

# KUCETEKELA FOUNDATION



July 1st, 2013

Dear Family and Friends,

I hope that this letter finds you well. The first academic term has finished in Zambia and I write to share with you the highlights and updates during this period.

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As of January, **twenty-nine students** currently attend high quality secondary schools due to the support of scholarships from Kucetekela Foundation (KF). Additionally, KF now supports **twenty active alumni** who are involved in the KF program in various ways as they pursue higher education. In this academic year, **ten new students** (5 boys, 5 girls) started at our partner schools with scholarships from our organization.

This first academic term has been highlighted by a number of exciting activities:

KF students attended a reproductive health workshop at the American International School of Lusaka as part of our leadership and community service initiatives. Our students will continue to teach the lessons learned to their schools and communities.

Our annual Mentors Orientation luncheon was held in Lusaka which serves as an introduction and training for all our new students and their assigned mentors.

Led by volunteers Courtney Hall and Michael Barry, **Run for KF** was held in Los Angeles during Term 1 to raise money through a 10K road race. Courtney and Mike succeeded in raising over **\$5,000** for KF scholarships!

Led primarily by Ken Cook, **Bike for KF** (our second annual) was held in New York during Term 1 to raise money through a 30-mile and 60-mile bike ride. This ride was again very successful and raised over **\$20,000** for KF scholarships!

In Term 1, KF became the proud recipient of a **\$15,000** grant from the **Winfred Johnson Clive Foundation** ([www.wjclivefoundation.org](http://www.wjclivefoundation.org)) which will be used to support scholarships.

Our students remain committed and high-achieving in the classrooms and in many varied extracurricular activities. Many other exciting activities are ongoing. Please continue to check our website ([www.kucetekelafoundation.org](http://www.kucetekelafoundation.org)) for updates and more KF news!

Sincerely,

Florence, Simasiku, and Oliver (Co-Founders)

## Reproductive Health Workshop

By Martinho Da-Silva Tembo  
Grade 12, Pestalozzi

Earlier this term, the KF students went to the American School International School of Lusaka (AISL) for a sexual reproductive health talk involving teenagers.

The program was very informative. We learned a whole lot of new things about sexual intercourse and sexually transmitted infections (STI's). We also learned how to prevent pregnancy by using various contraceptives such the pill, condoms, the patch, and injections. Everything we learned will not only be helpful in our lives but also our exams since the workshop tackled some topics which are to be covered in biology class.

When we were done, everyone went out for lunch which was so delicious and I am sure everyone enjoyed it. From there, we went to play sports such as Basketball, Football, Frisbee, and Chess. This was also an opportunity for us to get together and learn how the most recent members of society were coping. It was so nice to share experiences with other KF graduates and alumni.



**KF students Titani, Martinho, and Kate (from left) at the Reproductive Health Workshop**

## Mentors Orientation

By Christian Chavula  
Grade 8, Pestalozzi

My name is Christian Chavula. I am 13 years of age and doing grade eight under The Kucetekela foundation Scholarship Program. I joined the program recently and the school that I attend is The Pestalozzi Education Centre situated off Twin Palm Road, Ibex Hill (a neighborhood in Lusaka). As Grade Eights and new members of The Kucetekela Foundation, we attended a mentor's luncheon where we had all prepared some form of presentation to the audience.

We enjoyed the event as there were a lot of activities which went on. Firstly, we had a prayer and lunch followed thereafter. We enjoyed the food with the mentors and got to know one another in the process using a questionnaire. I learnt a lot about the role that mentors play in one's life and career. Not only did we get to know each other's names but also where the mentors work, their personal life, and who they really are.

After we got to know each other, we listened to the roles of the mentors and mentees, and how we should relate with our mentors. After that, we had a lovely poem from Kellyson (another KF grade 8 student) entitled 'Cries That Are Never Heard', followed by a song from Lydia (another KF student). Afterwards, we presented a sketch and sung a song. When the luncheon was over we all gathered outside for a group photo.

Thank you to The Kucetekela Foundation for organizing such a wonderful event



**A snapshot from the Orientation.**

## My KF Experience

By Lydia Njovu  
Grade 8, Chalo Trust



I go by the name of Lydia Njovu. I am a Grade Eight student at the Chalo Trust School. Being at Chalo has given me the rare opportunity to explore my singing talent. I have joined the singing group, Sakala Sisters and the Treasured Vessels. I also participate in events such as the Musical Concert which was held in February 2013 where the Sakala sisters participated and gave an excellent singing performance and were given an award of KR300 (Zambian Kwacha), which is equivalent to .06 cents in the U.S.

