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"Empowered marketable learners with disabilities equipped with independent living skills."



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WELCOME
SPEECH

Ladies and gentlemen, parents and guardians, esteemed readers and the supporters of The Habilis magazine. Welcome to the first ever edition of our cherished publication called The Habilis, a window into the vibrant world of our organisation King George VI Centre, which is dedicated to caring for children with disabilities. As the Administrator of the Organisation, it is my honor to be able to re-

flect to you, the journey we have em-

barked on with this new publication.

The Habilis, a Latin word that represents the idea of capability and skill, and possessing sufficient ability, reinforces the idea that most of the articles in this publication are meant to bring out the skills and abilities that KGVI as an organisation and its learners with disabilities possess. Within these pages, you will find stories that illuminate the strength, resilience, and boundless potential of our special learners. This new publication will be published once at the end of each academic term.

Every issue of The Habilis will be a celebration of our triumphs and a platform for our voices to be heard as well as a source of inspiration for all of you who will be fortunate enough to glimpse into our daily living as KGVI. This magazine will also be a testament of the dedication and pas-



sion of our staff, volunteers and supporters who tirelessly work towards creating an inclusive and nurturing environment.

In each and every page, you will discover heartwarming narratives that showcase the strides made by KGVI in empowering these extra ordinary children; from breakthrough therapies and educational successes to innovative programs designed to enhance their well-being. Each story reflects our deep-rooted belief in their limitless abilities.

Furthermore, The Habilis aims to foster dialogue, challenge stereotypes and promote understanding within society by shedding light on the unique challenges faced by children with disabilities and their families.

Therefore, as we embark on this new chapter of The Habilis magazine; I would like to invite you to delve into its pages with an open heart and mind. Discover stories that will uplift your spirit and broaden your perspective about King George VI and its children.

Lastly, I express my deepest appreciation to our donors, supporters, parents and guardians. Your unwavering belief in us, fuels our determination to create an environment where each and every child with a disability is able to flourish and live independently.

Thank you and enjoy this new edition of The Habilis.

Warm Regards

Lomaswati Mavhangira King George VI Centre Administrator

Celebrating KGVI's 66th Birthday

A Majestic Journey of Legacy and Inspiration.



on July 14, 2023, King George VI Centre and School celebrated its 66th Birthday in style by combining it with the Open day in order to allow the general public to visit and learn more about what goes on inside the institution.

Unlike previous years where the event was held as a formal ceremony, this year it was filled with activities that brought together children, parents and staff members.

KGVI Projects and Advocacy Officer Precious Ncube described the 66th birthday celebration as a majestic journey of legacy and inspiration.

"This time we went out of our way to ensuring that as we celebrate the special day, we go back to remembering the incredible majestic journey of legacy and inspiration over the years. All the activities were a reminder of how much of a happy place KGVI is," said Precious.

Since its official opening in 1957, KGVI has been dedicated to providing education and independent living skills to learners and children with disabilities across the country. Therefore, as a celebration of the long journey, activities such as horse riding, fishing, face painting, dancing and much more were done in order to show the endless potential of our learners.

These activities became the highlights of the day. Horse riding is done as part of therapy, but on this day, it was done to celebrate the endless possibilities that exist in the life of a student at KGVI. Fishing was done as a metaphorical representation of how KGVI is always patient with its learners, but eventually lead them to self-discovery.

The KGVI community came together to celebrate not only the institution's birthday but also its achievements over the years. The 66th birthday celebration was a testament to the resilience and determination of everyone involved in making KGVI a success.

In conclusion, KGVI's 66th Birthday Celebration was a memorable event that brought together people from all walks of life. It was a celebration of diversity, inclusion, and the power of education to transform lives. The institution looks forward to many more years of making a difference in the lives of children with disabilities.

King George VI Shines at National Disability Expo 2023

n a remarkable display of dedication and empowerment, KGVI recently participated in the prestigious National Disability Expo, showcasing the unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of children with disabilities. This event served as a platform for the organization to highlight its mission, vision, and the incredible work it does to support and uplift the lives of children and youths with disabilities.

The National Disability Expo is an annual event that is done to celebrate the diversity and unity among people with disabilities. This year, the event was running under the theme "Holistic empowerment of youth and children with disabilities towards the attainment of vision 2030. A better and brighter future for everyone."

