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Charity Ball
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OUR MOON EDUCATION

Your Master of Ceremonies is
Ali Hollands

Our Guests Of Honour Are:
Irene Chengo and Abigail Chaponda
from the Zambia High Commission

Dr Natasha Kaoma Studying
at London School of Hygiene
& Tropical Medicine and from
Copper Rose, Zambia

Janet Botha and Quincy Namonje:
Our Moon Alumnae

Order of the Evening

6:00 Glass Of Fizz And Canapes on Arrival

6:30 Make Your Own Way To The Lombard Room

6:40 Welcome Speech By Helen
Interview With Quincy And Janet

7:00 Dinner Is Served
Live Auction During Dinner
Speech By Dr Natasha Kaoma

9:00 Dinner Finishes
Time To Enjoy A Drink In The Bar

9:45 Return To Lombard Room For Raffle Draw
And Dancing To The Sound Of Tim Cullen -
Mint DJs

12:00 Carriages



“Raising The Roof!”

I would like to wish you a very warm welcome to Our Moon’s Ball, taking place at the beautiful Hotel du Vin.

As most of you here know, Our Moon is a small education charity based in Zambia. We work with the most extraordinary young people who, in the face of adversity, have achieved top grades at school but struggle to get to the next stage of their education. Two of them are here this evening; others are featured in this brochure.

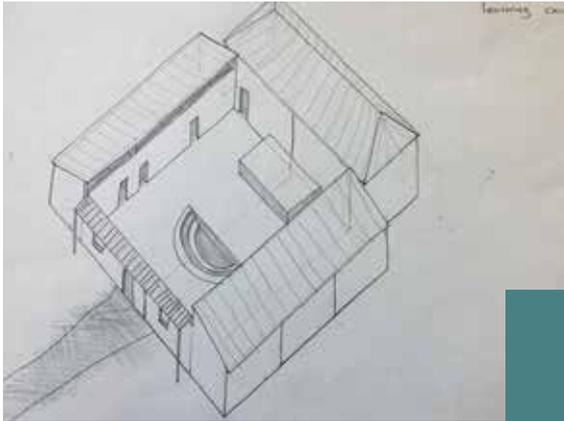
We work with our carefully selected students for a year, full time, at our new residential learning centre in a rural part of Zambia. They take part in both academic and non-academic learning to develop their leadership skills and social consciousness as well as improve their critical thinking and communication skills, and prepare them for university.

Nearly exactly a year ago, we acquired a piece of land from the chief of our district, Chief Liteta. We cleared the land and then started building. We have already developed our pretty student village - small residences for our students, one of which is being used as a temporary classroom - buildings for our workers and families, a shelter, a small hut for guests to stay in, some make-shift toilets and bathrooms and a dining shelter which also hosts the solar panels. We have started planting some trees to enhance the surroundings.





The foundation was being dug



Artist's sketch of the learning forum showing the two larger classrooms at the rear with the study pods, computer room and library down the sides.

This evening, we are raising funds for our learning forum. It will house four study pods, a library and a computer room. The buildings will make up the three sides of a quadrangle with the centre being used as a hall and meeting space for debates and talks. We are building it in stages and have already laid the floor and foundation.

The next stage is the build which we estimate will cost us £7,000 to build the walls and raise the roof.

The third stage will cost a further £10,000 to complete the building ie put in windows and doors, flooring, plastering inside and out, and decorating.

The final stage will be to make the centre garden and amphitheatre. We are still working on these plans.

It will all be powered by solar, a clean and renewable source of energy. This will cost an additional £4,000.

So eat, drink, enjoy the entertainment and soak up the atmosphere. We have some wonderful auction and raffle prizes, a prize draw and a game. Please dig deep into your pockets and help us to raise the roof!

Helen Leale-Green MA
Founder and CEO of Our Moon Education



STUDENT STORY

Ashley Nyangani

One of our first students, Ashley Nyangani, is now studying sociology on a full scholarship at the University of British Columbia in Canada. She combines her studies with working with indigenous women in Canada to develop her skills as an advocate. She has also set up a charity back home working with rural women as well as co-founding another charity to improve online access to education resources for African students.

