



Mandara PASCAL, 13 years old

Mandara has been a resident of the Green Door Home since May 2004, where he was taken in with his sister, Eliza. When both their parents passed away and they were brought to the Boona Baana Centre by their relatives who did not wish to take care of them. He attends the Hekima Waldorf School and is currently in Grade 7.

When Mandara arrived at the Boona Baana Centre, *he was an angry and aggressive child*. He had a bad temper and would frequently get into fights with other boys at school. As a result, he had little interest in school and in his studies.

In the recent few years however, after receiving mentoring and counselling from Marco, Mandara *has matured* into a patient and compassionate young man. He is kind and great with young children and has also shown himself to possess *many leadership qualities*.

Mandara is also a *talented football player*, and represents his school in tournaments. He also enjoys reading, geography and art.

Mandara wants to be *a doctor* when he grows up. Although there was previously little hope that Mandara could succeed academically, the recent improvement in Mandara's grades showed that with *hard work and the right attitude*, nothing is impossible.

Mandara will be going on to secondary school in 2011. The Boona Baana Centre fully pays for his primary education from its general funds comprising donations from a few regular donors, but it will be unable to continue to do so for his secondary education without additional financial support. The school fees of a good private secondary school, coupled with uniforms, books and boarding are in the region of Tsh 2 million (US\$1,300-US\$1400) a year, more than three times the price of the cost of primary school.

If you would like to be Mandara's *sponsor* or to *make a contribution* towards his secondary school fees, contact boonabaana_center@yahoo.com.