At the core of KGVI's presence at the expo was the inspiring mission which is, to promote Functionality, Independence, Integration & Self-reliance for Children with disabilities. This driving force has propelled KGVI to become a beacon of hope for countless individuals seeking support, resources, and opportunities.

During the expo, KGVI took the opportunity to showcase a diverse range of services and programs designed to cater to the unique needs of children with disabilities. From academic inclusive education to vocational education initiatives such as fishery, agriculture and kitchen work. They also showcased programs such as the Outreach program and the independent living initiative for children with disabilities which shows their comprehensive

approach towards fostering independence and inclusivity.

The organization's representatives were actively engaged with attendees throughout the event, creating an inclusive space for meaningful conversations and connections. They provided information about their services, answered inquiries, and shared success stories of those whose lives have been positively impacted by the programs. This personal touch fostered a sense of trust and confidence in KGVI's ability to make a difference.

One of the highlights of King George VI Centre's participation was their efforts in forging collaborations and partnerships with other organizations present at the expo that showed interest in helping the children with disabilities and those that were offering complimentary programs. By joining forces, they aimed to amplify their collective impact, share resources, and work towards a more inclusive society

together.

The presence of KGVI at the National Disability Expo not only showcased the current achievements but also ignited hope for a brighter future. Their unwavering dedication and passion have undoubtedly left a lasting impression on attendees, inspiring them to believe in the power of unity, advocacy, and support for individuals with disabilities.

As the curtains closed on the National Disability Expo, KGVI emerged as a shining example of an organization committed to transforming lives and breaking down barriers. Their participation in this prestigious event not only elevated their visibility but also reinforced their mission to empower individuals with disabilities. With each step forward, KGVI continues to pave the way for a more inclusive and accessible world, where dreams can be realized by all.







Career Day – A manifestation into the future of our students

KGVI hosted a career day celebration on June 30, 2023 for its students in order for them to explore the world of work and make wise career choices.

Career day celebrations are a valuable opportunity for students to explore different professions and gain insight into potential career paths. They typically involve presentations by professionals from various fields, who share their experiences and offer advice on how to succeed in their respective industries.

Lucky for KGVI students, different professional disciplines volunteered to come and make presentations to our students. This was done in order to make them understand that disability is not a stumbling block for most career choices.

We received career presentations from Ministry of Defense, The Police, and the ministry of health. Musicians, plumbers and models came along as well to convince our learners that these are industries that can be explored, despite having a disability.

"An important aspect of career day celebrations is that they help break down stereotypes and broaden students' horizons. Students may have preconceived notions about certain professions based on their disabilities and information they see in the media or hear from their peers or family members. By meeting professionals from diverse backgrounds, students can learn that there are many different paths to success, regardless of one's gender, socioe-conomic status or disability," said one professional who came to showcase.

Among the professionals who came, was a former King George VI student, Gary Vundla, who is now a laboratory scientist. She came proudly to be an inspiration to other learners, who interacted with her and listened to some of her words of advice.

Mzoe7, a renowned professional dancer and musician also participated on the day. His message to the students was to clarify to them the importance of education in the music industry.

"When one embarks on a journey to being a star in the music industry, it is not all roses. You meet people who want to work for you and others who want to work with you. It requires an educated person to manage all these people, despite most of them thinking they are managing you," said Mzoe7.

In conclusion, the career day celebration was important for our students and for the organisation as it helped to build strong working relationships between our institution and local businesses, which will be very useful when students will be looking for growth internships after school.



More than 40 Children benefit from KGVI Community Based Rehabilitation Program







A t least more than 40 children with disabilities from nearby communities around Bulawayo high-density suburbs have benefitted from the KGVI CBR program in the second term of 2023 alone.

Community based rehabilitation is a program set to help people with disabilities, by establishing community-based interventions in physical therapy rehabilitation, education, social, livelihood, and empowerment to equalize opportunities for children with disabilities and their families.

At the heart of this program is the physical rehabilitation intervention which has a dedicated team of therapists who selflessly devote their time and expertise to improving the well-being of those they serve. They offer exercises to try and restore the function of various body parts.

Through these, therapists play a vital

role in enhancing mobility, independence, and overall quality of life for participants.

This inspiring Outreach program is a collaboration between King George VI Centre; Lilliane Foundation and JFKapnek. It is established in Nketa, Mpopoma and surrounding areas.

Another great highlight of the program is that it offers educational interventions. This involves efforts to create an enabling environment in schools around communities to be user-friendly to children with disabilities. There schools in the target community are assessed for friendliness as some parents may not afford to send their children to KGVI. This is necessary and relevant so as to give a child a chance at equal education inclusion.