Both of Ashley's parents died from AIDS, and she had been promised to be married at the age of 8. A teacher rescued her from this impending marriage and found a distant relative, also dying from AIDS, who needed nursing. The relative agreed to let her go to school during the day if she nursed him by night - she got brilliant grades and was referred to us.

"Our Moon made a breakthrough for me possible. Today, I am a university undergraduate in one of the top universities in Canada. I am living my own dream. My ambition is to give a voice to the women in my society".



RAFFLE PRIZES

Three course dinner for two and a bottle of wine at the Hotel du Vin in Tunbridge Wells (www.hotelduvin.com)

Local photographer, Emily Brown, has donated a family photo session. She specialises in outdoor photography, loving to take advantage of the natural light (<https://www.emilybrown.photography>)

Photograph of Bobby Moore and Pele, signed by Pele and authenticated (Donated by Laurie Edmans CBE)

Golf day for two at Hever Castle (Donated by Laurie Edmans CBE)

Golf day for two at Lamberhurst Golf Club (www.lamberhurstgolfclub.com)

Race night at Lingfield Park Racecourse on Saturday 21 March for two guests (www.lingfieldpark.co.uk)

Harlequin's rugby match for two (Donated by Mark Higgs of Frubana Ltd Importer and wholesaler of fresh produce)

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Voucher to eat at Tunbridge Wells' latest Turkish restaurant, Havet (<https://havetrestaurant.com/tunbridgewells>)

Hamper of Method Cleaning products, complete with Mrs Hinch book and carry case (Donated by Ocado, Utility Warehouse and Lutyens and Rubinstein)

Membership of Trinity Theatre Tunbridge Wells (Donated by www.trinitytheatre.net)

GAME PRIZE - HAMPER OF BOOZE
Donated by members of Network B2B's Tunbridge Wells Breakfast Group (<https://networkb2b.co.uk>)

PRIZE DRAW - FORTNUM AND MASON HAMPER
Fortnum and Mason hamper (Donated by Neil Postlethwaite, Authorised Distributor of Utility Warehouse 07779 139216)

AUCTION PRIZE LOT 1

The Safari

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Trip of a Lifetime: A Seven Day/Six Night Kenyan Safari for Two, Gamewatchers Safaris

Our Moon Education is delighted to have the support of Gamewatchers Safaris, considered the finest safari experience provider in East Africa. Their exclusive five-star Porini Camps provide an unforgettable opportunity to encounter Kenya's famous wildlife within some of its richest conservation areas.

Day 1:

Upon arrival in Nairobi, you will be collected at the airport and taken to the five-star opulence of the Fairmont Norfolk Hotel, Nairobi's oldest hotel and the former colonial hub of the city's high society, for a memorable first night.

Day 2:

Enjoy the incredible scenery of the African plains on a 50-minute flight to the Maasai Mara. This is a camping experience like no other. Your five-star Porini accommodation includes fully fitted en-suite bathrooms, the fine furniture and a balcony from your tent to watch the plains beyond as the sun sets and rises over the horizon. Your day concludes with an evening game drive: being located on a private conservancy means you will be treated to an intimate safari experience as just 4 vehicles at a time are permitted.





Days 3-5:

Experience the rich natural wonders of the Maasai Mara during morning and evening game drives. Enjoy the optional extras of a traditional sundowner, sipping your gin and tonic while watching the sunset at a secluded vantage point deep in the savannah, and a morning hot air balloon safari, gliding peacefully over the National Park as the sun rises - a unique way to take in the wildlife and the scenery. Meals, beer and wine included.

Day 6:

Return by road to Nairobi and back to the relative calm of the Fairmont for a day of relaxation.

Day 7:

Nairobi has some unique attractions. For instance, you could take a guided tour of the Elephant Orphanage run by the respected conservationists at the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and a visit to the Giraffe Sanctuary. Touching and viewing these animals is a magical experience and the perfect memory to take home.

www.porini.com

Notes:

The above itinerary details what is included in the package with the exception of items described as optional extras. Our Moon will provide the ground arrangements in Kenya including organising someone to meet you at the airport to take you to your hotel. We can accommodate any extensions or variations you wish to make to the itinerary, providing they are at your own cost. If you can afford the time, we would strongly recommend some time on the Kenyan coast. The package is not inclusive of flights which vary between £450 and £600pp depending on the time of the year. The package can be redeemed any time in 2020, excluding the months of July and August, and is subject to availability at the time of booking. Where availability is lacking, we may substitute hotels or camps for others of similar quality. To book, in the first instance, please contact Helen Leale-Green at Our Moon on 07720 287904 or James Haughton on 07800 907088.

