

Miss Africa Spirit Pageant Supports NENIWO/LAMIFUTHI as her charity of Choice

May 22 was a great day for the Trust as Miss Nonhlanhla Togwe was crowned Miss Africa Spirit in the United Kingdom. She identified Neniwo/Lamifuthi Children's Education Trust as the Charity she will support during her reign.



Miss Nonhlanhla Togwe Miss Africa Spirit in the United Kingdom

Please join us in congratulating Miss Togwe and thanking her for thinking of us on behalf of the children. We will do our best to make Miss Togwe's term of reign a success.

Zimbabwean Nonhlanhla Togwe was crowned Miss African Spirit 2010 at the pageant's inaugural event held at Jurys Inn Hotel in Milton Keynes on Saturday 22nd May 2010. Nonhlanhla, who currently works as a payroll assistant fended off competition from thirteen other contestants from various parts of Africa including Nigeria, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Algeria, Uganda and others to become the pageant's first ever winner. Gabon's Lauricia Bissala and Katongo Temba from Zambia became 1st and 2nd princesses respectively in a multi-cultural ceremony attended by members of the public, community leaders, dignitaries from the African business community, as well guests of honour, recently elected Mayor of Milton Keynes Councillor Debbie Brock and her consort Councillor Peter Geary (husband).

Nonhlanhla says, "I am exhilarated, and proud to be a Zimbabwean and to be the very first Miss African Spirit. I have found myself with such a precious opportunity to raise publicity and funds for charities. I am so lucky to have met all the other contestants and will seize the chance to make a difference."

The winner of Miss African Spirit is obliged to nominate a charity initiative that they will support and work closely with during their reign and beyond.

Nonhlanhla's chosen initiative is Neniwo/Lamifuthi, a non-profit organization based in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Neniwo/Lamifuthi facilitates direct educational support of orphaned

children in Zimbabwe, which has in recent times seen a steep rise in the number of young children who have lost parents due to HIV/AIDS epidemic and other illnesses. (See www.neniwolamifuthi.org)

Pageant Director Michelle Adams says,

“We are very pleased with the support we received from all sectors of the community in making our inaugural event such a success. This is a very rare and unique pageant where no restrictions were imposed in as far as the height or weight of the contestants is concerned and we sought to find women that embody that true African spirit of charity and generosity. We congratulate Nonhlanhla Togwe as she embarks on her new journey as Miss African Spirit 2010”.

Miss African Spirit will be an annual event to be held every May as part of Africa Day celebrations. To interview or book Nonhlanhla for features please contact the organisers at info@missafricanspirit.co.uk or visit www.missafricanspirit.co.uk

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