"These interventions are necessary to reinforce and represent newly

found freedom and equal opportunities for our children. The impact of this support extends far beyond physical assistance, fostering a sense of empowerment and opening doors to greater participation in the community," a one of the guardians who have a child benefitting from the program. Additionally, the community-based rehabilitation program goes above and beyond by ensuring that individuals with more complex needs receive the necessary medical attention. In cases where hospitalization is required, KGVI provides the essential care and support needed for recovery. This comprehensive approach showcases the program's commitment to addressing diverse needs and promoting holistic well-being.

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Methembe Seeks Competition and Opportunities

Meet Methembe Mkandla, a young talented man who is passionate about wheel-chair racing. Despite lacking proper competition record and opportunities in the wheel-chair racing fraternity, Methembe has already shown that he has the body and spirit of an athlete.

Methembe is currently a form 2 student at King George VI and hopes to one day be the

face of Bulawayo and Zimbabwe in the wheelchair racing sport.

His passion for wheelchair racing was ignited when he participated in a 5km marathon which was organized by KGVI sometime in October in 2022. He says this was the moment he felt inspired to do more racing.

"Last year I took part in a 5km marathon where I came out as number 1 in wheelchairs.

Since then, I have been looking for more opportunities and competition to showcase my skills," said Methembe.
He is inspired by Nyasha Mharakurwa, a former KGVI student as well who is now internationally recognized in wheelchair racing and has achieved great success in the sport.

However, Methembe's search for competition and opportunities has not been easy due to lack of resources and support that many athletes may take for granted. Nevertheless, he remains determined to pursue his dreams of being a top wheelchair racer. If you know of any opportunities or resources that could help Methembe to become the next big thing in wheelchair racing, you can reach out to him via KGVI social media page

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On a sad note, in one of the medical cases that KGVI offered to assist by covering medical costs, the participant, Makabongwe, passed away after so much effort had been done to try and get him back to health so that he continues with his exercises.

"The impact of our programmes is immeasurable. By reaching out to underserved communities in Nketa, Mpopoma and its surroundings, it creates a ripple effect of positive change. Participants not only experience improvements in their physical abilities but also gain confidence, self-esteem, and a renewed sense of hope for the future," said Tend Matonsi, the facilitator of the program in the therapies department.

This program also takes priority in

the betterment of the social life and the livelihoods of both the children and their parents. Support groups have been established to try and bring these parents together and give them space to discuss their problems and give each other solution ideas.

Beyond that, the partners have extended their hands by starting small projects for the beneficiary children such as gardening, detergent making, sewing, chicken rearing and sanitary wear manufacturing, to enable their parents to sustain their livelihoods.

As much as programs are done, the major purpose of the CBR is Empowerment. KGVI aims empower children with disabilities and integrate them into the society, to change social perceptions about disability. Moreover, it aims to see these children accepting themselves and how they are and begin to embrace their self-worth in the society.

The collaboration between KGVI and its partners exemplifies the power of partnership in driving transformative initiatives. Together, they are breaking down barriers and creating inclusive opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

As this remarkable CBR program continues to touch lives, it serves as a beacon of compassion, resilience, and the unwavering belief in the potential of every individual. Through their collective efforts, KGVI is fostering a more inclusive society where everyone can thrive.

Graduate with a disability shines in the field of Civil Engineering

Brightmore Ncube, a former KGVI student and a prolific academic has shattered barriers and overcome adversity in the field of civil engineering, despite having a physical disability, proving that disability knows no limits.

Brightmore graduated with a diploma in Civil Engineering from Bulawayo Polytechnic this year mid-July at a ceremony which was held at the Bulawayo Poly and graced by a number of high-profile professors and dignitaries.

Civil engineering is a professional engineering discipline that deals with the design, construction, and maintenance of the physical and naturally built environment.

"I am proud of myself for this achievement. This is a difficult field for someone with a disability but I look forward to adapting and excelling so that I defy the societal expectations and prove that disability does not define one's abilities or limit their potential.

As I get into the field, my mind is focused on the development of infrastructure that is friendly to persons with disabilities as well as the elderly" said Brightmore Ncube.

Brightmore learnt at KGVI from the time he was doing his grade 1 in 2005, until he left in 2015 after finishing his form 4. He went on to do his A'level at Milton High School where he was representing the name of KGVI for two years. He has a disability of Cerebral Palsy, although it is not severe and allows him to hold objects with stability.