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STUDENT STORY

Quincy Namonje

“Growing up in a poor family posed a lot of challenges in my life but has taught me some good lessons. There were times when my family and I went to bed on empty stomachs because we had no money. Mostly we survived on one meal a day.

Staying in school was a struggle for my family because secondary schooling isn't free. I had a lucky break when I went to stay with my aunt in the capital who found me a good school. It was only then I started to thrive. This gave me the confidence and determination to fulfil my academic potential.

Through Our Moon, I had the opportunity to study further and apply to world class universities. I am now studying Economics and Finance at University of Edinburgh on a full scholarship provided by MasterCard Foundation.

Through MasterCard and the university, I have had the opportunity to supplement my degree with courses in social entrepreneurship. I have just won some funding for a project that I will start when I return home in the summer.

I am proud to be an Our Moon alumni. In order to directly give back to Our Moon, I helped Helen set up a buddy system where alumni are paired with Our Moon's new recruits”.



STUDENT STORY

Janet Botha

Janet comes from a family of five children. While her mother only completed secondary school, because of financial pressures within the family, her father was an educated man. He invested his money in establishing a small private school which prided itself in providing an excellent education at a low cost to its pupils.

He passed away suddenly, a few years ago. This threw the family into turmoil. While money had never been plentiful, suddenly they had no income and life became hard. Janet realised that to fulfil her academic potential (she is one of Zambia's brightest young women of her age), she knew she had to look for opportunities to help her gain a full scholarship to study at university, which is where Our Moon came in.

Fast forward, and Janet is now studying Civil Engineering at University of Edinburgh with a full scholarship provided by MasterCard Foundation.

“The opportunities outside the classroom, as much as the quality of education I am receiving, make Edinburgh such a great place to study. We are offered support academically and also through a reflection coach that ensure I am on track to do really well. I take part in extra-curricular activities and did some volunteering with a local family as a befriender and mentor to help build the resilience of their little girl. This also led me to join a social enterprise that aimed to reduce period poverty and the stigma around menstruation for women and girls in Kenya.

The experience I gained in my studies helped me to persuade a Zambian based consulting engineering company to take me on as an intern last summer when I returned home. This has given me a lot of relevant experience, not only to help me get a job when I eventually return home full time, but also complements my studies. Our Moon has played a huge part in my journey so far and because I was actively looked after, I am where I am now. I am grateful that Our Moon invested in my potential and that I continue to be empowered through my education now”.



AUCTION PRIZE LOT 2

Portrait of a Zambian Girl, Bill Buck

This oil on linen portrait donated by Saffron Walden artist Bill Buck depicts a Zambian girl from the Lozi tribe, in traditional headdress, eyes boldly challenging the viewer to look away.

The artist took up painting seriously in retirement, drawing on experiences of life in Africa, and is open to commissions.

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AUCTION PRIZE LOT 3 Private Tour Of House of Commons Followed by G&T Tea At Gillrays

Parliament Tour with MP Helen Grant & Gillray's G&T Afternoon Tea for Two

See the inner workings of the House of Commons on your own personal one-hour VIP tour, escorted by Helen Grant, Member of Parliament for Maidstone and The Weald. Visit all the historic sights, including the House of Commons Chamber, Westminster Hall and the House of Commons Terrace.

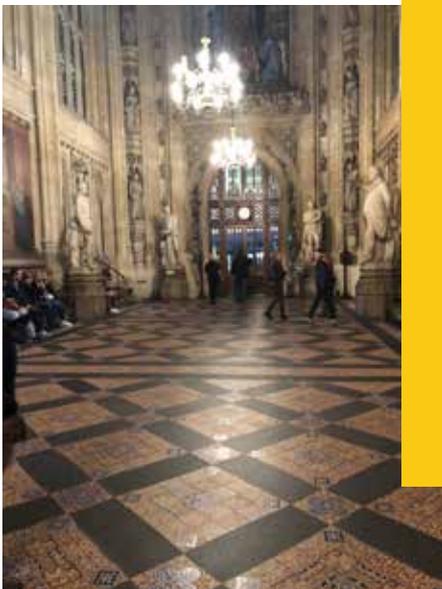
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Ts&Cs: Timing of parliament tour to be arranged between Helen Grant's office and auction prize winner. Best times typically include Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons.



