



THE HabiLis

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KING GEORGE VI CENTRE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO KGVV CENTRE

OUR GOAL

“To ensure the continuation of first-rate facilities in Zimbabwe for holistic Rehabilitation, Education and Independent living skills.”

OUR MISSION

“To promote Functionality, Independence, Intergration & Self reliance for Children with disabilities.”

OUR VISION

“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 second term 2024 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 an organisation, it is our honor to be able to reflect to you, the journey we have embarked 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 passion 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 continue to give you The Habilis magazine; We 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, we would like to express our 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 edition of The Habilis.

Warm Regards

King George VI Centre Communications Department

KGVI Shines at Disability Expo, Addresses VP



King George VI Centre became a centre of attraction in Bindura, when the centre was honoured with a rare opportunity to address the country's Vice President Kembo Mohadi at the National Disability Expo 2024.

This prestigious opportunity was in recognition of the centre's impressive and engaging display of its holistic services to all stakeholders and parents of children with disabilities who were in attendance.

The centre's attendance at this

year's expo was particularly targeting parents of children with disabilities, to provide crucial information, and supportive guidance on how to navigate the challenges of having a child with a disability.

Many parents, unsure of how to navigate the challenges of raising a disabled child, benefitted from the informational resources that were provided by KGVI, which highlighted on specific government offices to visit as first steps in assisting a child with a disability to access education.

The Zimbabwe national dis-

ability expo is an annual event to showcase the works of different Organisations of and for persons with Disabilities, the persons with disabilities as well as for other stakeholders.

The Expo is one platform that promotes the rights of persons with disabilities and empowers all stakeholders to come together to share information and raise awareness to the public on disability mainstreaming and inclusion. This year's theme was "Accelerating the Attainment of Vision 2030 disability empowerment targets for enhanced inclusive sustainable development".

Dancil & Victory make it into Junior Parliament



Two of our Form 3 students, Dancil and Victory, have achieved a milestone in their high school achievements by becoming part of the National Junior Council, representing Bulawayo province in the junior parliament.

What's more, both students are accomplished poets, with Victory's published book, "Life in the City," getting popularity.

Dancil and Victory's election to the junior parliament reflects to their leadership qualities as prefects at the school. Victory is the deputy head boy of the school. As children with disabilities,

they bring unique perspectives and experiences, enriching the council's discussions and decisions.

Victory's poetry book, "Life in the City," which is a collection of his poems which capture the essence of urban life, has been well-received in and around the city.

“We celebrate Dancill and Victory's achievements, congratulating them on their well-deserved recognition.



KGVI Celebrates 67 Years of Art & Music

King George VI Centre recently marked its 67th birthday celebration in style by hosting a spectacular art exhibition and a musical show, to celebrate the talents of its learners with disabilities.

The Birthday celebrations brought together KGVI former students who have taken Music and Art as careers, current students who aspire to follow similar steps as well as local community groups who have cemented their positions Music and Art.

The Art Exhibition featured unique and well-crafted pieces of artwork produced both by the current students and former students of KGVI. These included drawings, paintings, beadwork, Batik and Digital Art.

The Musical show was a highlight of the celebration, with 'Sokunjalo Ma Africa' a local traditional dance ensemble and 'Liyana' a musical group which comprises of all KGVI former students, providing stellar musical performances that got everyone dancing.

The KGVI choirs, one which comprises of all staff members, and another which comprises of only students, took to the stage to showcase their musical prowess in a celebratory style.

The 67th Anniversary of KGVI was a testament to the institution's commitment to empowering individuals with disabilities through art and self-expression.

Empowering Young Women through Vocational Training and Entrepreneurship...



Three young ladies who are KGVI school leavers, have been undergoing vocational training with the help of the centre's occupational therapy department. Utilizing their newfound skills, Makaita, Christine, and Primrose have been working tirelessly to create a variety of tasty snacks, hand-made crafts, and knitted items, to raise funds for the school's junior parliamentarians' blazers.

Makaita, with a passion for baking, has been baking burgers, scones and donuts and she has successfully sold them to raise funds for the blazers for the junior parliamentarians.

Christine, on the other hand, has a talent for crafting beautiful key holders and hand bangles using beads. Her creations have caught the eye of many people, including those from outside KGVI, and she has made significant

sales this term, contributing to the fund.

Primrose, who initially showed an interest in hairdressing, has surprisingly discovered a new passion for knitting. However, in support of this initiative, she has been assisting Makaita with the baking.

The trio's efforts are not only raising funds for the junior parliamentarians' blazers but also empowering them with valuable skills, confidence, and a sense of purpose.

As they continue to hone their skills and pursue their passions, we celebrate these young women's achievements and look forward to seeing the impact they will make in their community.

Their story is a testament to the power of vocational training and the boundless potential of our youth

Career Day: Unlocking Potential and Shattering Barriers

KGVI hosted its annual Career Day this term, a highly anticipated event that opens doors to a world of possibilities for our students with disabilities. This year's event was a resounding success, thanks to the invaluable contributions of esteemed guests from the police, army, and nursing professions.

These dedicated professionals have become regular attendees at our Career Day, sharing their expertise and experiences with our students. Their presence serves as a powerful reminder that individuals with disabili-

ties can excel in any career they choose, shattering misconceptions and inspiring our students to reach for their dreams.

