



# CHESHIRE HOMES LIVINGSTONE



Cheshire Homes is a faith based non-governmental organization that was established in 1996. Cheshire Homes Livingstone was established after a survey was conducted to find out how many children were living with disabilities and how these children were surviving. It was found that there were many children living with disabilities and most of these children faced stigma. They were hidden from the world and not given the opportunity to fully reach their potential. Cheshire Homes aims to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities by campaigning for the removal of all forms of barriers that hinder them from achieving their full potential. The organization has worked with over (50) fifty children and persons with disabilities, some of whom are now pursuing their tertiary education and acquiring skills.

Cheshire Homes works with children and persons with disability throughout Livingstone and Kazungula Districts. They offer a secure and friendly learning environment for children with disabilities.

## WHAT THEY DO

- Offer free physical therapy services to children with disabilities at their centre and also in various clinics and communities.
- Meeting children with disability's rights to education by offering special education lessons. Cheshire Homes noticed that most schools did not have trained teachers in inclusive education. Hence, Cheshire Homes set out to educate these children with the basic knowledge and skills. The children are taught how to read, write and paint. They are also encouraged to engage in activities such as sports, dancing and drama.
- Advocating for inclusive education in schools as well as teaching aids, trained special education teachers and accessible building structures in the learning environment. They believe this will ultimately increase the number of children with disabilities attending mainstream primary and secondary schooling.



- Providing a feeding programme for children with disabilities at their centre. The children are usually provided with a healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch. These meals are essential for the health of the children and boosting their nutritional status as it is difficult to conduct surgery if they are malnourished.
- Facilitating of surgery service for children with mild disabilities for possible surgical correction and improvement of their condition.



## PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

Weekly physical therapy sessions  
50 Children empowered through literacy education lessons  
Daily breakfast and lunch meals for the children  
Sponsorship for surgery service  
50 Children in the Feeding programme



## SUPPORT NEEDED

- Funding towards school fees for people with disabilities that are in tertiary education
- Food stuffs and toiletries - if people could pledge to donate a specific food item every month such as sugar, mealie meal and toiletry - this will go a long way in helping the organization meet the children's needs.
- Pencils, crayons and writing books.
- Funds towards building a more secure wall fence at the centre to safeguard the children.



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