STUDENT STORY

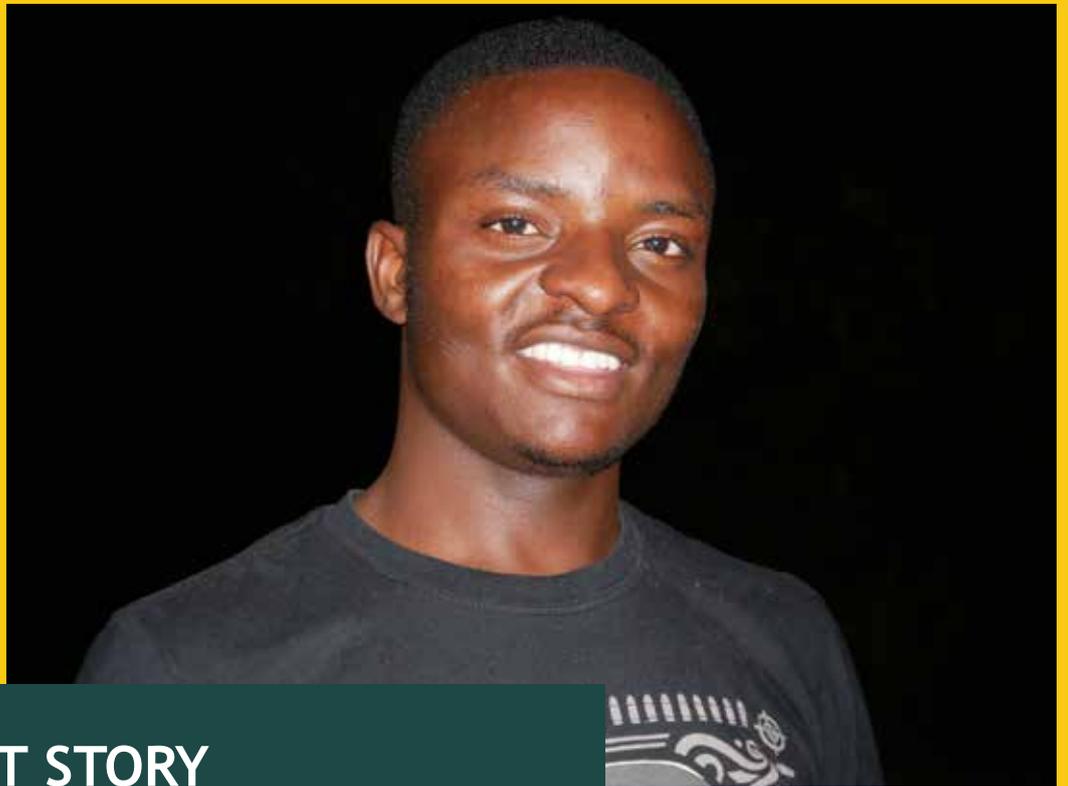
Edwin Mbewe



I'm Edwin Mbewe and I come from Mfuwe in South Luangwa National Park from where I completed my primary school. Full of colourful birds, large wild animals and diverse plant life, Mfuwe sits in a lowland with year-round warm weather. It's fun how you get disturbed by elephants' visits in the night and, at dusk, you can hear the roar of lions. Before going to bed, you listen to the lullabies made by hyenas and owls. Monkeys and birds are day time friends. You can see it is quite idyllic.

I scored high marks at grade 7 level and, after analysing my results as well as the financial status of my family, the Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust until grade 12 in 2018 took responsibility for sponsoring my secondary education at Hillcrest National Secondary School, one of the top government schools in the country. From here, I began to develop the courage and confidence that I can go far and do more with my mental faculty. Being granted this opportunity by Our Moon - to build my foundation before university, to know how society can possibly be made better and safe, and to gain both additional academic and practical experiences - will be life changing not just for me, but for the people I impact in the future.