There is that song that I have reminding me of the great opportunity I have been given by KF to excel in so many different activities I thought I would never have. We had cross country this term and I came out first in the 3km race.

The new environment which I have been introduced to is so impressive The computer laboratory as well as the science laboratory are things I was never exposed to. These resources have helped me a lot in that I easily understand certain concepts using the resources available.

At Chalo teachers are friendly and easy to get along with. They are very committed and always ready to help. The Chalo Trust School has proved to be the best school I have been to, offering me a vast range of opportunities I never had. I am very thankful to The Kucetekela Foundation for this.

## Changing Lives

By Nathan Musweu  
Grade 10, Pestalozzi

KF as an organisation has helped my family and myself very much that I don't know how I can pay back for the good things that it has done for me. My life was very complicated and sad but you helped to bring happiness. KF has changed my life in such a way that it has helped me to realise the importance of sharing my knowledge with my community through community services.

It has taken away my ignorance and it has also helped me grow intellectually. It has made me see things IN A positive way. It has also helped me to interact with other people despite of their race, religion, age, or country. It has brought light into what was once a dark life and it has opened doors of success for me.

I was intellectually a street kid but now I am a wealth of knowledge kid because of you. It is asking me for hard work but is also giving me a lot.

Thanks for helping me shine and improving this life of mine. You have given me happiness, joy, something to think about and nothing to worry about. I may not have good ways of telling you how much I appreciate you but I will forever say thank YOU.



**Nathan at Pestalozzi.**

## Development and Organizational Updates

### Bike for KF/Run for KF June 1st, 2013



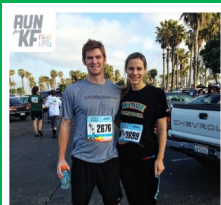
We are thrilled to report that our **Bike for KF** ride on Saturday, June 1 was a great success!

We braved the heat, and thanks to all of you, we surpassed our fundraising goal of \$20,000!

With your help and support, we raised enough to sponsor our four remaining students who did not have a match yet for this year.

Thank you so much for helping us go beyond our goal and achieve this great accomplishment. We couldn't have done this without you.

The **Run for KF** was also a great success. Mike Barry and Courtney Hall surpassed their fundraising goal of \$5,100 and raised a total of \$5,540!



### Princeton in Africa Update - Thank You Jill!

By Florence Nkowane Lutale

I had the pleasure of working with Jill for one year from June 2012 – June 2013. She was working as a Princeton in Africa fellow for Kucetekela Foundation. During that time Jill was a highly diligent and committed worker who proved to be incredibly helpful and knowledgeable in all areas of responsibilities assigned to her. She was efficient and had strong management skills which she brought to the office to help in the development and implementation of several administrative programs. She always had an efficient strategy lined up to make our work go smoothly and was excellent in communicating her ideas to the rest of the team. I learned from her many times and was therefore dependent on her on matters that required quick and efficient solutions. An example of this is when she developed tools for the student recruitment process enabling the members of staff to assess more students in half the time and it was a very user friendly tool which eventually was used by interns and high school students. It made work very easy.

In addition to working on her responsibilities as a Princeton in Africa fellow, Jill's achievements go beyond the professional. Her unique blend of humor and positive energy helped the organization deal with problematic or high sensitive situations. Since her work dealt with orphans and vulnerable children, she help the students feel loved and provided them with a sense of hope for the future. She worked tirelessly with the students, exposing them to various opportunities in life such as scholarships, journalistic skills, community service and working with higher caliber organizations. She introduced them to outstanding mentors who developed personal relationships with the students.

Jill is a great asset to any organization. We were proud to have worked with such a motivating, energetic, strong willed and self driven individual. Thank you, Jill, for all of your wonderful, hard work.

### Welcome Gordon!

KF is thrilled to welcome it's newest Princeton-in-Africa Fellow, Gordon Taylor who arrived in Lusaka in early July for the start of his one year fellowship. Gordon, a Texas native, graduated in 2010 from Texas State University with a degree in Business Administration and Finance. While at university, Gordon founded a non-profit organization called Focused which assists minority males to achieve their maximum professional potential through a program of mentorship, leadership and accountability. Since graduation, Gordon has worked at Deloitte Consulting in New York.

## GET INVOLVED

Please consider making a donation or getting involved as a volunteer

### 2012 SCHOLARSHIP COSTS

\$2,000 - Tuition Fees

\$1,300 - Boarding Fees

\$800 - Dormitory needs

\$650 - Uniforms & books

\$200 - Attendance at KF events including orientation and mentor lunches

\$100 - Tutoring sessions during school holidays

\$50 - Exam fees

### Total scholarship costs:

\$5,100

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