Throughout his academic journey, Brightmore faced numerous obstacles, such as physical barriers and accessibility issues. He said that



however, with the support of a strong network of mentors, lecturers and peers, these problems only fueled his determination to pursue his career in Engineering.

With his graduation in Civil Engineering, Brightmore is poised to make a significant impact on the industry. Armed with knowledge, expertise, and an indomitable spirit, he is ready to contribute to the development of infrastructure that caters to the needs of all individuals, regardless of their abilities.

Let Brightmore's story be an inspiration to us all, encouraging us to embrace diversity, challenge stereotypes, and create a more inclusive society where everyone can thrive.

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Horticulture program for mothers of children with disabilities

GVI has aided a project in which Zimbabwe Development Democracy Trust (ZDDT) in Partnership with Sally Foundation identified parents and guardians of children and youths with disabilities from our Outreach program and offered to train them in Horticultural Agriculture.

ZDDT is a non-profit organisation that focuses on identifying institutions that are facing hardships and provide essential aid that is meant to have long-term impact on the community. Among other things, they also identify individuals who may be in need of assistance and impart them with knowledge and skills in different aspects of Agriculture.

Sally Foundation is an Australian private philanthropic organisation that partners with charity organisations to support causes that provide a better future. They have invested in different projects in Zimbabwe and other countries in Africa.

King George VI Centre, as an organisation that supports children and youths with disabilities in Zimbabwe, they embarked on an Outreach program which is meant

to foster assistance to children with disabilities in different communities.

ZDDT in partnership with Sally Foundation identified parents and guardians of Children with disabilities and offered to train them in Horticultural Agriculture in order to impart them with self-sustenance skills.

As a sign of appreciation and support for the project, KGVI offered a piece of land at the institution to be used for the training by the ladies.

The project ran from the beginning of May to the end of July 2023. They were meeting once a week at KGVI.

During the development program, ladies were taught on ground preparation; soil science, and learning about chemicals. They also learnt about Orchard management and perishables farming. They even went beyond just horticultural Agriculture to learning about food preparation such as making jam and baking.

Talking to the facilitator of the Project from ZDDT, Yvonne, she said that parents of children with disabilities often face unemployment because of their daily commitment to being



with their children everywhere therefore she hopes to give them surviving skills.

"KGVI is doing a wonderful Outreach program to help the other children with disabilities by providing early intervention exercises. When we looked at it, we saw how most of these parents are unemployed and are struggling to provide for their children.

"Therefore, I hope this project will assist them by making sure they are able to do agriculture and sell their proceeds and get an income from there," said Yvonne.

Under the ZDDT programs, KGVI has also benefitted in the past. They have taken some of the deaf learners who would have completed their education and train them in Agriculture. One of our current gardeners, Michael was

trained by Yvonne in Agriculture.

On top of the contribution, KGVI also told parents that after the project, their produce from the project will be sold at KGVI.

A parent who is among the beneficiaries of the project, Beatrice, welcomed the initiative and said it will go a long way in helping these vulnerable parents to earn a decent living.

"We are all happy about this initiative. Horticulture is not as easy as people think, which is why I like this project. We will be able to make meaningful investments in farming because we will be knowing what to do and how.

"Huge appreciation to all the people who were involved. We are all grateful," said Beatrice.

PROUD MOMENT - SAKHILE NDLOVU

It is not a rare thing for people to take pride in others who would have moved on, or left. After all, it is only natural that we tend to feel their absence, especially if they held a special position. Arthur Schopenhauer once wrote that the only feeling that one can take from this life to their grave, one which is not finite, is the feeling of loneliness. This explains then why it is easy to feel the absence of someone.

King George VI Centre and School have produced a number of exceptional students in the past. All have played their parts in the development of extracurricular. There is one, who was an all rounder and reflecting on it now, KGVI took pride in her.

Sakhile Ndlovu, a former student is one of those exceptional people that the institution has come across. She has a unique story to tell since her time at the school.

Sakhile enrolled at KGVI in 2013 doing her grade 7. Due to her good behavior and showing interest in leadership, she became a prefect in form 2. This is something that was done so as to groom her interests in leadership as well as to give her confidence.

During the same time, she joined Interact Club, which was a club aimed at empowering fellow students at KGVI and others from outside the institution. She became the club's President when she was in form 4. This club gave the learners a sense of purpose because they were now at a position where they were giving out to others, instead of being at the receiving end all the time.