STUDENT STORY

Andrew Phiri

Greetings. I'm Andrew Phiri and come from Kabanana in Lusaka, the capital and largest city of Zambia. The city is situated in the southern part of the central plateau of Zambia. Once a village, the city gets its name from the former village's chief "Lusaka". The tallest buildings are centrally located along the bustling Cairo road. The climate is favourable with warm, sunny summers, characterized with cooling thunderstorms and mild winters with ample sunshine. The flat grassland attracts farming activities with hilly, rocky places used for settlement. As you can tell, I love my city.

After graduating with good grades from primary, I couldn't proceed to the secondary level of my education. My mum had recently passed away and my dad remarried. I was just a pawn, sent from one family member to another. I was out of school for two years until Bwafwano Integrated Services Organization (BISO) came to my rescue and paid my school fees.

I'm privileged to be given this opportunity by Our Moon. Through the programme, I wish to develop my reading and communication skills, learn more about the environment and choose my career out of intention not instinct. I wish to become a leader of change and touch other people's lives.





Ride 400: VIP Track Cycling with a Team GB Gold Medallist, Legacy 300, at Lee Valley Velodrome in North London

AUCTION PRIZE LOT 4 Cycling with Team GB Medalist at the Velodrome

Whether you have previously ridden the Olympic Velodrome or have it on your 'to do list', no experience quite matches the Legacy 300 days hosted by a GB Cycling Gold Medallist.

Your experience lasts 3.5 hours with all equipment provided: you get an intensive training session with expert coaches and the 75 minute track session culminates in a fun competition.

Whether a 250 metre dash for glory, or, if enough experienced riders, a 1000m individual pursuit, both generate your name on the Olympic scoreboard as well as individual and team prizes. Wherever you finish, you get a medal placed around your neck by a GB Gold Medallist and a photo signed by the athlete capturing that once in a lifetime moment.

The session culminates in a Q and A with the host medal winner over a sumptuous buffet. Hosts will be drawn from the following GB cycling gold medallists and great public speakers: Elinor Barker, Lizzie Deignan, Phil Hindes, Dani Rowe, Shanaze Reade and Callum Skinner.

Every participant is entered into the Legacy Fund prize draw; the lucky winner will receive £2500 and a similar amount donated to us.

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AUCTION PRIZE LOT 5

DJ Lesson

Two-hour DJ Lesson, Mint DJs

Make your or your children's day by learning to drop beats like no other with this DJ lesson from Ministry of Sound world resident DJ, Tim Cullen, at his home studio.

Over your two-hour session, Tim will guide you through the processes behind DJ'ing and teach you to mix and blend on both vinyl and on more modern technologies. It's a fantastic gift - or a way to ensure you're a hit at your next party.

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STUDENT STORY

Thomas Lifuti

Thomas is currently interning with Our Moon as an IT and programme administrator while studying at University of Zambia, Zambia's leading university.

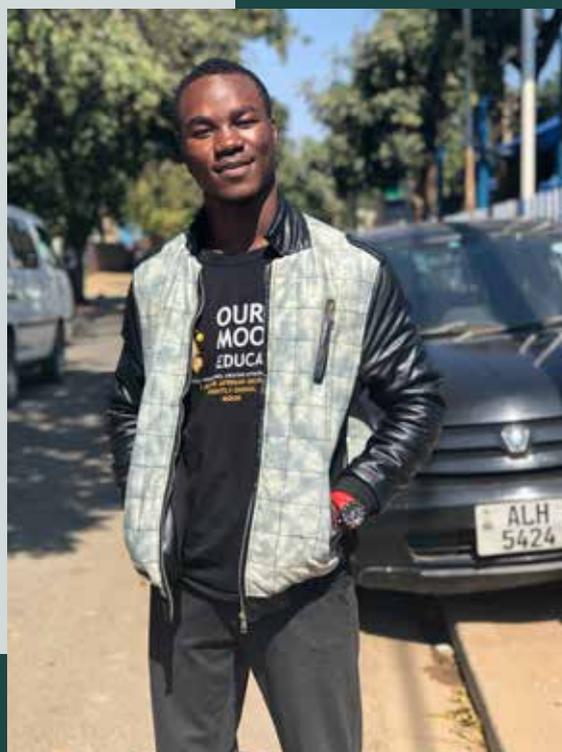
“Life was hard for me and my mother as my father died before I was born. There is no social services safety net to help out. I describe my mother as a business woman. She buys and sells items in the market. I am very proud of her achievement as she has managed, with a very small income, to house, feed and educate me and my sister”.

