

# HIGH FIVE CLUB

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## High Five Club Gifted Pupil Sponsorship, Zambia

As school fees are payable for attending secondary school in Zambia, many children living in poor, rural communities leave education after primary school. This is especially true for girls. There are also few secondary schools in rural areas, and even fewer that deliver a quality education. Those families that are willing and able have to therefore struggle to raise the funds to send their most gifted children to a government boarding school, many miles away from home.



During 2015, we have been privileged to continue our sponsorship for the third year of the very gifted and future wildlife conservation star, **Felistus Chikumba**. You may remember that based on her grades when completing primary school, Felistus won a place at the best state boarding school in Zambia. Without High Five Club's support Felistus would not have been able to take up this opportunity, as her family live in extreme poverty.

Felistus passed her Grade 9 exams at the end of last year with flying colours and came top of her school. She works extremely hard but shares her understanding of the more difficult subjects like Maths and Science with others in her year by holding group support sessions.

This year 15-year old Felistus reached the final 10 pupils nationally to be short-listed for second interview for a Merit-based Scholarship at the American International School of Lusaka (AISL). Although she did not finally receive one of the two scholarships on offer, she did brilliantly to get shortlisted and gained in confidence through the process. She also made her entire community in rural Zambia very proud.

Through High Five Club sponsorship Felistus's school fees were paid throughout 2015 and she has also received the following:

*School bag, suitcase, 2 sets of school uniform, 2 pairs of socks, leather school shoes, 10 exercise books, maths set, scientific calculator, pencils, pens, ruler, eraser, sharpener, grocery money (for soap, washing powder, toothpaste, shoe polish etc.) and transport money. We were also able to give her some good quality second hand clothing for out-of-school use.*

Thank you so much for your continued support which has enabled Felistus to complete another year of schooling, a chance she would otherwise not have had. You are making such a difference to her life.

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In addition, during 2015 we sponsored 18-year old Bornface Mwanza to allow him to complete his final year at Matula Day Secondary School in Mfuwe, Luangwa Valley. Bornface is the first born of 6 children and is the only boy. His mother is a subsistence farmer and Bornface's father recently passed away.



The money we donated has been spent on school fees, 2 pairs of trousers, 2 shirts, tie, 2 pairs of socks, leather school shoes, school bag, exercise books, pens, pencils, ruler, sharpener, maths set and a scientific calculator.

In total our sponsorship of these 2 children was **£1016 for the year**. £650 for Felistus at boarding school, £186 for Felistus's costs to attend the AISL interviews and £180 for Bornface at his school.

Both children's sponsorship is ably managed by our long-term partner in Zambia, the **Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust** [www.chipembele.org](http://www.chipembele.org), a charitable organisation that focuses on conservation education for local school children in the area of South Luangwa National Park.

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