"During my time in both secondary and high school I used to very much involved in extra-



curricular activities including public speaking, debate, marimba, quiz, acting, wheelchair tennis and interact club. I participated in various competitions representing KGVI," said Sakhile. When she was in form three, she was involved in public speaking and represented KGVI in various public speaking competitions. She won some and lost some, but she popularized the brand of KGVI, and breaking so many barriers for it.

She was also involved in wheelchair tennis. This is a sport that you normally find being popular to boys, but she was so involved and represented KGVI as well in competitions. She joined Marimba and quickly she was in the senior band.

It is a great pride for any school, centre, organisation and institution to be able to produce such a talented young person with a disability. For her leadership qualities, she became the deputy head girl for the school, the same time she was the President of the Interact club.

She finished her form 4 in 2017. For her keen show of interest, excellent leadership qualities, a good behavior and excellent academic performance, KGVI offered Sakhile an opportunity to study at Girls' College. She did a diploma in Business Administration and finished in 2019.

Asked about what other career options she had chosen from, she said she has understood and learnt about the dynamics between education and career choice.

"When I was in school, I thought I was going to do law but I have realized and learnt that education is dynamic therefore don't set rules and regulations about it. I can encourage the young learners to take time to explore courses and vocational training. Edu-

cation is systematic," she said.

After school, she secured a job as a receptionist at Davis Granite and she said she feels like the job is exactly what she wanted. She also added on that she enjoys the work and it brings out the confident nature in her.

"I like that I have a huge

impact as an employee. I am at the front, more like the face of the company so it enables me to be confident because I get to assist both the clients and co-workers," Sakhile says life after school is quite interesting for her as she is at a stage where she has to make life changing decisions for herself. As confusing as it is, she is enjoying the process.

"Life after school is a time to find your place in the society. It's uncomfortable and confusing. Should I start a business? Should I look for a job? Should I go back to school? Questions without answers. And sometimes you are forced to take a decision due to current circumstances at that time. But what I have learnt is that this is a period of my life where it will determine my future as an adult," said Sakhile.

As an institution. We take pride in the kind of students which we produce each year. We have worked towards and will always promote the production of youths with disabilities who understand life and are independent, progressive and productive members of the society.

"I was trained in independent living at KGVI so I am able to

stay alone,"

Pormer King George VI (KGVI) student Somandla Bhebhe (23) has shown a brighter light about the institution's dedication of providing education and skills to children with disabilities by penetrating into the fashion industry, a month after finishing his ordinary level education. Somandla finished his form four (4) in November 2022 and in January this year he was employed by one of the biggest brands in Bulawayo in the fashion industry, Femina Garments as a Tailor. The tailoring skills that impressed his employers were attained during the

His F&F teacher Mr C. Chibanda said he was impressed to learn that his best student was already showing off the skills at such a young age.

time he was still a student at KGVI

when he was doing Fashion and

Fabrics (F&F) as a practical course.

"It is impressive to see a product of mine already showing off his skills at such a young age and mingling with other highly trained tailors. It means the future is bright for him. He was always passionate about tailoring and he got so good at it that I was relying on him to guide other students when I was not available," said Mr Chibanda.

Apart from empowering children with disabilities with independent living skills, King George VI also offers practical living skills that enable these

Somandla - The Empowered





children to earn a living such as cooking, sewing and even gardening. Somandla says he has always been passionate about tailoring, so when he got the job soon after school, it was a dream come true for him.

"When I was at school, my fashion and fabrics teacher used to encourage me to focus on the subject because it can earn me a decent living. I listened and focused. I even sew the bow-ties for my classmates and alter some of their clothers for the Night to Shine event last year.

"Mrs Hussey saw me and liked my passion. She told me that if I was interested in having a career in tailoring, she was going to help me and that is how I ended up employed at Femina," said Somandla. He expressed his gratitude to Mr Chibanda, Mrs Hussey and the rest of the KGVI family for looking out for his future, not just his education. Somandla began school at King George in 2013 for his grade 1. He was using a wheelchair back then because his disability is called Congenital Deformity. His lower limps could not straighten; hence it restricted his ability to walk.

The Rehabilitation saw a possibility that Somandla could be able to walk on his own or use crutches if he is operated. It took 6 trial operations in order to successfully straighten his legs. After that, KGVI monitored him for years, using crutches until he was able to walk properly

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Currently he uses crutches to walk but he can walk on his own for a long distance. He says sometimes he even walks around at work without them.