It was evident that Thomas was a bright student early on. He was invited to attend Hillcrest National Secondary School, a national boarding school, for Grade 10-12, based on achieving some of the highest Grade 9 results in the country. Thomas loves his school and excelled. He achieved straight distinctions in his Grade 12 exams and came fourth in his year group which probably puts him in the top 20 or so students in the country. In Grade 10, he won the national Junior Engineers, Technicians and Sciences club, JETS, competition in maths.

The school put him forward for Our Moon's scholarship programme. Thomas threw himself into his A-level programme. As part of our programme, we expect our scholars to take on roles of responsibility. Thomas immediately took charge of IT, surpassing my expectations.

“As an IT intern for Our Moon, I am honing my skills in networking and understanding how solar power can help us overcome the problems of loadshedding in Zambia. I have devised a system which boosts our signal, takes advantage of our solar power supply and distributes the network among all students and staff.

I continue to hope to study abroad sometime in the future to give me exposure to more up-to-date technologies and programming methods but, for now, I am getting good experience and gaining new knowledge”.



STUDENT STORY

Thando Lungu

Thando originally came from a middle-classed Zambian household, but her family's circumstances went downhill rapidly when her abusive father left, never came back and never contributed another kwacha to the family purse. This thrust her family into extreme poverty.

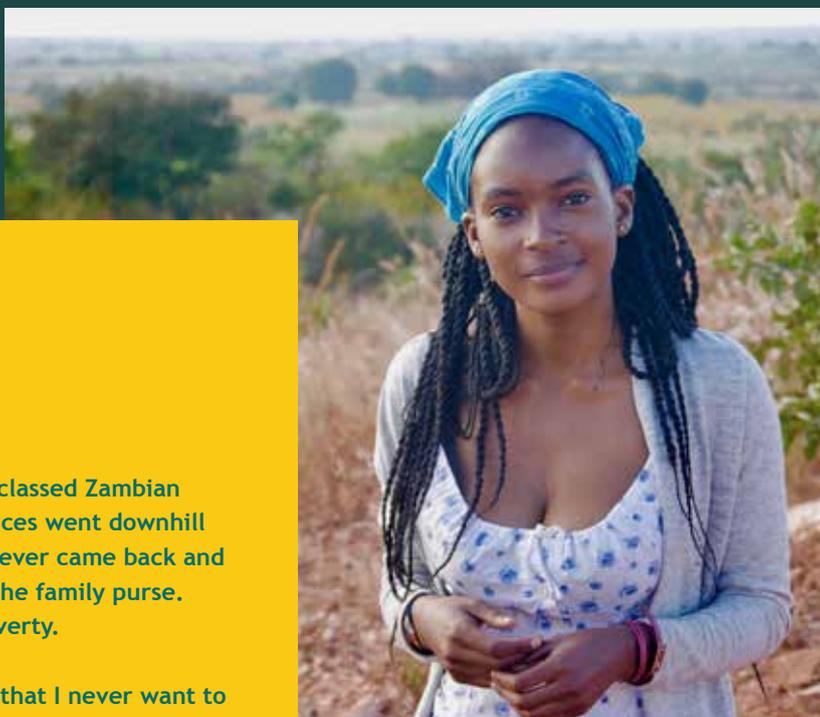
"This experience has made me realise that I never want to depend on one person again for the security and welfare of myself and those closest to me".

Thando has recently graduated from Our Moon's programme. She was awarded a full scholarship to study economics at Smith College, USA, one of the largest liberal arts colleges in the world.

Thando takes over: "Our Moon has helped me open doors that I never dreamed I would have the keys to. I have many academic interests, but my fascination for economics - especially development economics - arose when I carried out some research for Our Moon's extended project on the coping mechanisms of street children in my local community. I enjoyed seeing how the research I was doing had a very tangible impact on the children as I was able to communicate my recommendations to others in our community.

Since starting at Smith College, I have taken up a part time job in the Student Engagement Office. Apart from the work and giving me a little financial independence, it gives me access to all the opportunities available to students - I will never again be able say that I have missed out on an opportunity because I was not aware of it!"

