



Linus FAUSTIN, 17 years old

Linus has been a resident of the Green Door Home in the Boona Baana Centre since October 2003. He came from Muhimbili Hospital where he had been admitted for trauma counselling due to domestic abuse. He currently attends the East Africa International School and is in Grade 9.

Linus is the *eldest* at the Green Door Home, and is an *ambitious and motivated* boy, with many plans and dreams for the future. *His heart* is for orphans and children all over Tanzania who have been abandoned or abused, like himself, and *his mission* is to campaign for the rights of children and increase awareness of the problems which children face. In school, he excels in his studies and is also a *Student Leader*. In 2008, he started and led a group in his school called the *Ambassadors* of Peace, Joy and Love (APJL), which organised activities and solicited contributions of clothes, foods and books for orphans in Tanzania.

Outside of school, Linus is in the Junior Council of Tanzania, also known as the “youth parliament”. Linus is also keenly interested in media communications, and participated in a Times FM 100.5 radio show as a co-presenter speaking on children’s problems. *He dreams* of one day making his own documentary or radio show to communicate the problems faced by children in Tanzania and facilitate discussion amongst the people and the country’s leaders.

Linus hopes to be able to *win a scholarship to go to a University abroad* to study political science or media communications when he finishes secondary school in three years’ time. *When Linus grows up*, he wants to become a politician who will campaign for the rights of the marginalised and lead his countrymen with *integrity*.

Being in a private international school, Linus is surrounded by peers who are from well-to-do families. Linus knows that given his background, a lot of the opportunities which he desires or deserves may not ever be availed to him. “That is why I need to *work harder than everybody else*, so that I can make something of myself, and not end up selling charcoal by the road while my classmates drive by in their nice cars”.

Linus is looking for opportunities where he can gain work experience or training to support and develop his talent and passion in media and the arts. If you would like to *make a contribution towards Linus’ university fund* or have any *ideas to help Linus achieve his goals*, contact boonabaana_center@yahoo.com.