



Republic of Zambia

**SPEECH BY**  
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**AT THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FUNDRAISING WALK**  
**FOR CHESHIRE HOME SOCIETY OF ZAMBIA**  
**IN CHAWAMA, LUSAKA**

**SATURDAY, 12TH MAY, 2018**

- THE CHAIRMAN OF CHESHIRE HOMES SOCIETY OF ZAMBIA, CHAWAMA;
- THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN CHESHIRE HOMES SOCIETY OF ZAMBIA;
- SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PRESENT;
- THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR OPERATIONS BANK OF ZAMBIA;
- THE MANAGING DIRECTOR- NATIONAL SAVINGS AND CREDIT BANK;
- MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS CLUB;
- ZAMBIA NATIONAL SERVICE COMMANDANT REPRESENTATIVE;
- ZAMBIA AIRFORCE COMMANDANT REPRESENTATIVE;
- HEAD OF THE CHESHIRE HOME HERE;
- MEMBERS OF THE PRESS;
- FELLOW WALKERS;
- LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FUNDRAISING WALK AT WHICH YOU ARE ALSO CELEBRATING THE END OF YOUR SILVER JUBILEE UNDER THE THEME: **PROTECT MOTHER NATURE TO PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH FOR ALL.**

IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO BE PART OF THIS FUNDRAISING WALK WHERE YOU ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR RUNNING THIS HOME.

I KNOW IT IS NOT EASY FOR ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO DONATE BUT THEY SHOULD LOOK AT THE PLIGHT OF THE OLD CITIZEN WHO HAS NO HOPE OF A MEAL, ACCOMODATION AND CARE.

ON BEHALF OF CHESHIRE HOMES SOCIETY OF ZAMBIA, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE WELL-WISHERS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TOWARDS THIS INSTITUTION. I URGE MORE STAKEHOLDERS TO EMULATE THIS GESTURE.

I HAVE NOTED WITH CONCERN THE GROWING CULTURE OF ABANDONING AND RELEGATING OLD PEOPLE TO CARE INSTITUTIONS. THIS IS A SERIOUS CONCERN TO ALL OF US AND TO SOCIETY IN GENERAL.

OUR CULTURE AS ZAMBIANS DOES NOT CONDONE ABANDONING OUR AGED PARENTS. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK AFTER OUR AGED PARENTS UNTIL THEIR TIME TO DEPART THIS LIFE COMES.

THE BIBLE IN EPHESIANS CHAPTER 6 VERSE 1-3 ALSO CLEARLY IMPLORES US TO DO JUST THAT:

**CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN THE LORD, FOR THIS IS RIGHT.**

**“HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,” WHICH IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WITH PROMISE:**

**“THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU AND YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON EARTH.”**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HONOURING OUR PARENTS IS A SERIOUS CALL FROM GOD AND DOES NOT ONLY MEAN PAMPERING THEM WITH GOOD GIFTS, BUT TO TAKE CARE OF THEM UNTIL THE TIME THEY PASS AWAY. HOW CAN IT BE WELL WITH US IF WE HAVE BEEN FAILING TO LOOK AFTER OUR AGED PARENTS?

IF YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS SACRIFICED TO TAKE CARE OF YOU TO ADULTHOOD, WHAT WOULD BE SO DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THEM IN THEIR OLD AGE?

WHAT HAS GONE WRONG WITH THE EXTENDED FAMILY SYSTEM WHICH AT ONE TIME PROMOTED FAMILY VALUES AMONG THEM TOGETHERNESS? TODAY, WE ARE FACED WITH THIS CHALLENGE OF AGED PEOPLE BEING HOMELESS BECAUSE THE EXTENDED FAMILY VALUES HAVE BEEN THROWN TO THE WIND.

THEREFORE, I APPEAL TO YOU FELLOW ZAMBIANS TO BE TAKING CARE OF OUR AGED PARENTS OR RELATIVES. I LOOK FORWARD TO A TIME WHEN AGED PEOPLE WILL NO LONGER BE BROUGHT HERE FOR CARE, BUT THEY SHALL FIND SHELTER WITHIN THE FAMILY.

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:**

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR THIS HOME TO RUN EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY. THEREFORE, THERE IS NEED FOR CONCERTED EFFORT BY ALL STAKEHOLDERS FOR THIS CAUSE TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

WE SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR THE FUNDRAISING VENTURE SUCH AS THIS ONE TO TAKE PLACE FOR US TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.

AS I CONCLUDE, I WISH TO SPEAK TO THE THEME FOR THIS EVENT: **PROTECT MOTHER NATURE TO PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH FOR ALL.** THIS THEME RESONATES WELL WITH THE MAKE ZAMBIA CLEAN AND HEALTHY CAMPAIGN," WHICH I RECENTLY LAUNCHED.

I WISH TO THEREFORE, ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO SUPPORT THIS CAMPAIGN BY ENSURING THAT OUR SURROUNDINGS ARE KEPT CLEAN TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM VARIOUS DISEASES. THIS CAMPAIGN IS A CALL TO ALL OF US TO MAKE OUR CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND PLACES CLEAN IN ORDER TO IMPROVE OUR HEALTH STANDARDS.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL,

THANK YOU.