Thando is hoping to spend her summer interning at one of the HALI Access Network organisations through Helen's connections.





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AUCTION PRIZE LOT 7 Got the Shot

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AUCTION PRIZE LOT 8

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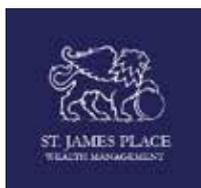
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This ball has come together with the help of so many people, and for that, I am truly humbled. In particular, the ball was the idea of my breakfast networking group, Network B2B, that meets every Tuesday in this beautiful hotel. From the group, Marie Williams has taken charge of all the administration of the ball, sourced raffle prizes and recruited attendees. Tim Cullen is our cool DJ for this evening, Vanessa encouraged everyone to attend, and the Hotel du Vin have donated the room for the evening. A huge thanks to all the members who are attending this evening and to the companies and individuals, represented by their logos, who have made contributions donating prizes, providing pro bono help, and supporting the event.



Other thanks goes to

The staff at the Hotel du Vin and our helpers for making the evening a success, Ali Hollands, Alice Radley, Helen Grant MP, James Haughton, Mark Higgs, Janet Botha, Jennie Bowler, Jo Black, Karen Reeve, Dr Natasha Kaoma, Quincy Namonje, Rebecca Saintonge, Sam Morris, Vic Hancock Fell and the Zambia High Commission, for their various contributions and donations. Finally to Dawn Gibson of Dawn Creative Media for helping with the writing of this brochure.





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STUDENT STORY

Justin Bwalya

After losing my parents at the age of five, I was brought up by my older sisters despite them being just nine and eleven years old themselves. They sublet two of the rooms in our house so that we had food to eat and to pay my school fees. Later on, my older sister took a job as a fuel attendant to make ends meet. However, because we couldn't afford much, I had to enrol in the schools closest to home. Teachers often didn't turn up or were poorly qualified, so I would turn to my seniors and seek their help in making sure I understood my lessons. My initiative paid off when I scored top marks in my school leaving exams. I was brought to Our Moon's attention.

Our Moon was a turning point in my life. I had always been a bit of a dreamer but, at the same time, I was scared to dream. One of the things it has made me consider is that I could run my own business in the future rather than being reliant on others for my destiny.

I am currently studying Electrical and Electronic Engineering at University of Edinburgh. It has facilities beyond my wildest imagination and the lecturers are very dedicated. I hope to return home, maybe after studying for a Master's, and use my knowledge to set up an electronics manufacturing company. Zambia manufactures very little yet we are rich in the materials that we need.





STUDENT STORY

Naomi Bwalya

Naomi has just joined our programme. She comes from Mtendere, a small part of Lusaka.

Naomi says, “I love Mtendere because, just like it’s meaning, “peace”, Mtendere is filled with peace-loving people. Unlike other parts of Lusaka, many houses in Mtendere do not have gates to shut us in. This helps us to identify other people’s needs so we can more easily help each other. This represents to me, how we consider everyone to be family. It is also amazing to hear everyone greeting each other lovingly every morning.”

Naomi’s mother is the sole breadwinner; Naomi’s father was a drug addict and is being looked after away from home. He has never had formal employment. Naomi’s mother brings up Naomi and her two siblings on a meagre maid’s salary and struggles to make ends meet. Her employer, however, is kind. Seeing that their housing was very poor, they found them a new place to live and topped up her salary to pay the difference.

Naomi really loves biology. She was inspired by a great teacher at her school who, in turn, loved Naomi’s dedication, passion for the subject and desire to become a doctor. This has shown in her compassion to help others. Although her resources are very limited, she decided to grow Aloe Vera, a plant with many healing qualities, so that she could help people in her community.

“I am honoured to be given this opportunity with Our Moon because it has breathed new life in me and I believe, that through this program, I will acquire skills and a mentality that will not only benefit me but other people as well”.



Zambian Sponsored Walk

Our sponsored walk in Zambia this year will take place from 5-12 July to raise funds for our Young Leaders Programme. There will be three days of walking through the Zambian bush, staying each night on our site. Walkers will be joined by our students.





Option to add on a trip to the Victoria Falls, take in the mighty Zambezi River and a one day safari in Chobe (at your own cost) or to stay on site to work with our students or help with the finishing of our buildings.

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