The police, army, and nurses brought interactive displays, engaging presentations, and heartfelt testimonials, showcasing the diverse range of opportunities available in their fields. Our students were fascinated by the equipment, uniforms, and real-life stories, sparking their interest and curiosity.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to the police, army, and

nursing professionals who generously shared their time and expertise. Their impact on our students' lives is immeasurable, and we look forward to their continued support in future Career Day events.





From Classroom to Career: Ntombi on a Journey

Ntombifuthi Ndlovu, a former KGVI student continues to excel in pursuit of her dreams as she continues to make a remarkable impression to her colleagues and employers in the Matter Career Readiness program.

Ntombi joined Matter in 2023 after she finished her O'levels. Matter Career Readiness program equips students with technological in-demand skills and industry expertise; provides a platform for career growth and exploration and foster partnerships with leading

companies and organisations in the tech-industry.

Ntombi will be working with US companies, focusing on coding and software technology. The Matter Career Readiness Program has turned her passion into a fulfilling career, and she is now thriving in the picturesque town of Victoria Falls.

As she embarks on this new chapter, Ntombi is poised to make a significant impact in the tech industry. Her involvement with US

companies will not only enhance her skills but also foster global connections, driving innovation and progress.

As Ntombi continues to soar to new heights, her achievements will undoubtedly inspire others to follow in her footsteps. Her journey is a reminder that with determination, hard work, and the right support, anyone can turn their dreams into reality. Congratulations, Ntombi, on your well-deserved success!

Former KGVF Deaf learners Zalo and Farai Tie the Knot



In an elegant ceremony, Zalo and Farai, a couple with hearing impairment and both are former learners of KGVF, tied the knot, surrounded by loved ones, friends, and supporters.

After being in courtship for a while, in which almost everyone at KGVF was aware of, the couple exchanged vows in a joyous celebration that showcased the beauty of deaf culture and the strength of their bond. The event was attended by several staffers and teachers from KGVF, who had played a significant role in the couple's journey.

Zalo and Farai's wedding was more than just a union of two souls; It became an inspiration to the deaf community and people with disabilities. Their wedding demonstrated that disability is not a barrier to finding happiness and fulfillment.

The ceremony was a vibrant display of deaf culture, with sign language and vibrant decorations adding to the festive atmosphere. The bride and groom radiated joy and happiness, surrounded by their loved ones, who had gathered to witness their special day.

Their wedding was a testament to the power of true love and commitment, setting a shining example for others to follow.



Waltz Dinner & Dance for Staff



Former KGVI staffers also attended the event in support of the institution's aim to promote love and commitment among persons with disabilities.

The Waltz dinner dance will be a reminder to everyone that love knows no boundaries and that everyone deserves to experience its beauty.

In celebration of love and commitment, the KGVI Centre recently hosted a Couples' Waltz Dinner dance for its staff members and couples with disabilities. The dinner event was inspired by the recent wedding of Zalo and Farai, former KGVI students, and a deaf couple who defied the odds and tied the knot, showcasing the power of true love.

The Waltz Dinner's aim was to encourage and inspire other individuals with disabilities, particularly those from the deaf community, to follow in Zalo and Farai's footsteps and embrace love and commitment.

The highlight of the evening was a thrilling waltz competition, which saw Zalo and Farai themselves taking the first position, while two talented wheelchair users, Marvelous and Tsepang and their partners took home second and third prizes. The competition was a true display of fun, love and devotion to marriage.



Community Based Rehabilitation continues the great work



In Nketa and its surrounding high-density suburbs, our Outreach program continues to make an impact on the lives of countless children with disabilities and their parents and families. At the forefront of this initiative is our Community-based rehabilitation program, specifically designed for children with disabilities in those communities. This program is a beacon of hope to the families as it provides them with support and guidance.

This program is spearheaded by a dedicated therapies team, which has been working closely with mothers and

their children. In the photo above, one of the rehabilitation technicians is seen demonstrating to a mother how to assist her little boy, who requires special care. This tender moment encapsulates the essence of our Outreach program – empowering caregivers with the knowledge and skills to nurture their children’s development.

Our community-based rehabilitation program is tailored to meet the unique needs of each child, focusing on early intervention and inclusive practices. By working in collaboration with parents,

caregivers, and community members, we strive to create a supportive environment that fosters growth, independence, and social integration.

Through this program, we aim to enhance the cognitive, motor, and social skills of young children with disabilities; equip caregivers with effective strategies and techniques for supporting their child’s development and to promote inclusivity and raise awareness about disability rights within the community.



Samson Muroyiwa inspires young KGVI athletes

A determined wheelchair athlete and former KGVI student Samson Muroyiwa secured his third consecutive victory in the Econet Wireless Marathon 21.1 km wheelchair/tricycle category.

This remarkable achievement solidifies his position as a force to be reckoned with in the world of para-athletics.

Muroiwa's triumphant finish at the 2024 Econet Wireless Marathon marks his third consecutive win in a row.

The former KGVI student and athlete's impressive streak is a source of inspiration for aspiring athletes, especially the students of KGVI who are into sports and athletics.

As Muroiwa celebrates his hat-trick victory, we honor his remarkable achievements and look forward to witnessing his continued success in the world of para-athletics. Congratulations, Samson Muroiwa, on your well-deserved win!