entails. His boss, Mr. Lungu, gave rave reviews of Lukonde, describing

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him as dedicated, intelligent, and inquisitive. The experience seems to have solidified Lukonde's hopes of becoming a lawyer one day.

Career Interests:

Lukonde wants to be an actor or a lawyer.

What others think of Lukonde:

Both his family members and school teachers describe him as a very hard working boy.

Lukonde's Thoughts:

"The main thing I am enjoying at Ibex Hill is the better education. The teachers here are very good. I enjoy having access to a library that my former school didn't have. I am also becoming more responsible and I am learning how to take care of myself better without the help of my parents. This is good for my future. The Kucetekela Foundation is helping my family save money for things which they need because of sponsoring me at Ibex Hill."