After getting a Job in January, he decided to move out of the family home and stay by himself. He says he wanted to relieve his sister, who has taken care of him his whole life.

"I have stayed with my sister since I was a child. She rents a three roomed house in Mzilikazi and she has a big family. I just felt that I should allow her to not worry about me anymore and give the family space as I am able to take care of my family now.

"I will also help to take care of her by assisting her with anything I can because she took care of me. I was trained in independent living at KGVI so I am able to stay alone," said Somandla.

Somandla is a classic example of the works of KGVI in its attempts to build meaningful lives for children with disabilities. Often, society shuns them and does everything for them. They do not

get employment opportunities and are only remembered when there is food aid. As rightly stated on the Vision for KGVI, we yearn for an "Empowered Marketable Learners with Disabilities Equipped with Independent Living Skills". Even from our mission statement, we want

"To Promote Functionality, Independence, Integration and Self-Reliance for Children with Disabilities"

As an organisation, KGVI is proud of Somandla and will closely monitor and work with him for the betterment of his career and his living. Marketable
Learners with
Disabilities
Equipped with
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Living Skills".

Personal independence – A window to Greatness

Personal Independence is an open window through which opportunities of life begin to trickle in and the desired potential begin manifesting through.

Any man who has attained personal independence, especially from a disadvantaged epicenter of life ends up with an impressive story to tell.

This is the case with Zenzo Nkomo, a deaf man who found his personal independence at King George VI so many years ago. His story follows a trail of potential and opportunities that come with finding personal independence.

Zenzo was born in a family of two boys. He was the only deaf child in the family. He says communication with his relatives and other children in the community was a difficult be-



cause he is completely deaf.

"I can say I found my personal independence when I enrolled at King George in 1984. Back then, sign language had not been popularized as much. When I was finally able to learn it and communicate with other people, I felt my world opening up," said Zenzo.

After completing his education in 1999, King George of-

fered Zenzo another chance to greatness. They say that it would have been sad to make him go back to the lonely life he used to have. They offered him training in various types of work in the maintenance department.

"While working at the KGVI maintenance workshop, I learnt so many different things such as electric connections, fixing pipes and basic knowledge in steel work and water

maintenance. It was during this time that I discovered my passion," said Zenzo.

An opportunity then arose at Dabane Trust, an organisation that is dedicated to establishing water and food secure communities within arid and semi-arid Zimbabwe. They wanted handimen to work in the workshop. Zenzo became one of those who were selected for the opportunity.

Him and a few others started at Dabane as simple helpers in the workshop as well. He says it was difficult at first because he could not hear the instructions.

"But it got better because my boss then used to write down instructions for me. I would get papers with measurements and instructions and at that time I began to learn how to interact with non-deaf people.

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How many of these terms all relating to a birthday celebration can you unscramble? Scramble OOLBLNA CELAND NSIGE ONBRIB ORNTGFIS GEA CKEA ITNETFOC SURREPIS WOB REIDSFN EAPPR SGMEA CNOWL GTIF HSIW GGINSIN THA WGNRAPIP ORVFA CMCERIAE SRNEPET REYA SMTREARE VRPS DFOO ONIVIATUTI REDAOECT YNACD TSUGE

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"Being deaf even helped me in my craft because instructions written on paper meant I would always go back to them and sometimes study them for my own ideas such as modifications and new inventions," said Zenzo. He has developed his craft beyond one could ever imagine. When Dabane developed the Rowa Pump, Zenzo was also part of the

team that made it possible. Currently, Zenzo is a father of two children, a boy and a girl. The young boy is deaf and the girl is partially deaf. He says he wants to be a good father and role model to his two children.

"In this industry I have learnt to make well-points, foot valves, water source connections, fencing and other things. I wish I could impart my children with the same gift so that they learn from their father,"

He still works at Dabane

and the organisation is proud of him. They say he is a smart and organized young man with a stable mind.

"Zenzo is hardworking. He works for his family and we are happy because he is a dependable young man. He bought himself a car, settled down and takes care of all his family members," said one of the Dabane members.

This goes on to show the

work that King George has been doing. We are an organisation that nurtures a child right up until they figure out what they want to be in life. It is not easy to have a disability because it means most opportunities can pass you by. We strive to make that ground levelled.

The Second-term in Pictures

